

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

September 9, 2005 at 12:00 p.m.

Financial Management Members Present: Commissioners Roger Stewart, Jack Vincent, James H. Westbrook, Dick Phebus, Road Supervisor Kermit Hopper, County Mayor Ron Gifford, and Director of Schools Richard Barber.

Others Present: Mike Wilson-Sheriff, Sam Bone of Weakley County Gas & Oil, and a representative from the Dresden Enterprise.

The Financial Management Committee met on September 9, 2005, 12:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Weakley County Department of Finance.

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Old Business:

No old business.

Commissioner Phebus made the motion to approve the June 30, 2005 minutes. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business:

Fuel Contract

The current fuel contract between Weakley County and the contractor Weakley County Gas & Oil, Company was distributed to each member. Problems have arisen due to the fuel shortage caused by Hurricane Katrina. The contractor has only been able to supply the county premium gasoline rather than the normal purchase of 87 octane gasoline. Chairman Stewart stated that the contract specifies only for gasoline purchase not a specific type or class of gasoline purchase. Mr. Barber stated that the county needs to keep fuel on hand regardless of the price or fuel type. Mr. Bone spoke with the committee stating that in order to maintain the OPIS average pricing the inventory should be kept low and the same type of fuel should be placed in the tanks in low quantities; however due to Hurricane Katrina, that is not possible, only premium gasoline is available for purchase.

Discussion continued. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to amend the contract stating that in extraordinary circumstances the contractor should purchase what fuel is available, regardless of fuel grade, based on OPIS Nashville's cost over a 15 day cycle. Mr. Hopper seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion continued about the high fuel prices. Mr. Bone requested the county to pay the difference in the fuel price if fuel is purchased at a considerable high rate per gallon and the rate per gallon decreases resulting in the lost of money to the contractor. Discussion continued. Chairman Stewart made the motion to suspend the fuel contract until September 30, 2005 should this scenario occur with the county paying for fuel at contractor's cost plus the mark-up with the contractor supplying copies of invoices to the county to verify fuel costs, the fuel contract will revert back on October 1, 2005. Commissioner Phebus seconded the motion and it passed with Commissioner Westbrook not voting

Sheriff Department

Sheriff Wilson talked with the committee about placing a 1,000 fuel tank at the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Wilson stated that the tank would be used for emergency instances. Chairman Stewart and Commissioner Westbrook opposed to placing a fuel tank at the Sheriff's Department. The committee stated there are numerous EPA guidelines and regulations that would be expensive and a liability that the county does not need.

Mr. Barber made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Vincent the meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Francisco, Secretary
Director of Finance

Approved:

Roger Stewart, Chairman
Financial Management Committee

Date: _____