

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE

June 17, 2009; 4:00P.M.

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Present: Commissioners Tommy Jones, Earl Wright, James H. Westbrook, Jr., Roger Stewart, Eric Owen and Dick Phebus.

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: None

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the Weakley County Department of Finance in the Board Room. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Houston Patrick – County Mayor, Kermit Hopper – Highway Department Supervisor, Landa Harris – Highway Department Secretary and Larry Taylor – County Commissioner.

Vice Chairman Earl Wright called the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve the June 9 and June 11, 2009 minutes and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Transfer 0809-28

The transfer previously passed the Public Works Committee transfers \$200 from 61000-340 (Medical Supplies) to 61000-355 (Travel), \$1 from 62000-499 (Other Supplies) to 62000-141 (Foreman), \$890 from 63100-353 (Tow In Services) to 63100-142 (Mechanics) \$1 and to 63100-418 (Parts), \$3 from 64000-204 (Retirement) to 64000-161 (Secretary –Litter Grant), \$500 from 65000-434 (Natural Gas) to 65000-335 (Maint. And Bldg. Rep.) and \$7,280 from 66000-210 (Unemployment Comp.) to 66000-513 (Worker's Comp.) for the Highway Fund. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

Transfer 0809-31

The transfer previously passed the Financial Management Committee transfers \$3,396 from 52100-207 (Medical Insurance) to 52100-355 (Travel) \$1,698 and to 52100-524 (Staff Development) \$1,698 for the Financial Department. Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2009-41

The resolution previously passed the Public Works Committee sets a tentative budget for the General Fund, Highway Fund, Debt Service Fund, Department of Education, and Solid Waste Fund budgets. Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve Resolution 2009-41 and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2009-43

This resolution realigns the Debt Service Fund 08-09FY budget. Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve Resolution 2009-43 and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion passed unanimously.

Highway Capital Projects Budget Fund No. 176

Commissioner Owen made the motion to place the budget on the floor and the second was made by Commissioner Westbrook. This budget was previously approved by the Public Works Committee and the Road Board.

Line 713 – Highway Equipment: This money will be combined with Highway Fund No. 131, Line 714 – Highway Equipment to purchase a PUG Mixer at an estimated cost of \$285,000. Discussion continued on the purchase of the equipment.

Commissioner Owen made a motion to tentatively approve the budget for the Highway Capital Projects Budget Fund 176 and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

Highway Budget Fund No. 131

Commissioner Owen made the motion to place the budget on the floor and the second was made by Commissioner Westbrook. This budget was previously approved by the Public Works Committee and the Road Board.

Commissioner Westbrook questioned if the Disaster Relief Income was a sure thing. Mr. Hopper affirmed. Commissioner Owen questioned the Wheel Tax Collections. Mrs. Francisco relayed that all collections had been received except the June collections.

Line 143, 147 and 149 – Equipment Operators, Truck Drivers and Laborers: Commissioner Stewart questioned if there was a shifting of employees. Mr. Hopper confirmed. Mr. Hopper added that there was the same number of employees as the previous fiscal year just. The only increase to these lines was due to longevity.

Line 405 – Asphalt – Liquid: Increase due to combining lines 403 (Asphalt – Cold Mix) and 405(Asphalt – Liquid). The combination is to increase efficiency in record keeping. Line 436 – Other Road Material / Stripe: With asphalt prices so high last fiscal year, the money was not used for its original intent. The money was transfer to another line. Money was put back into the line. Discussion continued on this line.

Commissioner Owen questioned Mr. Hopper about the County's road signs. Mr. Hopper informed the Committee that all of the County's road signs would either have to be recovered or replaced. The total number of signs is over 10,000, not counting 911 signs.

Line 399 – ROW Mowing Contract: Commissioner Owen questioned the number of times the Contractor was mowing. Mr. Hopper answered that the Contractor is mowing once and spraying three times.

Line 412 – Diesel Fuel: Cost is based on the previous year's usage. Discussion continued on the cost of fuel.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to tentatively approve the budget for the Highway Budget Fund 131 and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

Having no other business before this committee Commissioner Westbrook moved to recessed until Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kellie Thayer, Secretary
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Approved:

Richard Phebus, Chairman
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Date: _____