

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE

July 1, 2008; 4:00 P.M.

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

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: Commissioner Earl Wright.

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Tuesday, July 1, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at the Weakley County Department of Finance/Board of Education conference room. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Kermit Hopper-Road Supervisor, Houston Patrick-County Mayor, and a representative from the Weakley County Press.

Chairman Dick Phebus called the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the June 30, 2008 minutes and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

08-09 FY Highway Capital Projects Budget: Fund 176

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The BRZ Bridges have had final inspections and the Road Supervisor has a book with all the ratings for the bridges. There should not be any more payments. There are funds left in Line 705 (Bridge Construction) because the last five bridges did not cost as much as estimated. Commissioner Stewart made the motion to decrease line 705 to zero dollars and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Owen made the motion to tentatively approve the Fund 176 budget as amended and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

08-09 FY Highway Budget: Fund 131

Mr. Hopper stated that there is 12-14 miles of gravel roads left in the County. He added that the gravel roads require more maintenance than the paved roads.

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Line 426 (General Construction Material) will be used to replace an old wooden bridge. The bridge will not be wood when rebuilt. There were funds left in this line item in the 07-08 FY budget due to low cash and the increased cost of diesel fuel.

The State Aid bridge funds will be used to replace a separate wooden bridge than mentioned above.

Line 438 (Pipe) is used to replace rusted culverts. There are three culverts per mile in the ground. Plastic pipes can be used up to 30 inches and they last longer and are more

efficient. The life of a plastic culvert is 50 years compared to 10 years of a metal culvert.

Commissioner Stewart stated that Fund 176 was set up for the BRZ bridges.

Commissioner Owen stated that the purchasing power is one-third less than it was when Mr. Hopper went into office; therefore, there should be less employees on staff. Mr. Hopper stated that he has one less employee.

Mr. Hopper stated that the cold-mix program will need seven employees to operate (4-truck drivers and 3-machine operators). This does not include the flaggers.

The cold-mix machine paver will cost \$315,000 and the roller will cost \$124,000.

Chairman Phebus made the motion for the Road Supervisor to come back to the committee with a balance budget because he knows where he can cut from and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

The Committee will continue with the general fund budget on July 2, 2008 @ 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Owen made a motion to adjourn at 4:55 p.m. and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marci Floyd, Recording Secretary
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Approved:

Richard Phebus, Chairman
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Date: _____