

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE

July 8, 2008; 4:00 P.M.

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

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: None.

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Tuesday, July 8, 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, Houston Patrick-County Mayor, Kermit Hopper-Road Supervisor, Landa Harris-Highway Secretary, and Richard Barber-Director of Schools.

Chairman Dick Phebus called the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the July 7, 2008 minutes and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

08-09 FY Highway & Highway Capital Projects Budgets: Fund 131 and Fund 176

Commissioner Owen made the motion to place the Highway budget on the floor for discussion and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hopper stated that he has permanently laid off five employees and has two more employees retiring in August. He also moved the Local Road (Line .799) funds to Line .403 (Asphalt-Cold Mix) and Line .409 (Crushed Stone).

Commissioner Owen made the motion to place the Highway Capital Projects budget on the floor for discussion with the Highway budget and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hopper stated the equipment in Fund 176 will purchase the following: Paver (\$315,000), Roller (\$124,000), and Trailer Low-Boy (\$67,000).

Chairman Phebus addressed concerns about the expenditures being \$174,234 more than revenue.

In June, the department used 6,600 gallons of diesel and in May 5,398 gallons of diesel.

Commissioner Owen made the motion to decrease Line 412 (Diesel) to \$350,000 and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously.

The wooden bridge that will be replaced is on New Hope Road and will cost an estimated \$36,000 and the department will supply all the labor. This is a 45 foot long

bridge and 18 foot high. It has 3 barrel openings. It should be complete by December or January.

Chairman Phebus made a motion for the Road Supervisor to reduce the overall budget by \$75,000 at the Road Supervisor's discretion and with a second by Jones a roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Owen, Westbrook, and Wright voted no and Commissioners Jones, Stewart, and Phebus voted yes. With a tie vote, the motion failed.

Commissioner Stewart made the motion to approve the Highway budget as amended and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion passed with Chairman Phebus opposing.

Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve the Highway Capital Projects budget and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Owen made a motion to adjourn at 4:40 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: _____