

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE

July 16, 2007; 4:00 P.M.

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

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: None.

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Monday, July 16, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. at the Weakley County Board of Education/Department of Finance in the board room. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Houston Patrick-County Mayor, Kermit Hopper-Rod Supervisor, Landa Harris-Highway, Donna Winstead-Register of Deeds, Gordon Morris-School Board, Mark Seat-Emergency Management, Richard Barber-Director of Schools, Diane Cashion-Election, Donald Doster-Trustee, Dale Bone-Property Assessor Deputy, Mike Wilson-Sheriff, Pam Belew-Circuit Court, April Jones-Register of Deeds Deputy, Toya Bell-Juvenile, Andy Dye-Juvenile, Pat Scarbrough-County Clerk, Tommy Moore-General Sessions Judge, Susan Collins-Clerk & Master, Gail Rogers-Office on Aging, Shirley Chappell-Office on Aging, and Jamison Peevyhouse-911 Director and a representative from the Dresden Enterprise.

Chairman Dick Phebus called the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the July 10, 2007 minutes and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

General Fund Budget 07-08 FY

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Commissioner Owen made the motion to decrease the following line items: line 168 (Temporary Personnel) to \$1, line 192 (Election Commission) to \$4,500, line 332 (Legal Notices) to \$4,000, line 349 (Printing & Forms) to \$16,000, line 355 (Travel) to \$1,900, line 435 (Office Supplies) to \$2,000, line 524 (In Service Training) to \$300 and the salary benefits will be adjusted accordingly. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart and the motion passed unanimously.

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Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to decrease line item 451 (Uniforms) to \$250 and with a second by Commissioner Owen and the motion passed unanimously.

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Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to increase line item 510 (Trustee's Commission) to \$78,000.

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State prisoners are down. Revenue for 07-08FY is projected at \$357,000.

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Ms. Cashon asked for guidance on which paper she should advertise her legal notices in and Mr. Phebus stated that she should use her best judgment. He also added the reason for the cuts in the budget was due to there being two elections in 06-07 FY and there is only one election in 07-08 FY. He stated that if additional funding is needed at a later date for Ms. Cashon to request the funds with explanations.

07-08FY General Fund Budget Approval

Commissioner Stewart made the motion to recommend the general fund budget as amended to the full commission and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

07-08FY Debt Service Budget Approval

Commissioner Stewart made the motion to recommend the debt service budget to the full commission and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

07-08FY Solid Waste Budget Approval

Commissioner Stewart made the motion to place the solid waste budget on the floor for discussion and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Stewart made the motion to reduce line 168 (Temporary Personnel) to \$5,800 and any matching benefits and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stewart made the motion to recommend the solid waste budget as amended to the full commission and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion passed unanimously.

07-08FY Drug Control Budget Approval

Commissioner Owen made the motion to recommend the drug control budget to the full commission and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously.

07-08FY General Purpose School Budget Approval

Commissioner Stewart made the motion to place the general purpose school budget on the floor for discussion and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Owen made the motion to include the three preschool program grants, the TAG grant and the health services grant in the budget and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stewart made the motion to recommend the general purpose school budget as amended to the full commission and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

07-08FY Federal Projects Budget Approval

Commissioner Wright made the motion to recommend the federal projects budget to the full commission and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

07-08FY Highway Budget & Highway Capital Projects Budget Approval

Commissioner Stewart made the motion to move \$270,000 from highway equipment in fund 176 to fund 131 and was seconded by Commissioner Westbrook. The motions were then withdrawn.

Line 44540 (Sale of Property) is \$30,000 is for the selling of the old dozer and a truck.

Commissioner Westbrook mentioned changing revenues 40125 (Trustee Collections-Bankruptcy), 40130 (Clerk & Master Collections), and 40140 (Interest & Penalty) to more actual figures. Discussion continues. Motion failed for lack of a second. Discussion continued. Chairman Phebus asked the committee if they wanted to change the revenues. Mr. Owen stated that it would be a reduction of over \$14,000. Mr. Hopper stated he preferred to leave them as they were presented. No motions were made.

Commissioner Stewart made the motion to move \$179,000 from highway equipment in fund 176 to fund 131 and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion passed unanimously. This will be used to pay for the \$79,000 grater and \$100,000 of the dozer.

Commissioner Jones made the motion to recommend the highway budget as amended to the full commission and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stewart made the motion that the highway equipment line item in fund 176 be \$170,000 and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to recommend the highway capital projects budget as amended to the full commission and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

07-08FY Tax Rate

Chairman Phebus stated that there has been no property tax increase besides the one cent increase for the AGR lawsuit in several years and it has come to a point where there has to be an increase.

Chairman Phebus made the motion to increase the property tax rate by 20 cents and distribute to the funds as follows:

General:	\$0.680
Highway:	\$0.185
School:	\$0.880
Capital Projects:	\$0.025
Debt Service:	<u>\$0.600</u>
Total:	\$2.370

and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Phebus added that the school fund was not receiving an increase in revenue. The eight cents is from shifting the TVA revenues from the school fund to the general fund.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Approved:

Richard Phebus, Chairman
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Date: _____