

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE

July 2, 2007; 12:00 P.M.

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

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: Roger Stewart.

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Monday, July 2, 2007 at 12:00 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, Mike Wilson-Sheriff, Pam Belew-Circuit Court, Donald Doster-Trustee, April Jones-Register of Deeds Deputy, Toya Bell-Juvenile, Andy Dye-Juvenile, Pat Scarbrough-County Clerk, Rita Jeter-Health, Candy McAdams-Library, David Tuck-Property Assessor, Diane Cashon-Election, Tommy Moore-General Sessions Judge, Susan Collins-Clerk & Master, Gail Rogers-Office on Aging, Shirley Chappell-Office on Aging, Jamison Peevyhouse-911 Director, and a representative from the Dresden Enterprise.

Chairman Dick Phebus called the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve the June 28, 2007 minutes and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fund 151 Debt Service 07-08 FY Budget

Commissioner Jones made a motion to place the Debt Service budget on the floor for discussion and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously. There was discussion on the jail note beginning and ending date. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to tentatively approve the expenditures of the 07-08 FY Debt Service and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

General Fund Budget 07-08 FY

Commissioner Jones made the motion to place the General Fund budget on the floor for discussion and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

Page 5 County Commission & County Attorney

There are seven regular meetings and one special called meeting built into the budget for the County Commission. The Finance Director stated that the bills for the current County Attorney have been less than the former attorney's.

Page 6 County Mayor

The County Mayor stated that he is requesting a \$1,000 increase in addition to any other raise for his secretary. He stated that when she was hired she was told that she would get the same pay as the former secretary less any difference in longevity. Chairman

Phebus stated that he did not select the current secretary to serve at the County Commission meetings as the former secretary did. Phebus added that additional duties such as administering the Solid Waste Grant could be possibilities for earning the additional monies. Mayor Patrick added that his secretary deserves the additional money without any additional duties because of what she has added to the office to date. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve the \$1,000 pay increase and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

Page 7 Election Commission

Commissioner Westbrook made the observation that the budget is more in 07-08FY with one election than in the 06-07 FY with two elections. Ms. Cashon explained that some cost that will be for the next years election are budgeted into the 07-08 FY budget because the work has to be done prior to the 08-09 FY elections. Ms. Cashon stated that there are five extra meetings built into the budget because she can not anticipate how many times the commission will need to meet. There are funds for 22 meetings. The members receive \$75 per meeting. The manner the members are paid is consistent with other surrounding counties. No motions were made.

Page 8 Register of Deeds

Ms. Jones stated than line 320 (Dues and Memberships) needs to be decreased from \$900 to \$600 and line 351 (Rentals) needs to be decreased from \$2,000 to \$720. Ms. Jones also stated that Ms. Winstead had requested \$300 for incentive pay for employees that have passed the CTAS training. She added that the Personnel Committee had approved a \$1,500 incentive to employees who have completed the program. Four employees in the courthouse are eligible to receive this at the current date. Commissioner Wright made the motion that anyone that has completed the program receives \$1,500 per year and pro rate the pay through the fiscal year depending on when the coursework is completed and with a second by Commissioner Jones a roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Jones, Wright and Phebus voted for and Commissioners Westbrook and Owen opposed. The motion passed.

Page 9 County Buildings

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to increase line 415 (Electricity) to \$43,000 and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

Page 11-12 Property Assessor

Mr. Tuck stated that 07-08FY is a reappraisal year and increases in the budget are due to it. No motions were made.

Page 13 County Trustee

Mr. Doster requested that line 168 (Temporary Personnel) be increased to \$2,000 due the anticipated increase in the tax relief applications due to the amount be increased to \$24,000. Commissioner Owen made the motion to increase line 168 (Temporary Personnel) to \$2,000 and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion passed unanimously.

Page 14 County Clerk

Ms. Scarbrough requested that line 168 (Temporary Personnel) be increased to \$10,000 due increase in child support cases and the increased workload in the office. She stated that over \$98,000 is collected in fees. She stated that there are ten old marriage record books from the 1800's that need to be repaired and the estimate is \$8,500. No motions

were made.

Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to adjourn at 1:00 p.m. and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Approved:

Richard Phebus, Chairman
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Date: _____