

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE

July 9, 2007; 4:00 P.M.

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

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: None.

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Monday, July 9, 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, Candy McAdams-Library, Diane Cashion-Election, Kieth Dublin-Veterans Affairs, Kermit Hopper-Road Supervisor, Landa Harris-Highway, and a representative from the Dresden Enterprise.

Chairman Dick Phebus called the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve the July 5, 2007 minutes and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

General Fund Budget 07-08 FY

Page 40 Veterans Affairs

There was discussion on the salary line items. Commissioner Owen made the motion to tentatively approve the Veterans Affairs budget and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously.

Highway Department Budget and Highway Capital Projects Budget 07-08 FY

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

Page 8, line 714 (Highway Equipment) is budgeted at \$350,000. Funds will be used to purchase a bulldozer at a cost of \$270,000 and a grater at a cost of \$79,000 plus the trade in of the three year old grater that is not capable of performing the workload. The new grater is a caterpillar brand and has 600 hours on the machine. The new grater will have almost a three year warranty left on the machine.

Page 4, line 143 (Equipment Operators) has a ten percent increase however it is due to shuffling of employees to different positions. The department has the same number of employees as last fiscal year. Mr. Hopper stated that there was one position added when he took over the department and that was due to the service station attendant. He stated that he currently has one vacant position.

Page 2, line 46920 (Gasoline Tax) in the amount of \$1,927,625 has ten months of collections and two months of accrual estimated.

Page 3, line 351 (Rentals) is for the leasing of a copy machine for the office.

Mr. Hopper stated that next fiscal year he will need two right-a-way mowers that trim the trees and bushes. The cost is \$45,000 each.

Chairman Phebus made the motion to move the \$350,000 from line 714 (Highway Equipment) in the Highway Department budget to the Highway Capital Projects budget and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the Highway Department budget as amended with an ending fund balance of \$112,489 and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve the Highway Department Capital Projects budget as amended with an ending fund balance of \$147,670 and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Owen stated that he would like Mr. Hopper to continue providing the list of equipment needs for current and future years.

Solid Waste Budget 07-08 FY

This budget has two part-time workers. One employee works four hours per week on Thursday and the other worker works eight hours per week four hours each on Friday and Saturday. Both are employees of the Highway Department. The employees do not work overtime hours. No motions were made.

Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to adjourn at 5:00 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: _____