

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

**JOINT
FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE
&
HEALTH, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

February 21, 2006; 4:30 P.M.

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

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: Earl Wright, Eric Owen.

HEED Members Present: Commissioners Jack Vincent, Andy Page, Mac Buckley, James H. Westbrook, Jr., and Dick Phebus.

HEED Members Absent: Eric Owen.

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee and the Health, Education, & Economic Development Committee met jointly on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. at the Weakley County Board of Education/Department of Finance in the board room. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Royce Bates-Weakley County Schools Maintenance Supervisor, Cyrus Booker & Stan Ford-Carrier Systems Inc., Steve Vantrease-School Board and a representative from the Weakley County Press.

Chairman Phebus called the FWM meeting to order.

Chairman Westbrook called the HEED meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve the January 9, 2006 FWM minutes and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Phebus made the motion to approve the January 11, 2006 HEED minutes and with a second by Commissioner Vincent the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2006-33

Commissioner Buckley made a motion to place Resolution 2006-33 on the floor for discussion and was seconded by Commissioner Page.

Resolution 2006-33 is increasing line .707 (Building Improvements) by \$125,000 and decreasing the fund balance by the same; for the replacement of the chiller HVAC system at Westview.

Two bids were received for a new chiller screw type system at Westview. One was from Carrier Systems Inc. at a cost of \$218,645 and the other was from Ellis Heating Company, Inc. at a cost of \$360,573.

Questions were raised as to why the Westview units are not lasting more than 10 years. Ford stated that life cycles of water cooled system are longer than air cooled systems and currently Westview has an air cooled system.

One compressor on each unit is not working and there are two compressors per unit.

Booker pointed out the potential savings on electricity with the new water cooled unit. At current rates there are \$25,091 estimated savings per year. If the rates increase 8 ½ percent as of April 1, 2006, the estimated savings per year are \$27,224.

The Carrier representative stated that the new unit is manufactured in Charlotte, North Carolina and life expectancy is 25-30 years.

Ford stated that training will be provided for Weakley County Board of Education maintenance department employees on maintenance that will be needed to keep the unit working at full capacity. He also added that Carrier would come every other month to make inspections to the equipment.

The School Board authorized the Director of Schools to proceed with the purchase of a new system even though the bids had not been opened.

HEED Action

Chairman Westbrook made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-33 pending the approval of the School Board and was seconded by Commissioner Buckley. The motion passed with four voting for, Commissioner Page opposing, and Commissioner Owen was absent.

Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-33 and was seconded by Commissioner Jones.

FWM Action

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to amend the motion to approve Resolution 2006-33 pending the approval of the School Board and was seconded by Commissioner Westbrook. The motion passed with four voting for and Commissioner Wright and Commissioner Owen were absent.

Commissioner Stewart made the motion to adjourn the FWM Committee at 5:15 p.m. and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

HEED

Grading System

Commissioner Vincent raised questions about the grading scale for an "A" being lowered from a 95 to a 93. Director of Schools Barber stated that the Tennessee Department of Education is seeking an equivalent statewide grading scale due to scholarships from the Tennessee Lottery proceeds being awarded based on grades. He added that the new scale was introduced statewide and that Weakley County was fortunate to only have one change in the letter grades.

Commissioner Buckley made the motion to adjourn the HEED Committee at 5:25 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Francisco, Recording Secretary
Health, Ed., & Eco Development Committee

Approved:

Richard Phebus, Chairman
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee
Date: _____

James H. Westbrook, Jr., Chairman
Health, Education, & Economic Development Committee
Date: _____