

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-35

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FIXED ASSET ACCOUNTING POLICY FOR  
WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

WHEREAS, according to Governmental Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting (1994) by the Government Finance Officers Association, fixed assets are long-lived tangible assets obtained or controlled as a result of past transactions, events, or circumstances. Fixed assets include buildings, equipment, improvements other than buildings, land, furniture & fixtures, machinery, vehicles, and construction in progress; and

WHEREAS, the following paragraphs of the Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, published by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB 1992), lay the groundwork for fixed asset accounting:

**SECTION 1400** – Fixed Assets of a governmental unit should be accounted for through the General Fixed Asset Accounts Group.

**SECTION 1400.111** - Fixed Assets should be recorded at historical (actual) cost if the cost is not reasonably determinable, at estimated cost. Donated fixed assets should be recorded at their estimated fair market value at time received.

1. Actual Cost – this will include not only the purchase or construction cost (which can be obtained through invoice, purchase order, and warrant paid files) but also charges necessary to place the asset in its intended location. This includes cost such as freight and transportation, site preparation expenditures, professional fees and legal claims directly attributable to asset acquisition.
2. Estimated Cost – this will be based on as much documentary evidence that can be found to support the cost such as interviews with personnel and price level adjustments for each asset.
3. Donated Cost – these assets will be based on their estimated fair value at a time of acquisition. A determination as to the fair value basis will be included with property records.

**SECTION 144.112** – Initial costs of fixed assets usually are readily ascertainable from contracts, purchase vouchers, and other transaction documents at the time of acquisition or construction. However, governmental units are sometimes faced with the task of establishing appropriate fixed asset accounting records and valuations after many years of operation without such records. In such situations, the original purchase documents may not be available, or an inordinate expenditure of resources may be required to establish original asset costs precisely. It may therefore be necessary to estimate the original cost of such assets on the basis of such documentary evidence as may be available, including price levels at the time of acquisition, and to record these estimated costs in the appropriate fixed asset accounts. This practice introduces margin of error into fixed asset accounts compared with proper recording at time of acquisition. However, such errors will have only short-term significance because, as older assets are retired and replaced, estimated costs are replaced by properly recorded actual cost amounts.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the county legislative body of Weakley County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2000 in Dresden, Tennessee this resolution is hereby approved.

**SECTION 1.** A Fixed Asset Accounting Policy for Weakley County be established as follows:

1. Fixed Assets shall be recorded at historical (actual) cost or estimated historical cost. Donated Fixed Assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Assets in the general fixed accounts are not depreciated.

2. Capitalization thresholds: All Fixed Assets should be capitalized if they meet the following criteria;
  - a) Acquisition cost is equal to or greater than \$2,000.00
  - b) A useful life equal to or greater than two (2) year
  
3. Controllable Assets are assets which do not meet the criteria for a fixed asset, such as items that cost less than \$2,000.00. However, these assets shall be included in each department's inventory records. Inventories for all departments of general fixed assets and controllable assets shall be made available to the Finance Office on an amount basis. Forms used for vehicle and personal property inventories, property tags and due dates shall be determined by the Director of Finance and the Financial Management Committee.

**SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

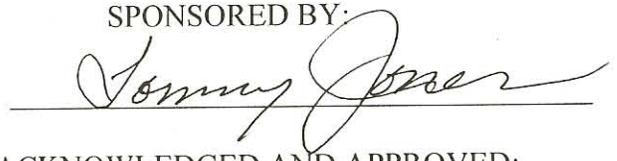
**SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare require in it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

**Pursuant To The Rules Of The Commission, This Resolution Is Sponsored By The Following Members Of The Weakley County Board Of County Commissioners:**

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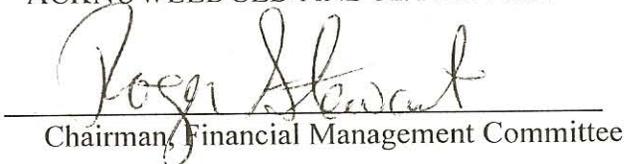


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Chairman, Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

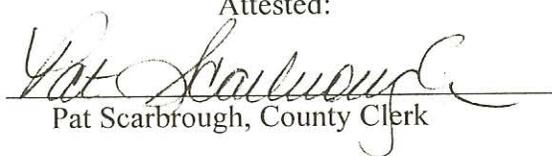


Chairman, Financial Management Committee

Motion made by Commissioner Stewart that the foregoing resolution be adopted:  
 Motion seconded by Commissioner Phebus.

Upon being put to a roll call vote, Motion carried by a vote of 17 Yeas, no Nays,  
1 Passed and 2 Absent.

Attested:



Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk

Approved:



Ron Gifford, County Executive

**THIS THE 20th DAY OF MARCH, 2000.**



# WEAKLEY COUNTY SCHOOLS

"Lighting The Way To A Brighter Future"

8319 Highway 22, Suite A, Dresden Tennessee 38225  
901-364-2186/2247

February 11, 2000

## WEAKLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

### EXPLANATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION

- 71200 163 Educational Assistant line item needs increasing due to extra substitute time.
- 71200 195 Substitute Teachers line is less than anticipated.
- 71200 201 Social Security fixed charges are less than anticipated.
- 71200 207 Medical Insurance expenses are more than anticipated.
- 71200 212 Employer Medicare fixed charges are less than anticipated.
- 71200 312 Contracts with Private Agencies are less than anticipated.
- 71200 399 Other Contracted Services costs are more than anticipated, due to the addition of another preschool student in need of transportation to West Tennessee School for the Deaf in Jackson.
- 71200 429 Instructional Materials and Supplies costs are more than anticipated due to the need of purchasing a computerized I.E.P. program for the special education program in each school and the central office which will fulfill revised state regulations.
- 72220 105 Special Education Supervisor line item is less than anticipated.
- 72220 124 Psychological Personnel line item is less than anticipated due to hiring new school social worker after the beginning of the school year.
- 72220 201 Social Security fixed charges are less than anticipated.
- 72220 204 State Retirement fixed charges are less than anticipated.
- 72220 212 Employer Medicare fixed charges are less than anticipated.
- 72220 355 Travel expenses are more than anticipated.
- 72220 435 Office Supplies costs are more than anticipated.
- 72220 499 Other Supplies costs are more than anticipated due to increased enrollment of special needs classes.
- 72220 707 Building Improvements are needed at Sharon School to provide accessibility for physically impaired individuals (ramps, restroom accommodations, widening drive for bus accessibility, etc.).
- 72220 719 Additional Office Equipment is needed for additional personnel.

SECTION 1. The General Purpose Fund is hereby amended as follows:

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Driver's Education  
Fund 141

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Approved Budget</u>	<u>Budget Amendment</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
34340	Driver's Ed. Reserve	\$28,004	<\$28,004>	-0-
<u>Estimated Expenditures</u>				
71400-718 DRV	Motor Vehicles	\$8,400	\$28,004	\$36,404

Justification: Funds are needed to replace and update some of the existing Driver's Education cars.

  
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Ron Cantrell, Supervisor

February 28, 2000

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February 24, 2000

Mr. Richard Barber  
Superintendent  
Weakley County Schools  
Court Square  
Dresden, Tennessee 38225

Dear Richard:

According to the hospital's compensation plan, the starting rate of a Registered Nurse with twenty-four years is \$16.35 per hour. You indicated that your agreement with Ms. Beth Kempton will be for 200 days per calendar year and that Coleman Foss stated the hospital would fund 1280 hours (.62 FTE) for a school Registered Nurse including one-half of the hospital's traditional benefit package which is calculated at 20% base pay.

Pursuant to the above, the hospital will provide funding in the amount of \$20,928 in base pay plus an additional \$4,186 in benefit equivalents. The total amount calculates to \$25,114 to be paid in twelve (12) equal payments payable by the fifteenth of the month beginning January 2000. It is my understanding that this agreement is for one year.

Please let me know if this is your understanding of the agreement between Weakley County Schools and Methodist Healthcare-Volunteer Hospital.

Sincerely,



Eugene Ragghianti  
Administrator

Cc: Jim Crawford  
Debbie Yeager

**Volunteer Hospital**

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