

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE

July 7, 2005; 4:00 P.M.

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

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: None.

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Thursday, July 7, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. at the Weakley County Courthouse in the County Commission Courtroom. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Ron Gifford-County Mayor, Mike Wilson-Sheriff, Donna Winstead-Register of Deeds, Keith Jones-Juvenile, Pat Scarborough-County Clerk, Candy McAdams-Library, Kermit Hopper-Road Supervisor, Mac Buckley-County Commissioner, Donald Doster-Trustee, Pam Belew-Circuit Court, Pat Taylor-Clerk & Master, David Tuck-Property Assessor, and Jamison Peevyhouse-Public Safety Director, Mark Seat-Emergency Management Director, Diane Cashon-Election, Gordon Morris-School Board Chairman, 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 July 6, 2005 minutes and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2005-53

This resolution authorizes the levy of an additional county-wide motor vehicle tax. Chairman Phebus made the motion to approve resolution 2005-53 with an additional \$20 in county-wide motor vehicle tax and with all additional revenue to be placed in the highway budget and was seconded by Commissioner Jones the motion passed with five for and Commissioner Stewart opposing.

Commissioner Stewart stated that the County Commission or the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee could reduce the highway budget expenditures and therefore a \$20 additional tax may not be needed.

Commissioner Westbrook stated that the highway supervisor has cut the budget \$163,000 since the original budget was prepared.

Commissioner Stewart requested the maintenance of effort formula and the minimum amount that would have to be budgeted to meet the maintenance of effort for the highway department.

General Fund Budget 05-06 FY

Mrs. Scarborough requested that she be able to purchase the hardware agreement on the lennox server and one main printer in the office. She stated she could purchase the hardware for the amount that was in the budget as long as the bill was paid by July 31, 2005. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to add hardware to the original motion and with a second by Chairman Phebus the motion passed unanimously.

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Mrs. Taylor requested that her temporary personnel line be increased due to the heavy workload during the tax sale. Chairman Phebus made the motion to increase line 168 (Temporary Personnel) to \$4,800 and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Tax Rate

Chairman Phebus presented the committee with a proposed tax rate for 05-06 FY. The General Fund will receive \$0.66, Highway \$0.185, School \$0.80, Capital Projects \$0.025, and Debt Service \$0.50. Loan proceeds plus the \$0.025 cents will be used to fund the highway capital outlay budget.

Commissioner Stewart asked if the highway department had two line items for hot mix and Road Supervisor Hopper stated that line 335 is divided between the road board members and the \$160,000 line item is used at his discretion.

The capital outlay note may be for five years but can be extended longer if needed.

The highway department is requesting to spend more than 1/12th of a line item for liquid asphalt and crushed stone. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to allow Mr. Hopper to spend more than 1/12th in a line item as long as the cash is available.

Meeting Time Change

The Weakley County Finance, Ways, and Means Committee meeting scheduled for July 8, 2005 at 4:30 P.M. has been rescheduled to meet at 4:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in the conference room at the Weakley County Department of Finance in Dresden, Tennessee.

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Ms. Cashon expressed concerns from the Election Commission about the cuts made in the budget at the previous meeting. She stated that the Election Commission understood that they were to make cuts to the budget and present those budget cuts at the July 8, 2005 meeting. She stated that the Election Commission met at 2:30 P. M. today but did not change anything because the budget had already been reduced. Chairman Phebus asked Mrs. Cashon to speak with the Election Commission for budget recommendation for the July 8, 2005 meeting.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 4:30 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: _____