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**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MAY 16, 2011 4:00 p.m.**

Public Safety Members Present: Commissioners Jack Vincent, Earl Wright, John Salmon, and Kevin McAlpin.

Public Safety Members Absent: Commissioners Bob Bell and Scott Fortner.

The Public Safety Committee met on May 16, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Weakley County Department of Finance in the conference room. Others present included Shawn Francisco-Director of Finance, Jamison Peevyhouse-EMA and E-911 Director, Bob Dudley-Greenfield Fire Chief, Mike Wilson-Sheriff, Jeff Washburn-County Attorney, Tommy Moore-General Sessions Judge, Pam Belew-Circuit Court Clerk, Paul Hutcherson- City of Dresden Fire Department and Russel Schwan-Martin Fire Chief.

Chairman Jack Vincent called the meeting the order.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve the March 10, 2011 and April 21, 2011 minutes and with a second by Commissioner Salmon the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Transfer # 1011-21, Sheriff

This transfer is at the request of Weakley County Sheriff Mike Wilson to increase food at the jail and communications at the Sheriff's Department due to rising costs. Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner Salmon the motion passed unanimously.

Transfer # 1011-22, EMA

This transfer is at the request of Emergency Management Director Jamison Peevyhouse to increase Other Supplies and Materials and Travel to allow the EMA Deputy Director to attend training and become a National Certified Urban Search and Rescue Instructor in order to offer training to local responders. Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner McAlpin the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution # 1011-38, Rural Fire Department Zones

County Attorney Jeff Washburn presented his opinion regarding the Rural Fire Department Zones to the board. Section 6-6-201, Tennessee Code Annotated provides for who has authority to make decisions of fire precincts. As per Section 5-17-101, Tennessee Code Annotated, it is a county decision, within boundaries. A city has the right to make changes of fire suppression but outside of city limits, they have no authority. Commissioner McAlpin recommended that the County Commission legally determine what areas fire departments respond to. He also noted that it is not legal for the Fire Chiefs Association in conjunction with the County Commission to make changes. Attorney Washburn stated that the County has the exclusive right to make fire suppression changes. Discussion continued. It was brought to the attention of the board that the Weakley County Rescue Squad had not discussed with Weakley County Fire Chiefs Association the problem that arose between fire duties versus rescue squad responsibilities. Commissioner McAlpin made the motion to table Resolution # 1011-38 until Weakley County Rescue Squad and Fire Department Chiefs discuss their problems and attempt to work things out and with a second by Commissioner Salmon the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Salmon made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner McAlpin the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:



Jack Vincent, Chairman
Public Safety Committee

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