

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE

June 14, 2010; 4:00P.M.

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

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: None

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Monday, June 14, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. at the Weakley County Department of Finance in the Board Room. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Marci Floyd-Trustee, Candy McAdams - Weakley County Library, April Jones - Deputy Register of Deeds, Houston Patrick - County Mayor, Keith Jones - Juvenile Court Director, Pat Scarbrough - County Clerk, Shirley Chappel - Sharon Office on Aging Director, Gail Roger - Office on Aging Director, Susan Collins - Clerk and Master, Barbara Castleman - Election Commission Administrator, Pam Belew - Circuit Court Clerk, Tim James - Health Department Administrator, Ron Cheatham - Veteran's Service Administrator, Tommy Moore - General Sessions Judge and David Fisher - Dresden Enterprise.

Chairman Dick Phebus called the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the June 1, 2010 minutes and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Transfer 0910-26

The transfer previously passed HEED transfers \$1,000 from 58300-105 (Supervisor) to 58300-103 (Assistant) for the Veterans Service Office. Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion passed unanimously.

Transfer 0910-29

The transfer previously passed HEED transfers \$9,450 between various lines for the Election Commission. Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

Transfer 0910-31

The transfer moves \$225 from line 56100-355 (Travel) to line 56100-307 (Communications) for the Office on Aging. Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve the transfer pending approval by HEED and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

Transfer 0910-32

The transfer moves \$1185 from line 53100-334 (Maintenance Agreement), \$944 from line 53100-168 (Temporary Personal) and \$11 from line 53100-337 (Repair) to line 53100-194 (Jury & Witness) \$1916 and line 53100-307 (Communications) \$224 for the Circuit Court. Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the transfer pending approval by the Public Safety Committee and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

General Fund Budget: Fund 101

Commissioner Jones made the motion to place the General Fund budget for FY 2010-2011 on the floor and the second was made by Commissioner Owen.

Pg. 5, 51400 – County Attorney

Commissioner Owen questioned the decrease in line 331 (Legal Services). Shawn Francisco answered that the cost for legal services would now be broken out into the offices incurring the expenses. Mrs. Francisco also noted that the legal services were unusually high this past year.

Pg. 6, 51300 – County Mayor

Commissioner Owen questioned line 508 (Surety Bonds). Mrs. Francisco answered that the surety bonds were to be renewed every four years coinciding with elections. This charge will be in all of the General Fund budgets this year. Also, the salary increases were for longevity step-ups and the medical increases is 3% and the retirement is increasing for all offices.

Pg. 7, 51500 – Election Commission

Commissioner Phebus questioned if the budget had been approved by the Election Commission. Barbara Castleman answered that the Election Commission had met and approved the budget. Mrs. Castleman noted that there were some changes that needed to be made: 1.) Line 106 (Deputies) needed to increase to allow for the hiring of a second deputy and 2.) Line 335 (Maintenance & Repair – Building) needed to increase to fulfill the mowing. Commissioner Stewart made the motion to table the Election Commission budget until the Election Commission meets and approves the new budget and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

Pg. 8, 51600 – Register of Deeds

Commissioner Phebus recognized April Jones. Mrs. Jones stated that they had made an omission in their budget. Line 185 (Educational Incentive) should have been \$600 instead of \$300. Commissioner Owen made the motion to change line 185 from \$300 to \$600 and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Owen questioned line 399 (Other Contracted Services). Mrs. Jones answered that the expense was to have 19 books rebound.

Pg. 9, 51800 – County Buildings

Commissioner Stewart questioned the increase in line 415 (Electricity). Houston Patrick answered that the increase was due to adding the new County Building. Commissioner Stewart questioned how much the State paid for renting half of the building. Mrs. Francisco answered \$26,368 per year.

Pg. 11 & 12, 52300/52310 – Property Assessor/Reappraisal Program

Property Assessor David Tuck was not available for the meeting, Commissioner Phebus postponed this budget until June 15, 2010.

Pg 13, 52400 – County Trustee

Commissioner Phebus called for questions. No questions were asked at this time.

Page 14, 52500 – County Clerk

Commissioner Owen questioned the increase in line 499 (Other Supplies & Materials) and the decrease in line 709 (Data Processing Equipment). Pat Scarbrough answered the State would now be funding for the Data Processing Equipment so she is requesting the money be moved to line 499 to allow for the organizing of archived juvenile records. Commissioner Westbrook questioned where the money received from the State on business tax fees being used. Mrs. Scarbrough didn't know how much was actually being received on the business tax fee. The reports received from the State does not specifically show what is paid to Weakley County for business tax fees.

Pg. 15 & 16, 53100/53300 – Circuit Court/General Sessions Court

Commissioner Stewart questioned line 317 (Data Processing Services). Pam Belew answered that previously this was covered by the State as a Pilot Program. This program no longer applies and the County will now be responsible for the cost. To help offset the cost, a \$2.00 data processing fee is added to each case.

Pg 18, 53400 – Chancery Court – Clerk & Master

Commissioner Phebus called for questions. No questions were asked at this time.

Pg 19, 21, 22 & 44, 53500/53900MTP/53910/58803 – Juvenile Court/Meth Treatment Pilot (Grant)/Truancy Court (Grant)/Juvenile Court (Stimulus Funds)

Commissioner Westbrook questioned increase in line 413 (Drug Test Kits). Keith Jones answered that previously they were able to use the kits funded through Bright Horizons grant. Now the law states that those kits can not be used on juveniles.

Having no other business before this committee Commissioner Owen made a motion to adjourn at 5:31 p.m. and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kellie Thayer, Secretary
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Approved:

Richard Phebus, Chairman
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Date: _____