

**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE**  
**HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, May 12, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. – Conference Room, Weakley County Board of Education**

**HEED Committee Members Present:** Commissioners David Hawks, Donnie Essary, Colton Nanney, Dale Overton, Jack Vincent, Larry Hudson, Bobby Dunlap, Steven Totty

**HEED Committee Members Absent:** Commissioner James Roy Pope

The Health, Education, and Economic Development Committee met on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Board of Education in Dresden. Also in attendance were County Mayor Jake Bynum, Dresden Senior Center Director Gail Rogers, Finance Director John Liggett, Sharon Mayor Ali Stalter and two representatives of the media.

**I-II. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

Chairperson Hawks called meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Nanney made the motion to approve the minutes from the committee meeting held January 14, 2021, and with a second by Commissioner Totty, the motion passed unanimously.

**III. Old Business**

None

**IV. New Business**

**A. Election of Recording Secretary-** Commissioner Hawks called for a recommendation for HEED Committee Recording Secretary. Commissioner Vincent made the recommendation for Kirsty-Rhe Janse to serve as the new recording secretary. With no other recommendations, Kirsty-Rhe Janse was unanimously appointed as recording secretary.

**B. Resolutions**

**1. Resolution No. 2021-36-** This resolution authorizes budget amendments to the general fund for the Weakley County Office of Aging who entered into a contract with the Northwest Tennessee Development District Guardianship Program for a local client. Senior Center Director Gail Rogers was recognized and explained that they have a client in Sharon who is in the guardianship program and is requiring more hours than what the state is paying for. This will allow them to pay for four extra hours a week. Commissioner Hawks made the motion to approve and with none opposed the motion passed unanimously.

**V. Other Business**

Commissioner Hawks recognized Mayor Bynum who mentioned to the committee that there is another resolution that will be on the agenda for the full commission to set a speed limit on a Hyndsver road.

Mayor Bynum then discussed the progress and updates on broadband. Mayor Bynum explained that phase 1 is 50% complete, phase 2 is in the engineering phase, and phase 3 has not started. Phase 1 and 2 are state awarded grants. The federal government is granting the county just under \$6.5 million as part of the latest relief act. Mayor Bynum recommended that the money should be reserved to correct the audit finding. The expenses that are approved to spend that money on includes broadband, water/sewer projects, COVID

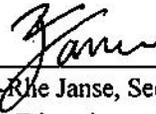
related expenses, hazard pay, and loss of revenue. The current problem is that there is a shortage of fiber optic cables, which could slow down the projects. Phase 1 has to be complete by April 2022, however the projected timeline for them to be done is October or November of 2021. The grant for phase 2 was just rewarded meaning there is still a two year timeline for that project.

Commissioner Nanney asked if there were any updates on the Sharon Senior Center and if an individual has been hired yet. Mayor Bynum was recognized and explained that as of that moment no one has taken over the position. He mentioned that both Ali Stalter and Dean were still employed and were taking care of the day to day operations. The supervisory issues are being taken care of by Mayor Bynum. Applications are being accepted but the process is not being rushed.

**VI. Adjourn**

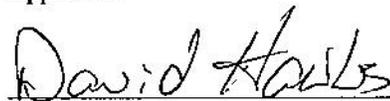
Having no other business, Commissioner Hawks made a motion to adjourn and, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Kirsty-Rhe Janse, Secretary  
Health, Education, and Economic Development Committee

Approved:



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David Hawks, Chairperson  
Health, Education, and Economic Development Committee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_