

**Weakley County Legislative Body  
Regular County Commission Meeting  
Weakley County Courthouse, Dresden, TN  
Monday, November 27, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Weakley County Legislative Body was called to order by the County Mayor Jake Bynum at 5:00 P.M. at the Weakley County Courthouse.

The invocation was given by James Washburn.

All members present gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

County Clerk Kim Hughey called the roll. Answering present were Commissioners Dennis Doster, Bobby Dunlap, Marcus Hopper, Wade Cook, James Roy Pope, Greg Utery, Gary Eddings, John Robert Freeman, Larry Taylor, Larry Kelly, David Bell, Brian Donavant, David Hawks, Billy Hazlewood, Roger Donaldson, Jack Vincent, James Washburn, and James Westbrook.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the September 21, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes. Commissioner Donavant made a motion and Commissioner Doster placed a second. A voice vote was taken, and the minutes were approved with none opposed.

**MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR**

County Mayor Bynum stated that the Weakley County Employee Christmas Party will be at The Purple Iris on December 12, 2023, from 11am to 1pm. Let Lauren Rush Griffin know if you plan to attend. The Everett Stewart Airport Christmas Party is December 12, 2023, at 12pm. The Courthouse Pancake Breakfast will be on December 20, 2023, from 9am to 11am. The Weakley County Courthouse will be closed on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> for Christmas and January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Years Day. Conflicts of Interests are due to the Secretary of State's Office by January 31, 2024. The TCSA County Government Day is February 19-20, 2024. Please let Lauren Rush Griffin know if you plan to attend. She will get you registered once it opens.

**COMMUNICATION TO THE COMMISSION**

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the Financial Reports. Commissioner Eddings made a motion and Commissioner Freeman placed a second. A voice vote was taken, and the Financial Reports were approved with none opposed.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the Veteran's Service Report. Commissioner Hawks made a motion and Commissioner Washburn placed a second. A voice vote was taken, and the Veteran's Service Report was approved with none opposed. County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the Ag Extension Report. Commissioner Vincent made a motion and Commissioner Doster placed second. A voice vote was taken, and the Ag Extension Report was approved with none opposed.

## **REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **WCMES Annual Report**

County Mayor Bynum recognized Commissioner Westbrook for a summary of the WCMES Annual Report. A copy of the Annual Report was handed to everyone. The total assets were \$60 million. The total income was \$1.8 million, which is less than the previous year. In the electric business, the weather has a major influence on the income. The rates were raised by TVA, but WCMES still has the lowest rates around. South Fulton just renewed their contract. WCMES was \$0.15 cheaper than Gibson Electric. On June 30, 2023, there were 20,642 meters, which is about 84 higher than the previous year. WCMES paid \$834,000 in lieu of taxes last year and \$721,000 went to Weakley County.

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Charlie Curtis with the Tennessee County Commissioners Association presented Commissioner James Westbrook with the Ralph Puckett Award for his exemplary service to the citizens of Weakley County and the State of Tennessee.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS**

### **Appointment of District 6A Constable**

County Mayor Bynum opened the floor for nominations for District 6A Constable. There were no nominations for the District 6A Constable position.

### **Election of Notaries Public**

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the Notaries Public. Commissioner Uesry made a motion and Commissioner Donaldson placed a second. A voice vote was taken, and the Notaries Public were approved with none opposed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Amendment of Resolution 2023-43 Resolution Authorizing a Road Addition for the Weakley County Highway Department for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023**

*Passed through the Public Works Committee*

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the Amendment of Resolution 2023-43. Commissioner Doster made a motion and Commissioner Freeman placed a second. Commissioner Vincent asked if this was a road at the other end of Sharon. Commissioner Westbrook stated that when the State of Tennessee built Highway 45 the county signed a contract to take over the roads and there were two sections left out. A voice vote was taken, and the Amendment of Resolution 2023-43 was approved with none opposed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval of Weakley County Surplus Property List**

*Passed through the FWM Committee*

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the Weakley County Surplus Property List. Commissioner Kelly made a motion and Commissioner Pope placed a second. A voice vote was taken, and the Weakley County Surplus Property List was approved with none opposed.

## **FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 2024-17:** Resolution Making Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Purpose-School Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024

*Sponsored by Commissioners Wade Cook and Dennis Doster*

Passed unanimously through the HEED and FWM Committees

**Resolution No. 2024-18:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Purpose-School Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

*Sponsored by Commissioners Jack Vincent and James Westbrook*

Passed unanimously through the HEED and FWM Committees

**Resolution No. 2024-19:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Purpose-School Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

*Sponsored by Commissioners James Roy Pope and David Bell*

Passed unanimously through the HEED and FWM Committees

**Resolution No. 2024-20:** Resolution of Weakley County, Tennessee, Authorizing the Purchasing Agent for Weakley County to Enter into an Agreement to Join Various Purchasing Cooperatives, Which Will Allow Weakley County, Tennessee, to Utilize Contracts that have been Negotiated Through the Cooperative.

*Sponsored by Commissioners Roger Donaldson and Billy Hazlewood*

Passed unanimously through the FMC and FWM Committees

**Resolution No. 2024-21:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

*Sponsored by Commissioners David Hawks and Brian Donavant*

Passed unanimously through the Public Safety and FWM Committees

**Resolution No. 2024-22:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

*Sponsored by Commissioners James Roy Pope and Dennis Doster*

Passed unanimously through the HEED and FWM Committees

**Resolution No. 2024-23:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Highway Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

*Sponsored by Commissioners Billy Hazlewood and Dennis Doster*

Passed unanimously through the Public Work and FWM Committees

**Resolution No. 2024-16:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Purpose-School Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

*Sponsored by Commissioners James Roy Pope and Gary Eddings*

Passed unanimously through the HEED and FWM Committees

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to combine Resolutions No. 2024-17, 2024-18, 2024-19, 2024-20, 2024-21, 2024-22, 2024-23, and 2024-16. Commissioner Eddings made a motion and Commissioner Freeman placed a second. A voice vote was taken, and combining Resolutions No. 2024-17, 2024-18, 2024-19, 2024-20, 2024-21, 2024-22, and 2024-16 were approved and with none opposed.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve Resolutions No. 2024-17, 2024-18, 2024-19, 2024-20, 2024-21, 2024-22, 2024-23, and 2024-16. Commissioner Doster made a motion and Commissioner Washburn placed a second. County Mayor Bynum asked County Clerk Kim Hughey to call roll. Commissioners Dennis Doster, Bobby Dunlap, Marcus Hopper, Wade Cook, James Roy Pope, Greg Usery, Gary Eddings, John Robert Freeman, Larry Taylor, Larry Kelly, David Bell, Brian Donavant, David Hawks, Billy Hazlewood, Roger Donaldson, Jack Vincent, James Washburn, and James Westbrook answered yes. Resolutions 2024-17, 2024-18, 2024-19, 2024-20, 2024-21, 2024-22, 2024-23, and 2024-16 passed with 18 commissioners answering "yes".

## **NON-FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 2024-24:** Resolution To Affirm Compliance with Federal Title VI Regulations

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-24. Commissioner Donaldson made a motion and Commissioner Hawks placed a second. A voice vote was taken, and Resolution No. 2024-24 was approved with none opposed.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Hawks thanked everyone who participated in the Veteran's Day Parade. Commissioner Kelly stated that you must RSVP if you plan to attend the Stewart Everett Airport Christmas Party.

County Mayor Bynum announced that the next Regular Meeting would be Monday, January 22, 2024, at 5:00 P.M.

The Weakley County Legislative Body Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Christina Oliver, Deputy Clerk

ATTEST:

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Kim Hughey, Weakley County Clerk