

Special Oct 25

RESOLUTION NO. 1988-37

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTING WEAKLEY COUNTY TO INTRODUCE APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION TO PROHIBIT THE HUNTING OF DEER IN WEAKLEY COUNTY WITH RIFLES USING CENTER-FIRE AMMUNITION OF .24 CALIBER OR LARGER

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-116 (a), makes it unlawful in the State of Tennessee to hunt deer with any rifle using rim-fire cartridges or with a rifle loaded with center-fire ammunition of less than .24 caliber; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 1970, the Weakley County Quarterley Court (now Board of County Commissioners) adopted a resolution condemning the hunting of deer in Weakley County with high powered rifles and requested the Tennessee Fish and Game Commission (now Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency) to issue a proclamation prohibiting the hunting of deer in Weakley County with high powered rifles; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Fish and Game Commission honored the resolution and issued a proclamation prohibiting the hunting of deer in Weakley County with high powered rifles; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 1980, the Board of County Commissioners again condemned the hunting of deer in Weakley County with high powered rifles and requested the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency to continue the proclamation prohibiting the hunting of deer in Weakley County with high powered rifles, and said resolution was honored by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 1988, the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County soundly defeated a resolution requesting the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency to permit deer hunting in Weakley County with high powered rifles; and

WHEREAS, despite the action of the Board of County Commissioners, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency voted to permit the hunting of deer in Weakley County with high powered rifles beginning in August of 1989; and

WHEREAS, a group of concerned citizens of Weakley County have approached the elected members of the Tennessee General Assembly representing Weakley County and requested that legislation be introduced which would prohibit deer hunting in Weakley County with high powered rifles; and

WHEREAS, the elected members of the Tennessee General Assembly representing Weakley County have agreed to introduce such legislation provided that the same is supported by a 2/3 majority of the membership of the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County believes it to be in the best interest of Weakley County for the legislature to prohibit deer hunting in Weakley County with high powered rifles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on the 17th day of October, 1988, that:

1. The Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County, Tennessee, hereby requests that appropriate legislation be introduced in the 96th General Assembly prohibiting the hunting of deer in Weakley County, Tennessee, with rifles using centerfire ammunition of .24 caliber or larger.

2. Copies of this resolution be certified by the County Clerk and forwarded to Senator Milton Hamilton, Representative Roy B. Herron, and Representative-elect Phillip Pinion.

PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF THE COMMISSION, THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS:

James Hamner

John L. Selman

Motion made by Commissioner James H. Bell that the foregoing resolution be approved; seconded by Commissioner Gre White. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the motion Carried.

ATTESTED TO:

Faye Butts
FAYE BUTTS, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED:

Kerry S. Killebrew
KERRY S. KILLEBREW,
COUNTY EXECUTIVE