

RECONVENED SESSION OF JULY 23, 2007 MEETING
WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY MEETING
JULY 31, 2007

The Weakley County Legislative Body met in Reconvened Session on July 31, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Commission Room at the Weakley County Courthouse. Chairman Dick Phebus called the recessed meeting back to order.

County Clerk Scarbrough called the Roll with all 18 members present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Phebus commented that at the meeting of July 23, 2007 there was a request for a more detailed Trustee's Relief of Taxes Report. The Trustee has provided the Commissioners with this detailed list. Chairman Phebus called for any questions or comments on this information. Since there was not any comments or questions the Chairman moved to the next item on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-01: Resolution Making Appropriations For The Various Funds, Departments, Institutions, Offices And Agencies Of Weakley County, Tennessee, For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2007 and Ending June 30, 2008.

Chairman Phebus made a Motion to place this Resolution on the Floor for discussion and Commissioner Stewart placed a second to the Motion. Chairman Phebus commented that this Resolution passed the Finance Ways and Means Committee unanimously. Chairman Phebus called for any comments or discussion on this Resolution. Commissioner McAlpin was recognized and he commented on the Juvenile Court Fund Budget and that there was only a three percent increase, instead of a five percent increase in the Juvenile Court Judge Salary line item. Chairman Phebus commented that Private Act, not by State Budget requirements, was how his salary was determined. Commissioner Westbrook commented that this was set up prior to the Judge taking office.

Chairman Phebus offered one amendment to Page 14, General Fund Budget, the County Clerk's Office Line Item 106-Deputies Salary did not include the three percent increase, due to clerical error, and Chairman Phebus made a motion to amend the budget to increase these Line Items involved by \$4869. Total expense to the County Clerk would be \$288,708. Total General Fund expense will be increased by \$4869 and this will be taken from the Fund Balance.

Commissioner Jones placed a second to the amendment. Discussion was called and a voice vote was taken, the ayes carried with none opposed. The amendment as presented carried.

Further comments and questions were called for and Commissioner Vincent was recognized. Commissioner Vincent commented on the Maintenance Agreement Line Item. County Clerk Scarbrough commented that the maintenance agreement was for software, one printer, and a server. Commissioner Salmon was recognized with comments concerning insurance increases from 2.5 percent and up. Chairman Phebus commented that these different increases have to do with employees not previously covered and that have been added to the plan. Commissioner Vincent was recognized concerning the Sheriff's Budget on page 23 under the Drug Court Program Section concerning part time personnel increases. Sheriff Wilson clarified that the funds, (expenditures) that have been increased are balanced on the revenue side that has also been increased. This increase in revenue is due to grant money being handled in Weakley County instead of Obion County in this fiscal year.

There being no further discussion the question was called. The County Clerk, Pat Scarbrough called the roll with 16 ayes and two opposed. The Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-02: Resolution Fixing The Tax Levy For Weakley County, Tennessee For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2007.

Chairman Phebus made a Motion to place the Resolution on the Floor for discussion with the tax rate of \$2.37. Commissioner Jones placed a second to the Motion. Discussion was called. Chairman Phebus commented that this was a twenty-cent increase. Commissioner Stewart commented that it had been six years since there has been a property tax increase. Chairman Phebus commented that the Finance Ways and Means Committee recommended this increase due to the fact that we have been using reserves from Debt Service for the last four or five years to fund the Budget. Commissioner Owens had comments concerning the tax increase, he commented that he didn't want to raise the taxes but he didn't want to come back next year with the same problem. Question was called and the County Clerk, Pat Scarbrough, called the Roll with 15 ayes and three opposed. The Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-03: Resolution Making Appropriations To Non-Profit Charitable Organizations For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2007 And Ending June 30, 2008.

Chairman Phebus made a Motion to place this Resolution on the floor and Commissioner Owen placed a second to the Motion. Discussion was called and the question. County Clerk Scarbrough called the Roll with 18 ayes and none opposed. The Resolution was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS STATEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Phebus called for a committee report from the Health, Education, and Economic Development Committee. Commissioner Westbrook yielded to Chairman Phebus for the Report. The H.E.E.D. Committee met to review proposals made by TLM Associates for the purpose of construction of a building on the current site that formally housed the Election Commission Office. The proposal is two fold, one is to provide housing for the Election Commission and two is to provide housing for the Tennessee Department of Workforce Development; this portion of the building would be leased to the state, and the lease payments would help to pay for building the structure. The County would be responsible for constructing roughly a 5,000 square feet building. Since this is 5,000 square feet, this would require architects and engineers to process the plans. TLM Associates has presented to the H.E.E.D. Committee a tentative proposal and this proposal was considered and voted on in Committee. It was the action of the H.E.E.D. Committee to recommend this proposal to the Full Commission and the Full Commission would in turn, if approved, authorize the H.E.E.D. Committee to meet with TLM Associates to obtain a more clear overview of their needs, and based on this information, it would help to obtain a more accurate figure on the costs involved in constructing the building. If the Full Commission approves the H.E.E.D. Committee recommendation, then they would authorize the H.E.E.D. Committee to proceed with the plans as recommended. Chairman Phebus commented that if the Full Commission delays action until the next regular meeting, then the TLM Associates might decide to go elsewhere with their lease. Commissioner Westbrook recommended that the full commission recess or have a special called meeting. After more discussion by the commission Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to recess to reconvene at the call of the Chair and Commissioner Jones placed a second to the Motion. Chairman Phebus commented that the Commission needed to complete other business on the Agenda before recessing.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Phebus announced that the next regular meeting of the Weakley County Legislative Body would be September 17, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Stewart handed out statistics on the number of hits on the County Website. Commissioner Stewart commented that Weakley County is being looked at on the Internet.

Commissioner Owen requested that the Finance Director, Shawn Francisco, mail to every Commissioner the date and time of the next H.E.E.D. Committee meeting, and encourage all the Commissioners to attend this meeting.

Chairman Phebus called the meeting in recess at 6:03 p.m. to reconvene at the call of the Chair.

ATTEST:

Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk