

WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY MEETING

NOVEMBER 20, 2000, 7:00 P.M.

The Weakley County Legislative Body met on November 20, 2000, 7:00 p.m. in the County Commission room in the Weakley County Courthouse.

County Executive Ron Gifford called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Tommy Hunt gave the invocation.

All members present gave the pledge to the Flag.

Roll Call was taken by the County Clerk, Pat Scarbrough with 19 members present and one commissioner, Vernon Dunn, deceased.

County Executive Gifford ask if there was any additions or corrections to the September 18, 2000 minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Page and seconded by Commissioner Castleman to approve the September 20, 2000 minutes. A voice vote was taken with the ayes carrying and none opposed. The September 20, 2000 minutes are approved.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

County Executive Gifford announced with great sorrow that Commissioner Vernon Dunn had passed away. Commissioner Dunn was an educator for over 40 years in Weakley County, and a long term County Commissioner representing the people of his district, as well as the county. Commissioner Dunn will be sorely missed and the Commission wishes to express sincere regrets and condolences to the family. The County Commission observed a moment of silence for Commissioner Vernon Dunn.

State Law requires that when death or resignation vacates an elected county position, the county commission have the authority to appoint a successor until the next regularly scheduled election. Nominations will come forth at the January session of this commission, for Mr. Vernon Dunn's successor.

REPORTS:

The Trustee's Report, General Fund Report, Highway Department Report, the School Department Report and the Solid Waste Report were included in the packet mailed to the commission members. The County Executive called for any Standing Committees to report, there being none, the Commission moved to the Weakley County Nursing Home Report, a copy of which was included in the packets. The County Executive called for any questions on this report and there was none. The next item on the agenda was the Veteran's Report, which was also included in the packet. Veteran's Officer, Dave Bradley, did not have anything else to add and there were not any questions. Next was the Emergency Management Report by Director David McAlpin, he did not have anything to report and there was not any questions. Next on the agenda was the Ag Extension Service Report by Jeff Lannom, Extension Leader. Mr. Lannom included in the packet, reports from each of his agents. They submitted three to five bullets with short statements on work that is being done within the County for September and October. Mr. Lannom plans on continuing these bullets to keep the Commission updated on the work being done in the Extension Office.

The Chair moved for approval of all reports with a roll call vote by the County Clerk, Pat Scarbrough, there was 18 ayes, one nay and one absent. The reports are approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

County Executive called for unfinished business. Commissioner Phebus called for a point of order on Commissioner Dunn's vacancy. Commissioner Phebus discussed that all nineteen members were present and Commissioner Dunn's seat was vacant. Commissioner Sinclair stated that out of respect for Commissioner Dunn that his seat should be recorded as vacant and not as absent. Upon discussion it was decided not to record his seat and to show 19 present.

Commissioner Vincent requested a report on the Committee on the Poor. Commissioner Phebus gave this report. The Committee has requested and received two proposals from interested licensed Auction companies in Weakley County. These proposals are being analyzed and the committee is in the process of determining the status of the leased property. This committee is under the opinion that the Weakley County Nursing Home Committee entered into an 18-month lease that will expire in October 1, 2001. County Attorney Neese stated that an Ag year lease would require a July 1, 2001 notification but this is an 18- month lease and will expire by its on terms October 1, 2001. Commissioner Buckley stated that the lessees, Don and Mike Hall, are not interested in an early buy out or short terming the lease. Commissioner Broussard requested that the County Attorney notify the lessees by certified letter, return receipt request, for termination October 1, 2001.

There being no further old business, the County Executive moved to the next item on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

County Executive Gifford called for the nomination of Ms Gertie Sheffield of Dresden and Ms Barbara Trentham of Martin as members to the Weakley County Library Board to serve three years terms beginning on November 1, 2000. A motion by Commissioner Salmon confirms these appointments and a second was made by Commission Buckley. A voice vote was taken, the ayes carried and none opposed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-15:

Commissioner Owen made the motion to place 2001-15 on the floor and Commissioner Broussard seconded it. Discussion was called for, there being none the question was called and the County Clerk called the roll with 19 ayes and none opposed. The motion carried. County Executive Gifford neglected to call for a committee report and the Finance Ways and Means Committee, Chaired by Commissioner Phebus, signed off on the resolution and it passed the committee unanimously, it also passed the Health, Education, Welfare Committee, Chaired by Commissioner Salmon, unanimously. Resolution 2001-15 passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-16:

A committee Report by Commissioner Broussard stated that they met and they passed the resolution unanimously, the Finance Ways and Means Committee also met and approved 2001-16 unanimously. Motion to place 2001-16 on the floor by Commissioner Farmer and seconded by Commissioner Broussard. Discussion was call for and Commissioner Salmon asked if this was to be divided by five ways or divided by mileage. Road Supervisor Freeman stated it would be by mileage. Question was called and a roll call vote was taken by the County Clerk with 19 ayes, none opposed, the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-17:

This Resolution authorizes Credit Card Policies in Weakley County. Commissioner Stewart, Chairman of the Financial Management Committee, stated that this passed his committee with a vote of 5 ayes and one nay. Commissioner Phebus gave the Report of the Financial Ways and Means committee and he stated that it did not go before this committee. A motion to place the resolution on the floor was made by Commissioner Stewart and Commissioner Page made a second. Discussion was called for and Commission Vincent asked for clarification on what this resolution was dealing with. This will be mainly dealing with Wal-Mart, which will no longer have a charge policy. Credit cards will be mainly used by the Weakley County School Board. County Executive Gifford stated that the office holders could make application for this charge card, but it was not mandatory to apply for a credit card with Wal-Mart. Question was called for and Pat Scarbrough took a roll call vote, with 19 ayes, none opposed, the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-18:

The Chairman of the Health, Education, and Welfare Committee Report was given and Commissioner Salmon stated that it passed his committee unanimously. Chairman Phebus of the Finance Ways and Means Committee stated that it passed his committee unanimously. A motion to place on the floor was made by Commissioner Vincent and seconded by Commissioner Wright. Discussion was called for, there being none, question was called. County Clerk Scarbrough called the roll with 19 ayes, none opposed and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-19:

Commissioner McAlpin stated that this passed the Public Safety committee unanimously and the Public Works Committee chaired by Commissioner Broussard stated that it passed his committee unanimously. The Finance Ways and Means committee Chairman, Commissioner Phebus, stated that it also passed his committee. A motion was made to place 2001-19 on the floor by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Farmer. Discussion was called for and Commissioner Owen stated that there was an error in the addition and should be corrected to reflect on the fourth paragraph to show \$18,955.06. Question was called and the County Clerk called the roll with 19 ayes, none opposed. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-20:

Commissioner Salmon, Chairman of the Health, Education and Welfare committee gave his report and stated that it passed his committee unanimously. Commissioner Phebus stated that it also passed the Financial Ways and Means committee unanimously. A motion was made by Commissioner Page to place on the floor and Commissioner Buckley made a second to the motion. Discussion was called for, there being none, the question was called. County Clerk, Pat Scarbrough called the roll with 19 ayes, none opposed and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-21:

Commissioner McAlpin gave a Public Safety Committee report and it passed their committee. Commissioner Phebus stated that it passed the Financial Ways and Means committee. Commissioner Hunt made motion and a second was

placed by Commissioner Page. Discussion and question was called for. The County Clerk called the Roll with 19 ayes, none opposed and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-22:

Road Supervisor Freeman stated that this resolution passed their committee. Commissioner Broussard gave the Public Works Committee's report with it passing his committee. Also a sign off line should be added for the Public Works Committee to sign off on this resolution. Motion was made by Commissioner Salmon and Commissioner Rook placed a second. Discussion was called for, and Commissioner Westbrook asked what the criteria would be for placing a driveway on the County Road System. Road Supervisor Freeman stated that there were three houses on this road and on the mail route. It also meets the criteria for gravel, drainage and culverts. The circumstance for this request came before the commissioners, John Salmon and David Rook, and road board committee member, Garry Mansfield, for this district. The request was made by a disabled person living on this road and was also endorsed by the other two people living in houses on this road. Question was called for and the County Clerk called the roll with 9 ayes, 10 nays, the motion failed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-23:

Commissioner Broussard gave his Public Works report and stated it passed his committee and they recommended this resolution. Motion was made by Commissioner Farmer and Commissioner Broussard made the second. Discussion was called for. Commissioner Westbrook stated that the third Whereas, second line, sixth word should be Dresden not Martin. Correction made to show Dresden without need of amendment. Discussion on where this road was located, and it was stated that it runs behind the Weakley County Detention Center on old Highway 22 to new Highway 22, creating a new entrance to the detention center on Hwy 22. Mayor Joyce Hurt addressed discussion on when reimbursement would be expected from the City of Dresden. She stated it would be made in the fiscal year that the work is completed. Question was called for and Pat Scarbrough County Clerk called the roll with 19 ayes, none opposed the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-24:

County Executive Gifford stated that this resolution had been added and should go through Finance Ways and Means Committee. A resolution may be placed on the floor with a motion and a second. Commissioner Phebus recommended and made a motion that this resolution be referred to the appropriate committees. Commissioner Sinclair made a second to the motion. Motion to defer is non-debatable. Motion to defer to the Financial Management Committee and the Financial Ways and Means Committee, and this deferment should be reported back to the County Commission at the January 16 term of court at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was taken with ayes carrying and one opposed. The ayes carried. The motion is deferred to next meeting, January 16, 2001.

County Executive Gifford called for any other new business. Commissioner Westbrook gave his report on the Capitol Project committee and stated although this was not new business he wanted to give a progress report on the Courthouse renovation. The renovation is basically completed, with the exception of a punch list of small and minor items of touch up paint, etc. At present there is still a small amount of money left over from this project. Commissioner Westbrook stated that there were still some problems with glare in the windows. Also the paint on the exterior trim work was deferred to the commission with a good part of the people stating that they did not wish for additional money to be spent to repaint the exterior trim.

County Executive called for any other new business. A question was asked about the Realty transfer tax resolution. This is a legislative issue and Commissioner Vincent stated that it would be deferred to the next meeting. Also County Executive Gifford talked about the work being done on the river, at Lake, Dyer and Obion County in cooperation with the TVA and the US Army Core of Engineers to develop a port facility on the Mississippi River at Cades Landing. This should have an economic impact on Weakley County. There will be a resolution that will be put through the legislative committee, which will be a support resolution and not a financial commitment resolution, to support the sister counties in the effort to develop a port facility in Lake County, by the board.

There being no further new business, the County Executive moved to the next item on the agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS:

County Executive Gifford stated that the commission would meet on Tuesday, January 16, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. due to the Martin Luther King Holiday. There being no other announcement or statements, the next item on the agenda was called.

NOTARY PUBLIC:

Commissioner Buckley made a motion to approve the Notary Public list and Commissioner Farmer made a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes carried with none opposed. The Notary Public list is approved.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Sinclair and seconded by Commissioner Broussard. A voice vote was taken and the ayes carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Attest:

Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk