

AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING OF WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY  
JULY 28, 2003

CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2003 MEETING

RECOGNITION:

ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

Re-Election of Industrial Board Members: John Harris, Dr. Donnie Davis, Carol Godwin, Junior Moore

REPORTS:

Trustee's Report

General Fund Report

Highway Dept. Report

School Dept. Report

Solid Waste Report

Finance, Ways and Means Committee - Dick Phebus, Chairman

Financial Management Committee - Roger Stewart, Chairman

Health, Education and Welfare Committee - Jimmy Westbrook, Chairman

Personnel Committee - John Salmon, Chairman

Public Safety Committee - Tommy Hunt, Chairman

Public Works Committee - David Rook, Chairman

Nursing Home Committee - Mac Buckley, Chairman/David McBride, Administrator

Veterans Service Officer's Report - Dave Bradley, Director

Agricultural Extension Service Report - Jeff Lannom, Extension Agent and Leader

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- RESOLUTION NO. 2004-01 - RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS, DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, OFFICES AND AGENCIES OF WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2003 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2004.
- RESOLUTION NO. 2004-02 - RESOLUTION FIXING THE TAX LEVY FOR WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2003 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2004.
- RESOLUTION NO. 2004-03 - A RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO NON-PROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2003 - JUNE 30, 04
- RESOLUTION NO. 2004-04 - A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2003-37.
- RESOLUTION NO. 2004-05 - IMPLEMENT CHANGES RELATIVE TO COUNTY OFFICIALS AS PROVIDED BY TITLE 5 & 8 TCA.

TRUSTEE'S RELIEF OF TAXES

AMBULANCE CONTRACT

Miscellaneous Announcements and Statements

Election of Notaries Public

ADJOURNMENT

## WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY MEETING

JULY 28, 2003

The Weakley County Legislative Body met in regular session on July 28, 2003 at the Weakley County Commission Room at 6:00 p.m. County Mayor Ron Gifford called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Stewart gave the invocation.

All members present gave the Pledge to the Flag.

County Clerk, Pat Scarbrough, called the Roll with 17 members present and one member, Andy Page absent.

County Mayor Gifford called for any additions or corrections to the June 23, 2003 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Buckley made a motion to approve and Commissioner Jones placed the second. A voice vote was taken with the ayes carrying and the Minutes from the June 23, 2003 meeting were approved.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

There being none the County Mayor moved to the next item on the agenda.

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

Each of the Commissioners had before them a letter recommending the re-election of the Industrial Board Members. The members included John Harris, Dr. Donnie Davis, Carol Godwin, and Junior Moore. County Mayor Gifford called for a motion to approve the appointments, Commissioner Phebus made the motion and Commissioner Salmon placed the second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes carried with none opposed. The appointments were confirmed.

### **REPORTS:**

Each of the commission members received in their packets the Trustee's Report, General Fund Report, Highway Department Report, School Department Report and the Solid Waste Report. The County Mayor called for any questions on these reports, there being none the County Mayor called for any standing committee reports.

Veteran Service Officer, Dave Bradley gave a brief report and commented that he would be happy to answer any questions that the Commission might have.

The Agricultural Extension Service Report was also included in the packets.

County Mayor Gifford called for a motion to accept the reports. Commissioner Rook made the motion and Commissioner Jones placed the second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes carried with none opposed the Reports were accepted.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There being none the County Mayor moved to the next item on the Agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-01:** Resolution Making Appropriations for the Various Funds, Departments Institutions, Offices and Agencies of Weakley County, Tennessee, For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2003 and Ending June 30, 2004.

County Mayor Gifford recognized Commissioner Phebus and he commented that the Commissioners had a list of the budget that had been mailed out the previous week with the recommendations of the Finance Ways and Means Committee. This list had the changes recommended by the committee. There was a miss print on Contributions to the Library Fund that should have read \$15,374 and not \$27, 874.

Funds not affected included the Drug Fund, Solid Waste and Sanitation, School Federal Projects and the Cafeteria Fund. These funds are in the original document received and not changed. Funds that were affected and changed were the General Fund, School, Highway and Debt Service, the changes have been made and included in the documents that you have before you.

Commissioner Phebus stated that final action could not be taken due to publication problems. Discussion can be had and make any amendments that might be offered.

Commissioner Phebus made a motion to place Resolution 2004-01 on the floor for discussion and Commissioner Stewart placed the second. Discussion was called. Commissioner Vincent questioned that the Budget included raises for teachers salaries, Commissioner Vincent asked if any raises were included for the personnel at the Courthouse, Highway Department, or Jail and if any other raises were included in the budget other than the ones mandated by the State. Commissioner Phebus commented that County Officials are based on State Statute and their raises are included in the Budget. Commissioner Phebus commented that other than the ones mandated by the State, there were not any provisions for raises for any other employees of the county.

Commissioner Barner questioned the situation of parking around Martin Primary and a solution to this problem. The City of Martin has placed No Parking signs all around the School. Commissioner Westbrook commented on the purchase of the property around Martin Primary and stated that as Chairman of the H.E.W. Committee he had looked into this situation and at the time the S.R.O. officers were the hot topic and the purchase of the property would be approximately the cost of the S.R.O.'s salaries. At four S.R.O. salaries at \$40,000 per officer this would be approximately \$160,000 for the property.

Commissioner Sinclair asked if there was a tax increase in this budget and it was clarified by Commissioner Phebus that this budget did include a five-cent tax increase.

County Mayor Gifford recognized Superintendent Barber. Superintendent Barber discussed the Block of land mentioned by Commissioner Barner. Superintendent Barber commented that they would like to purchase the White Building; Superintendent Barber has scheduled an informal meeting with the City Board on August 5, 2003. Director Barber along with Commissioner Buckley and J.D. Sanders has discussed the parking and trying to find a solution for this problem. The Planning committee is exploring avenues of parking in these areas.

County Mayor Gifford called for any other discussion on Resolution 2004-01. Commissioner Westbrook questioned if the City of Martin saved ten cents on the tax rate by putting off buying police cars until the next fiscal year, then how much could the County save by putting off buying new school buses until the next fiscal

year. County Mayor Gifford asked if Director Barber wanted to address this issue on the buses, and Commissioner Westbrook withdrew the question.

Commissioner Barner questioned how far it was from the furthest point in Weakley County to Dresden in the school district and if there would be purchases of two buses with bathroom facilities for the children being transported so far.

Commissioner Salmon questioned the savings on the budget from closing the Palmersville School. Commissioner Salmon wanted someone to point out the differences made. Director Barber commented that there was the Principal's salary, a teacher's position that was half time guidance and half time Liberian, \$25,000 in utilities for electricity; Director Barber did not know the exact amount of gas saved. Commissioner Baltz questioned if there was an increase in School Board Budget. Commissioner Baltz questioned if closing the Palmersville Facility had saved any money. Commissioner Phebus commented that funds from local sources went down by \$26,000. Commissioner Baltz commented that closing Palmersville School saved \$26,000. Director Barber commented that there were other issues involved in looking at a budget, he talked about insurance increases, for property and teachers, that an extra bus is included in the budget, Teacher raises that was promised three years ago are included.

Commissioner Salmon commented that a \$18,000 decrease for Principal salaries is all the decrease and was this what the Principal in Palmersville was making. Director Barber stated that it was not. The difference in the figures is calculated off the sheets the Finance Office supplied. The Principal went up in Salaries something similar to the Teacher's raises that had been given.

Commissioner Phebus made a motion to defer. Motion to defer is non-debatable. Commissioner Westbrook placed a second to the motion. A voice vote was taken to reconvene and the ayes carried with none opposed. The motion was deferred.

Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to defer Resolution 2004-01 until Monday, August 4, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. County Attorney Neese called for a point of order and stated that the Commission needed to finish any other business that needed to be brought before the Commission. Commission Westbrook's motion is to defer Resolution 2004-01, 2004-02, 2004-03 and 2004-05 until Monday, August 4, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Westbrook withdrew his motion.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-04:** A Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 2003-37.

County Mayor called for a Committee report from Finance Ways and Means and Commissioner Phebus commented that the Highway Supervisor has already met his 1/12<sup>th</sup> appropriation from last year and this resolution will allow the Highway Department to continue to work until the budget has been passed.

Commissioner Phebus made a motion to place Resolution 2004-04 on the floor and Commissioner Sinclair placed the second. Discussion was called and the question. County Clerk Scarbrough called the roll with 17 ayes and one absent. The motion carried.

County Mayor Gifford called for the status of Resolution No. 2004-05 and Commissioner Westbrook stated that it would be ready August 4, 2003 at the reconvened session.

**TRUSTEE'S RELIEF OF TAXES:**

County Mayor Gifford commented that each of the Commissioners should have a copy of the Report by Trustee, Donald Doster. Commissioner Phebus placed a motion to relieve the Trustee of the taxes, and Commissioner McAlpin placed a second. Discussion was called and the question. County Clerk Scarbrough

called the roll with 17 ayes and one absent. The motion carried and the Trustee, Donald Doster was relieved of taxes in the amount of \$52,221.25.

**AMBULANCE CONTRACT:**

County Mayor Gifford commented that every five years there is a renewal vote and on checking back it has always been a vote by motion of the County Commission and passage by the County Commission. Commissioner Westbrook questioned if there had been any increase to the County supplement or the patient. A request for a copy of the Contract at the reconvened session was made and County Mayor Gifford stated it would be made available.

**MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS:**

There was not any miscellaneous announcements or statements to come before the Commission.

**ELECTION OF NOTARIES PUBLIC:**

County Mayor Gifford called for a motion and Commissioner Rich made the motion. Commissioner Gardner placed the second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes carried and none was opposed. The Notaries Public List was approved.

Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to defer Resolution No. 2004-01, 2004-02, 2004-03 and 2004-05 until 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 4, 2003 and that the commission stand in recess until that time. Commissioner Jones placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes carried. The Weakley County Legislative Body recessed at 6:39 p.m. until Monday, August 4, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk

WEAKLEY COUNTY INDUSTRIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

I, Ron Gifford, County Executive, recommend to the Weakley County Commissioners that the following persons be re-appointed to the Weakley County Industrial Board for a 6-year term:

John Harris  
Dr. Donnie Davis  
Carol Godwin  
Junior Moore

Motion was made by Commissioner Phebus that the foregoing recommendation be approved. Seconded by Commissioner Salmon. Upon being put to a voice vote, motion carried.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

  
Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk

  
Ron Gifford, County Executive

This the 28th day of July, 2003