

AGENDA

WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY  
REGULAR SESSION - MARCH 21, 2005

CALL TO ORDER - 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2005 REGULAR SESSION AND SPECIAL CALLED SESSION  
FEBRUARY 14, 2005

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS & CONFIRMATIONS:

Appointment of Members to the Weakley County Emergency Communications Board of Directors

Appointment of Emergency Management Director for Weakley County

Appointment of Person to Serve on the Weakley County Extension Committee

Election of Notary Publics

REPORTS:

Trustee's Report

General Fund Report

Highway Dept. Report

School Dept. Report

Finance, Ways and Means Committee Report - Dick Phebus, Chairman

Financial Management Report - Roger Stewart, Chairman

Health, Education and Economic Development Committee - Jimmy Westbrook, Chairman

Personnel Committee Report - John Salmon, Chairman

Public Safety Committee Report - Jack Vincent, Chairman

Public Works Committee Report - David Rook, Chairman

Nursing Home Committee Report - Mac Buckley, Chairman; David McBride, Administrator

Agricultural Extension Service Report - Jeff Lannom, Extension Agent & Director

Chamber of Commerce Report - Suzie German, Director

State of the County Address - Ron Gifford, County Mayor

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 2005 -- 24 General Purpose School Resolution

Resolution No. 2005 - 25 School Federal Projects Resolution

Resolution No. 2005 - 26 General Fund Resolution - Ned R. McWherter/Weakley County Library

Resolution No. 2005 - 27 Resolution Adopting the Interlocal Agreement to Establish a Joint  
Economic & Community Development Board in Weakley County.

Resolution No. 2005 - 28 General Fund Resolution - Drug Court Program

Resolution No. 2005 - 29 Resolution of Weakley County, Tennessee, Authorizing the Issuance  
of Interest Bearing General Obligation Capital Outlay Notes, Series  
2005, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$300,000, and Providing for the  
Payment of Said Notes.

Resolution No. 2005 - 30 Highway Dept. Resolution to Establish a Speed Limit for Dukedom

Miscellaneous announcements and statements

ADJOURNMENT

## WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY MEETING

MARCH 21, 2005

The Weakley County Legislative Body met in Regular Session on March 21, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Commission Room at the Weakley County Courthouse. Chairman Dick Phebus called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Stewart gave the invocation.

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

County Clerk, Pat Scarbrough, called the Roll with 15 members present and three members; James Barner, Sam Sinclair and Kevin McAlpin were absent. Sam Sinclair answered present on the first vote of the meeting.

Chairman Phebus called for a motion to approve the January 18, 2005 minutes and the February 14, 2005 Special Called Meeting minutes. Commissioner Page made a motion to approve and Commissioner Jones placed a second to the Motion. The Chairman called for a voice vote and the ayes carried with none opposed. The minutes of the January 18, 2005 Meeting were approved and the minutes of the February 14, 2005, Special Called Meeting were approved.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

There was not any special recognition to go before the commission and the Chairman moved to the next item on the Agenda.

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

The first item under elections, appointments and confirmations was the appointment of members to the Weakley County Emergency Communications Board of Directors. County Mayor Ron Gifford recommended Dick Phebus be reappointed to the Board. The County Clerk called the roll with 15 ayes two absent and one pass. The appointment of Dick Phebus to the Weakley County Emergency Communications Board of Directors was confirmed.

The next appointment on the Weakley County Emergency Communications Board of Directors was for John Salmon to be reappointed to the Board upon the recommendation of County Mayor Ron Gifford. The County Clerk called the roll with 15 ayes, two absent and one pass. The appointment of John Salmon to the Weakley County Emergency Communications Board of Directors was confirmed.

The next appointment was for the Emergency Management Director for Weakley County. County Mayor Gifford nominated Mark Seat for the position of Emergency Management Director for Weakley County. The County Clerk called the Roll with 14 ayes, 2 nays and 2 absent. The appointment of Mark Seat to the position of Emergency Management Director for Weakley County was confirmed.

The next appointment on the Agenda was for the Weakley County Extension Committee. County Mayor Gifford recommended Hugh Adams of Sharon to serve on the Weakley County Extension Committee. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to accept and Commissioner Wright placed a second to the motion. The County Clerk called the roll with 16 ayes and two absent. The appointment of Hugh Adams to the Weakley County Extension Committee was confirmed.

Commissioner Vincent made a motion that Jamison Peevyhouse be appointed the new Public Safety Director for Weakley County and Commissioner Hunt placed a second. The County Clerk called the Roll with 16 ayes and two absent. The appointment of Jamison Peevyhouse as the Public Safety Director for Weakley County was confirmed.

#### **ELECTION OF NOTARY PUBLICS:**

Chairman Phebus called for a motion to approve the Notary Public List and Commissioner Buckley made the motion and Commissioner Rook placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes carried with none opposed, the Notary Public List was approved.

#### **REPORTS:**

Each of the Commission members received in their packets the Trustee's Report, General Fund Report, the Highway Department Report, the School Department Report and the Solid Waste Report. Commissioner Owen made a motion to accept the reports and Commissioner Page placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes carried with none opposed. The Reports were accepted as filed.

Chairman Phebus called for any standing committee reports or comments from the Committee Chairman of the various committees. There being none the Chairman moved that the other reports, and the State of the County Address, by Commission Rules, need to be moved and included in the miscellaneous announcements and statements. Without objection these items will be moved to that part of the Agenda, until all other business is completed.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There wasn't any unfinished business to be taken up at this time and the Chairman moved to the next item on the Agenda.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **RESOLUTION NO. 2005-24** – General Purpose School Resolution.

Commissioner Vincent made a motion to place the resolution on the floor for consideration and Commissioner Wright placed a second to the motion. Commissioner Westbrook gave the Health, Education and Economic Development Committee report stated it passed his committee 6 to none. Chairman Phebus gave the Finance Ways and Means report and the resolution passed his committee unanimously. Discussion was called and the question. The County Clerk called the Roll with 16 ayes and two absent. The Motion carried.

##### **RESOLUTION NO. 2005-25** – School Federal Projects Resolution.

Commissioner Wright made the motion and Commissioner Baltz placed the second. Commissioner Westbrook gave the Health, Education and Economic Development Committee report stated it passed his committee 6 to none. Chairman Phebus commented that it also passed the Finance Ways and Means committee the same. Discussion was called and the question. The County Clerk called the Roll with 16 ayes and two absent. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-26** – General Fund Resolution – Ned R. McWherter/  
Weakley County Library.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to place the Resolution on the Floor and Commissioner Jones placed a second to the motion. Commissioner Westbrook gave the Health, Education and Economic Development Report and this resolution passed his committee 6 to none. Chairman Phebus gave the Finance Ways and Means Report and this resolution passed his committee. Discussion was called and the question. The County Clerk called the Roll with 16 ayes and two absent. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-27** – Resolution Adopting the Interlocal Agreement to Establish a Joint Economic and Community Development Board in Weakley County.

Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to place the resolution on the floor and Commissioner Hunt placed a second to the motion. Commissioner Westbrook gave the Health, Education and Economic Development Report and it passed his committee 6 to none. Discussion was called and Commissioner Westbrook commented that according to this agreement the Weakley County Commission nominates five members to the Joint Economic and Community Development Board. At that time, Commissioner Westbrook read the nominations. The nominations were, Nick Dunagan, Chancellor, UT Martin, John Clark, President First State Bank, Mike Forchione, Alderman City of Dresden, John Bucy, Executive Director, Northwest TN Economic Development District and Andy Page, President, Weakley County Chamber of Commerce. Chairman Phebus commented that he had intended to bring these nominations up after the vote on the resolution, but without objection, these nominations could be considered jointly without objection as a part of this Resolution, if passed.

Chairman Phebus called for further discussion. Commissioner Page was recognized and he encouraged the Commission to vote for this resolution. He commented that three of the five municipalities have passed this agreement unanimously and the City of Sharon is meeting tonight after this meeting to vote on the agreement. This agreement is a chance to recruit jobs back into Weakley County. Anywhere in Weakley County, that jobs are recruited will be a benefit to the County and Commissioner Page encouraged all of the members of the Weakley County Legislative Body to vote for this agreement. Further discussion was called and Chairman Phebus pointed out that the board will have a budget of \$200,000 for personnel and expenses with 48 percent of the budget funded by the County. Commissioner Stewart commented that if the County Commission ratifies this resolution that the County will be responsible for 48 percent of the \$200,000 budget. Further discussion was called and the question. The County Clerk called the roll with 16 ayes and two absent. The Motion carried and the Resolution was adopted. Commissioner Owen commented on the extra effort put forth by Commissioner Page and praised his work on the development of the joint board. Commissioner Owen commented that Commissioner Page has gone beyond the call of duty and he commended him on a job well done. Commissioner Page offered encouragement and commented that his hat was off to all mayors who support this effort.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-28** – General Fund Resolution – Drug Court Program

Commissioner Owen made a motion to place the Resolution on the Floor and Commissioner Rich placed the second. Discussion was called and the question. The County Clerk called the Roll with 16 ayes and two absent. The Motion carried. Chairman Phebus commented that this resolution did go before the proper committees and called for the reports from the proper committees. Commissioner Vincent gave the Public Safety Report and commented that this

passed his committee, Chairman Phebus gave the Finance Ways and Means Report, and it passed his committee.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-29** – Resolution of Weakley County, Tennessee, Authorizing the Issuance of Interest Bearing General Obligation Capital Outlay Notes, Series 2005, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$300,000, and Providing for the Payment of Said Notes.

Chairman Phebus called for the Nursing Home Report from Commissioner Buckley and it passed this committee. Chairman Phebus gave the Finance Ways and Means Report and this Resolution passed his committee. Commissioner Buckley made a motion to place the Resolution on the Floor and Commissioner Rook placed a second. Discussion was called. Commissioner Page questioned if this was debt all ready in the budget. Commissioner Buckley commented that the Nursing Home was nearly ready to start a building program, the money is there to pay for the project, but there is always the possibility of a problem. This resolution is for protection and a precautionary resolution to have money in place should a problem arise. Commissioner Buckley urged the commission to pass this resolution and commented that this would be an asset for the Nursing Home to have a Physical Therapy Wing. Commissioner Westbrook commented that he felt that the Physical Therapy Wing would enhance the revenue and he has full confidence in David McBride to handle the funding and enhance the profits for the County. Commissioner Rich commented that she felt this would be a wonderful addition to the Nursing Home, since there are a number of patients that receive Physical Therapy. Question was called and the County Clerk called the roll with 16 ayes and two absent. The resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-30** – Highway Department Resolution Authorizing a Speed Limit in Dukedom, Tennessee.

Commissioner Rook gave the Public Safety Report and this passed his committee 5 for and one absent. Commissioner Hunt made a motion to place the Resolution on the Floor and Commissioner Rook placed a second to the Motion. Discussion was called and Commissioner Westbrook questioned who would enforce this speed limit. Sheriff Wilson's Department will be patrolling the area. Commissioner Westbrook questioned if the County would be incurring any liability. County Attorney Neese commented that the County would not incur liability. Sheriff Wilson commented that he did have officers patrolling this area. Commissioner Vincent questioned what the speed limit was on a County Roads and the answer to this question was the speed limit is 55 miles per hour. Commissioner Rook commented that this community needs help in slowing the traffic in this area. Question was called and the County Clerk called the Roll with 16 for and two absent. The motion carried and the Resolution was adopted.

The Chairman called for any other New Business to come before the Commission. There being none the Chairman moved to the next item on the Agenda.

**MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS:**

County Mayor Gifford was recognized and he came forward to give a brief State of The County Address. County Mayor Gifford praised the County for a job well done and that he appreciated the job that the people diligently and consciously do every day. He commented on the fact that the County has good employees. County Mayor Gifford touched upon the various departments in the county and the excellent job they are all doing. County Mayor Gifford commented that he was proud that this commission voted unanimously by those present for the Interlocal agreement. He commented on the mayors, individuals, business people and others that have worked very cooperatively toward a common goal.

The most important question that he has had asked of him in the last few years, is what are you all doing about jobs? Many people have been working very hard, and some people are very frustrated in that process, because we didn't have a plan in place for the County. Mayor Gifford commented that he felt this new agreement is a good plan and he agreed with Chairman Phebus in that he felt the County could move forward with this agreement. The hard work begins now. We have to have a working board – a board that's willing to devote the time and energy, with no personal conflicts to achieve the goals of the citizens of this county.

If the economy of this county prospers, we all prosper. When my neighbor is able to pay his taxes that makes my taxes reasonable. We are all interrelated in this, I do appreciate your efforts, and I appreciate the efforts of the employees of this county. I appreciate the efforts and patience, and the foresight of the people of this county to allow us to do this job. County Mayor Gifford thanked the Commission and the people for their time.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business to come before the Commission Commissioner Stewart made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Vincent placed a second. The Weakley County Legislative Body adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk