

TO ENDORSE THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TENNESSEE COUNTY SERVICES ASSOCIATION JAIL COST STUDY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the operation and administration of the county jail makes up a significant portion of a county government's budget and is a complicated and burdensome task; and

WHEREAS, many counties in our State are dealing with significant challenges related to the construction or expansion of jail facilities, renovation or management or antiquated facilities, rapidly growing jail populations, and health care challenges related to inmates; and

WHEREAS, proactive and forward-thinking legislation could provide tools to county governments to help counties address the challenges of operating a local correctional facility; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee County Services Association convened a study committee to examine correctional issues for county governments and to make recommendations regarding potential cost savings for counties; and

WHEREAS, that study committee dutifully reported its findings and recommendations, has identified several proposed reforms which could ease administration and reduce the costs of managing jails, and is continuing to study further issues regarding local correctional facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Sheriff's Association has endorsed the recommendations of the Jail Cost Study Committee and agreed to participate in the committee's on-going efforts; and

WHEREAS, the legislative body of Weakley County has reviewed the March 15, 2005, report of the Jail Cost Study Committee which was delivered to the board of directors of the Tennessee County Services Association and agrees with its findings and endorses the recommendations of the study committee:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County, meeting in regular session on this 16th day of May, 2005, that Weakley County hereby endorses the findings and recommendations of the TCSA Jail Cost Study Committee and urges the Tennessee County Services Association to take all necessary steps to move forward with developing legislative initiatives to enact the reforms and recommendations of the study committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the county clerk shall mail certified copies of this resolution to the executive director of the Tennessee County Services Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Pursuant To The Rules Of The Commission, This Resolution Is Sponsored By The Following Members Of The Weakley County Board Of County Commissioners:

SPONSORED BY:

Earl Wright

SPONSORED BY:

Roger Lewis

ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED:

Jack Stewart
Chairman, Public Safety Committee

Motion made by Commissioner Vincent that the foregoing resolution be adopted:
Motion seconded by Commissioner Salmon.

Upon being put to a roll call vote, Motion carried by a vote of 16 Yeas, 0 Nays,
0 Passed and 2 Absent.

ATTESTED:

Pat Scarbrough
Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk

APPROVED:

Richard Phebus
Richard Phebus, Chairman

This the 16th Day of May 2005.

APPROVED:

Ron Gifford
Ron Gifford, County Mayor

VETOED:

Ron Gifford, County Mayor

DATE:

05/18/05

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