

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDS
FOR PROJECTS IN WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

WHEREAS, a Federal Economic Stimulus package will be presented to Congress by President Obama in the next few weeks; and

WHEREAS, economic conditions and high unemployment are most severe in rural Northwest Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, funds spent by counties will have the greatest and fastest impact that will benefit states and regions and as a result urgently needed local projects could be quickly funded to energize the local communities without state requirements added on top of regulations of the various economic stimulus funding agencies; and

WHEREAS, Weakley County government has a number of projects on the drawing board that are "shovel-ready" if funding can be secured.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the county legislative body of Weakley County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 26th day of January, 2009 in Dresden, Tennessee that the following projects that are presently ready to begin in Weakley County and our regional partner Obion County and the municipalities of Dresden and Martin be considered for funding from the economic stimulus package soon to be before Congress:

1. Runway extension and improvements at the Everett Stewart Regional Airport jointly operated by Weakley and Obion Counties. (\$495,000)
2. Construction of a road to a 100,000 square foot spec building located in Martin, TN owned by the Industrial Board of Weakley County. (\$250,000)
3. Participate in site preparation for a spec building in Dresden, TN with \$750,000 already in hand. (\$464,194.)
4. Construction of deceleration lane on State Route 22 near the new headquarters building and office complex for the Weakley County Municipal Electric System currently under construction. (\$150,000)
5. Construction of a new road and entrance to the Everett Stewart Airport jointly operated by Weakley and Obion counties. (\$4,300,000)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these projects show that Weakley County is collaborating with the cities of Dresden and Martin and Obion County by focusing on strategic economic growth initiatives using the stimulus funds with local funds and funding from the private sector to get our economy moving.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the United States Senator Lamar Alexander, United States Senator Bob Corker, J United States Representative John Tanner, Governor Phil Bredesen, State Senator Roy Herron, State Representative Mark Maddox, State Representative Judy Barker, TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely, ECD Commissioner Matt Kisber, the Delta Regional Authority, the Northwest TN Economic Development District, and the USDA Rural Development Agency.

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:

[Signature]

SPONSORED BY:

[Signature]

ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED:

[Signature]

Chairman, Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Motion made by Commissioner Stewart that the foregoing

resolution be adopted: Motion seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

Upon being put to a roll call vote, Motion carried by a vote of 14 Yeas,

4 Nays, 0 Passed and 0 Absent.

ATTESTED:

[Signature]
Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Richard Phebus, Chairman

This the 26th Day of January 2009.

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Houston W. Patrick, County Mayor

VETOED:

Houston W. Patrick, County Mayor

DATE:

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