

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

RULES COMMITTEE

October 23, 2001, 5:30 P.M.

Rules Committee Members Present: Commissioners James H. Westbrook, Jr., Roger Stewart, John Salmon, Seldon Parham, Eric Owen, George Broussard, Dick Phebus, Earl Wright, Mac Buckley, and Sam Sinclair.

Others Present: Ron Gifford-County Executive, Richard Barber-Director of Schools, Gordon Morris-Chairman School Board, Roger Atkins-CTAS Representative, David McAlpin-Emergency Management Director, other county commissioners, and a representative from WCMT Radio.

The Rules Committee met on Tuesday, October 23, 2001, 5:30 P.M. in the county commission room at the Weakley County Courthouse in Dresden, TN .

Chairman Westbrook called the meeting to order and distributed the agenda.

Old Business:

Commissioner Buckley made the motion to approve the September 7, 2001 minutes. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business:

Reapportionment

Chairman Westbrook announced that Resolutions #2002-15 and #2002-16 are revised, the revision included adding the school board and road board to the equation; no change has been made concerning the description of the districts.

Commissioner Phebus made motion to approve Resolution #2002-15, which creates nine districts with two commissioner members per district. Commissioner Owen seconded the motion for discussion.

Various commissioners commented on the previous county commission meeting stating that sixteen commissioners voted in favor of ten districts; however a nine-district plan is being proposed a second time. Commissioner Phebus stated that Resolution #2002-15 proposed a new and different nine-district plan. Chairman Westbrook reminded the members that the vote at the September county commission meeting was for the purpose of establishing boundary descriptions the vote was a non-binding vote. Discussion continued on the nine-district plan. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Owen, Wright, Phebus, Sinclair, and Westbrook voted Yes for Resolution #2002-15. Commissioners Salmon, Parham, Stewart, Broussard, Buckley voted No for Resolution #2002-15. The resolution vote was 5-Yes and 5-No.

Commissioner Buckley made the motion to approve Resolution #2002-16, which creates ten districts with two commissioner members per district. Commissioner Salmon seconded the motion for discussion. Discussion followed concerning the ten district plan. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Salmon, Parham, Stewart, Broussard, Buckley, Wright, and Westbrook voted Yes for Resolution #2002-16. Commissioners Owen, Phebus, and Sinclair voted No for Resolution #2002-16. The resolution vote was 7-Yes and 3-No; thus Resolution #2002-16 passed. Therefore, Resolution #2002-18 and #2002-19 are immaterial at this point. Chairman Westbrook stated that both district plans could be presented to the full county commission.

Commissioner Owen made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Sinclair meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Phebus, Secretary
Rules Committee

Approved:

James H. Westbrook, Jr., Chairman
Rules Committee

Date: _____