

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

RULES COMMITTEE

June 25, 2001, 6:30 P.M.

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

Others Present: Ron Gifford-County Executive, Gordon Morris-Chairman School Board, other county commissioners, Bettye Tidwell-Director of Finance, and a representative from the Dresden Enterprise.

The Committee on Rules & Committees met on Monday, June 25, 2001, 6:30 P.M. in the county commission room at the Weakley County Courthouse.

Chairman Westbrook called the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve the May 21, 2001 minutes. Commissioner Phebus seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reapportionment

Each committee member has received a copy of the "Guide to Local Redistricting in Tennessee" as provided by the Office of Local Government.

Commissioner Buckley stated that he and Commissioner Farmer have done some preliminary work concerning the redrawing of the districts.

Commissioner Phebus recommended that the School Board and Road Board follow the plan proposed by the Rules Committee as to the redistricting of the county.

Discussion followed concerning the present ten districts versus the seven or fewer districts. Various commissioners responded. Commissioners stated that the advantages for maintaining ten districts are the ease of dividing the districts and more representation. Commissioners stated that the disadvantage of maintaining ten districts is that it is too many districts for Weakley County. The advantage to seven districts is that each district would have more people per district.

Discussion followed. Commissioner Sinclair recommended forming a sub-committee to draft a proposed re-districting plan to present to the full Rules Committee. Chairman Westbrook stated that forming a sub-committee will be considered at the next meeting.

Other Business

Commissioner Stewart made the motion to recommend to the full county commission to change the Monday, July 23, 2001 county commission meeting to Tuesday, July 31, 2001. Commissioner Broussard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chairman Westbrook stated that two WCMES Board terms will expire on June 30, 2001 and that action was needed to fill these terms. Commissioner Owen made the motion to recommend to the full county commission to re-appoint Bob Ray of Gleason and J. V. Henry of South Fulton to each serve a four-year term on the WCMES Board. Commissioner Broussard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Owen made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Buckley meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Phebus, Secretary
The Rules Committee

Approved:

James H. Westbrook, Jr., Chairman
The Rules Committee

Date: _____