

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
RULES COMMITTEE
August 30, 2002, 2:30 P.M.

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

Others Present: Ron Gifford-County Executive, other county commissioners, and representative from the Dresden Enterprise.

The Rules Committee met on Friday, August 30, 2002, 2:30 P.M. in the county commission room at the Weakley County Courthouse in Dresden, TN.

Chairman Westbrook called the meeting to order.

Old Business:

Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve the July 29th minutes. Commissioner Phebus seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business:

Election of Officers

Vice-Chairman presided over the meeting of the election of the Chairman. Commissioner Stewart made the motion to appoint Commissioner Westbrook to serve as Chairman. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Chairman Westbrook presided over the election of other offices. Commissioner Salmon made the motion to appoint Commissioner Wright to serve as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Phebus seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Wright made the motion to appoint Commissioner Phebus to serve as Secretary. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Rules Regulating the Procedures of the Board of County Commissioners

Chairman Westbrook outlined the changes in the September 2002 draft compared to the 1998 Rules. The first change appears in Rule 1 with the commission meeting time changed from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. There was no opposition to the time change. No changes were made on pages 2 or 3.

The second change appears on page 4 Rule 7F Youth Service Officer. Chairman Westbrook stated due to a recent Supreme Court ruling that the Juvenile Court Judge can no longer appoint the Youth Service Officer. Therefore, the county commission should appoint the Youth Service Officer.

The third change appears on page 5 Rule 8 B Standing Committees. The number of standing committees has been reduced to six committee with six members per committee. Commissioner Wright questioned why the Personnel Committee had been removed and if its responsibilities would fall under another committee. Commissioner Salmon continued stating that the Personnel Committee is necessary when addressing county employee personnel issues. Chairman Westbrook stated that it might benefit Weakley County to add the Personnel Committee back to the standing committees.

Chairman Westbrook then distributed new pages 5 and 6 to the committee members that would add the Personnel Committee back to the standing committees. Discussion followed. Commissioner Phebus made the motion to delete the Capital Projects Committee from the standing committees and add the Personnel Committee. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The fourth change appears on page 6 C4 adding the Joint Economic Development Board that was not included in the 1998 Rules. Commissioner Salmon questioned page 5 B3 Public Works as to whether or not the Solid Waste is placed under the Health, Education, & Welfare committee or placed under the Public Works Committee. Discussion followed. Commissioner Owen made the motion to leave the Solid Waste fund under the Public Works committee. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion followed on the rules. Commissioner Sinclair made the motion to recommend the rules to the full commission. Commissioner Owen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

County Executive Gifford questioned page 10, Rule 15 County Attorney suggesting that the phrase stating the county attorney's legal opinions dealing with specific liability cases involving the county not be place on file in the County Clerk's office. Discussion followed. Commissioner Phebus made the motion that the legal opinions of the county attorney dealing with specific liability cases involving the county not be place on file in the County Clerk's office. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion followed about committees that may need to meet prior to the September 16th County Commission meeting. Commissioner Phebus made the motion to make the Rules Regulating the Commission effective September 1, 2002 subject to the approval of the Weakley County Commission. Commissioner Sinclair seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stewart distributed a proposed committee listing. Discussion followed. Commissioner Buckley made the motion to approve the committee listing and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Owen made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Buckley the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Phebus, Secretary
Rules Committee

Approved:

James H. Westbrook, Jr. Chairman
Rules Committee

Date: _____

