

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

RULES COMMITTEE

September 16, 2002, 5:45 P.M.

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

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

The Rules Committee met on Monday, September 16, 2002, 5:45 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 Phebus made the motion to approve the August 30th minutes. Commissioner Sinclair seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business:

Resolution #2003-06 - Rules Regulating the Procedures of the Board of County Commissioners

Discussion on the Rule 3, Item 5, Page 2 followed concerning public hearings. Commissioner Phebus questioned whether or not the time of 8:00 p.m. needed to be changed because of the commission meeting time change. He suggested placing a time limit on the length on the public hearings. Commissioner Phebus made the motion to strike the words "and it shall continue until 8:00 p.m." from Rule 3, Item 5, Page 2. Commissioner Sinclair seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Owen asked for clarification on Rule 7, Item F Youth Service Officer. Chairman Westbrook stated that according to the Judicial Ethics Committee opinion that the Youth Service Officer is to be appointed by the county commission not the juvenile court judge. Chairman Westbrook stated that Weakley County's Juvenile judge agrees with the opinion issued.

County Executive Gifford stated that Rule 15, County Attorney, page 10 does not allow for legal matters that may be potential litigation. Discussion followed concerning how to distinguish between current and potential litigation. No action was taken on this issue.

Commissioner Owen made the motion to recommend Resoluion #2003-06 to the county commission for approval with one change in Rule 3 Item 5, Page 2 strike the words "and it shall continue until 8:00 p.m." from the rules. Commissioner Phebus seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

County Executive Gifford stated that his office would be responsible for having the rules bound by a printing company and disbursing to the commission.

Chairman Westbrook declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Phebus, Secretary
Rules Committee

Approved:

James H. Westbrook, Jr. Chairman
Rules Committee

Date: _____