

**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
RULES COMMITTEE
September 7, 2001, 4:30 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, and Sam Sinclair.

Rules Committee Members Absent: Commissioners Mac Buckley.

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

The Rules Committee met on Friday, September 7, 2001, 4:30 P.M. in the conference room at the Weakley County Board of Education building.

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

Old Business:

Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve the August 9, 2001 minutes. Commissioner Sinclair seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business:

Reapportionment

Chairman Westbrook announced that maps for eight, nine, and ten districts were available for members and non-members to view.

Chairman Westbrook requested nominations for Veterans Service Officer. Commissioner Parham made the motion to appoint Dave Bradley to serve as the Veterans Service Officer for 2001-2002 FY. Commissioner Broussard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion of proposed rule changes for the county commission followed. There were no proposed rule changes.

Commissioner Stewart distributed a listing of the proposed 01-02 FY committee structure; there are no changes in committee assignments. Commissioner Stewart made the motion to approve the committees for 01-02 FY. Commissioner Owen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Broussard made the motion to elect Mac Buckley as chairman pro tempore of the Weakley County Commission for 01-02 FY. Commissioner Parham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Salmon made the motion to elect County Executive Ron Gifford as chairman of the Weakley County Commission for 01-02 FY. Commissioner Broussard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

In other business the reappointment was discussed. Chairman Westbrook announced that a seven-district plan is not available and he received no response for the committee members; therefore the seven-district plan was removed from the table. Chairman Westbrook stated that the Election Registrar had reviewed all other proposed plans.

The nine-district plan containing three road board members, nine school board members, and eighteen county commissioners received no response from the committee members; therefore the nine-district plan was removed from the table.

Discussion followed on the ten-district plan. Commissioner Broussard made the motion to approve the ten-district plan. Commissioner Parham seconded the motion. Various commissioners both committee members and non-committee members voiced their concern with the ten-district plan. A roll call vote was taken. The motion failed with 4-Yes 5-No.

Discussion followed on the eight-district plan. Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve the eight-district plan. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. County Executive Gifford stated that he supports an eight-district plan over a ten-district plan because an eight-district plan better represents the Weakley County. Various commissioners both committee members and non-committee members voiced their concern with the eight-district plan. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with 5-Yes 4-No.

Chairman Westbrook stated that the Rules Committee would present the eight-district plan to the county commission on a 5-4 vote.

Election of Officers

Commissioner Stewart made the motion to elect the following for 01-02 FY Chairman – Commissioner Westbrook, Vice-Chairman – Commissioner Stewart, Secretary – Commissioner Phebus. Commissioner Broussard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Broussard made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Stewart meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Phebus, Secretary
Rules Committee

Approved:

James H. Westbrook, Jr., Chairman
Rules Committee

Date: _____

