

WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2018

The Weakley County Legislative Body Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by County Mayor Bynum in the Weakley County Commission Room.

Pastor David Worley gave the invocation.

All members present gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

County Clerk Hughey called the Roll. Answering present Commissioner Dennis Doster, Commissioner Bynum, Commissioner Owen, Commissioner Pope, Commissioner Usery, Commissioner Eddings, Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Fortner, Commissioner Wright, Commissioner Overton, Commissioner Hawks, Commissioner VanCleave, Commissioner Donaldson, Commissioner Vincent, Commissioner Donald Doster, and Commissioner Westbrook making a total of 16 present. Two members Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Hudson were absent.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Donald Doster made the motion and Commissioner Eddings placed a second. There were not any additions, deletions or corrections made and a voice vote was taken. The ayes have it with none opposed. The minutes from the November 20, 2017 meeting were approved.

COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSION:

The Financial Reports were included in the packets. Commissioner Dennis Doster made a motion to accept the reports as filed and Commissioner Vincent placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The Financial Reports were accepted as filed.

The Veterans Service Report was next. Commissioner Fortner made a motion to accept the report as filed and Commissioner Hawks placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The Veterans Service Report was accepted as filed.

The U T Extension Report to Stakeholders was next. Commissioner VanCleave made a motion to accept as filed and Commissioner Owen placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The U T Extension Report to Stakeholders was accepted as filed.

MESSAGE FROM COUNTY MAYOR:

County Mayor Bynum commented that the conflict of interest is due by January 31, 2018 and it needs to be mailed or electronically submitted to the Secretary of State by the 31st.

County Mayor Bynum commented that the TCSA County Legislative Conference will be March 12 and March 13. If anyone plans on attending this conference, they will need to register with Erica Moore, Administrative Assistant, tonight after the meeting.

Also included in the packets is a letter from the Finance Director. This letter is just for your information and if you have questions, they will need to be addressed to Finance Director Liggett.

The Hazardous Waste Disposal Event will be held at the Highway Department Convenience Center on April 14, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

County Mayor Bynum commented that Gordon Morris, Weakley County School Board Member, had submitted his letter of resignation to the Weakley County School Board after serving for thirty (30) years. The public will be notified of the vacancy and publicized prior to the March 2018 meeting, at which time the vacancy will be filled.

County Mayor Bynum recognized School Board Member Gordon Morris and asked him to stand. At this time the County Commission gave him a round of applause.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Commissioner Donaldson gave a brief report of the Weakley County Nursing Home Report with the audit ending June 30, 2017. There were not any findings. He commented the Nursing Home assets exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by 7.6 million, which is an increase of \$124,000 from the prior year.

Commissioner Donaldson commented that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 the Nursing Home had income from operations of \$107,000. This was a decrease of \$1.2 million from the prior year's income. The facility experienced fewer inpatient days. The largest decreases were seen in Medicare Part A, Medicaid II and Hospice Care.

Commissioner Donaldson commented that the total change in net position for the current year was an increase of \$124,000, compared to an increase of \$1.3 million in the prior year.

The Nursing Home purchased capital assets of \$466,000 during the current year, compared to \$442,000 in the prior year.

Commissioner Donaldson commented that the Health Insurance remained at 20 percent employee pay and 80 percent county pay. This continues to be in line with the rest of the county along with a two (2) percent raise for the employees.

Commissioner Donaldson commented that David McBride and his staff are doing an outstanding job.

Commissioner Donaldson commented that he had a copy of the audit and this report if anyone wished to see it or had any questions.

Commissioner Westbrook requested a report on Fiber from the WCMES General Manager, Faron Collins. Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to recess so that General Manager Faron Collins could report and Commissioner Fortner placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The Weakley County Legislative Body went into recess at 5:40 p.m.

The Weakley County Legislative Body was called back into regular session at 6:03 p.m.

Commissioner Hawks wished to make a request. At the County Commission Conference, they have seminars on Fiber and it is my understanding that 70 percent of Tennessee has access to high speed fiber and of that number less than 50 percent are using it. Commissioner Hawks commented he would like to find out the exact numbers and what will be feasible and the cost of the tax payer's money that will be spent on this.

Commissioner Westbrook commented that he had also had questions concerning this and the answer he is receiving is that it is not the quality but the speed.

Commissioner Overton commented that he has signed up for Fiber and that it is going to cost him approximately \$25.00 more than what he currently pays.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

County Mayor Bynum recognized Tax Assessor David Tuck and congratulated him for recently being named Outstanding Executive Board Member of the Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers. The Weakley County Legislative Body gave Mr. Tuck a round of applause.

ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

First was the Election of the County Attorney. A motion was made by Commissioner Westbrook to recommend and elect Allison Whitledge and a second was placed by Commissioner Hawks. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. Allison Whitledge was elected as the County Attorney.

Next was the Election of Notaries Public. Commissioner Wright made the motion and Commissioner Eddings placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The List of Notaries Public was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

The appointment of a Constable in District 8A was under Old Business. There were not any nominations and the Commission moved to the next item of business.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-21: Resolution Authorizing a 2017 County Maintenance Road List (Passed unanimously through the Public Works Committee) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Vincent and Jones.*

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion and Commissioner Taylor placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-22: Resolution Authorizing a Road Addition on the Weakley County Highway Department County Maintenance Road List. (Passed unanimously through the Public Works Committee) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Overton and Jones.*

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion and Commissioner Owen placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The motion carried.

Commissioner Owen made a motion to combine and place on the floor for discussion Resolutions No. 2018-19, 2018-20, 2018-23 and 2018-24. Commissioner Usery placed a second to the motion. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. Resolutions No. 2018-19, 2018-20, 2018-23 and 2018-24 were combined and placed on the floor for discussion.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-19: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 (Passed unanimously through the HEED and FWM Committees) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Hudson and Jones.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-20: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Purpose School Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 (Passed unanimously through the HEED and FWM Committees) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Bynum and Usery.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-23: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 (Passed unanimously through HEED and FWM Committees) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Overton and Hawks.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-24: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 (Passed unanimously through the FWM Committee) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Donaldson and Dennis Doster.*

Discussion and the question were called.

County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 16 ayes and two absent. The motion carried and Resolution No. 2018-19, No. 2018-20, 2018-23 and 2018-24 carried.

COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fortner asked for approval to attend the NACO Convention March 3 through March 6. Motion was made by Commissioner Fortner and Commissioner Eddings placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The trip to NACO Convention was approved.

County Mayor Bynum announced the next Regular Weakley County Legislative Body Meeting will be held on March 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

The Weakley County Legislative Body Regular Meeting stood adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kim Hughey, Weakley County Clerk