

WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY REGULAR MEETING
MAY 30, 2019

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.

Commissioner Doster gave the invocation.

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

County Clerk Hughey called the Roll. Answering present were Commissioner Doster, Commissioner Dunlap, Commissioner Owen, Commissioner Eddings, Commissioner Nanney, Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Fortner, Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Overton, Commissioner Hawks, Commissioner Donaldson, Commissioner Vincent, Commissioner Essary and Commissioner Westbrook. Fourteen members answered present and Commissioner Hudson, Commissioner Pope, Commissioner Usery and Commissioner VanCleave were absent.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Bell made the motion and Commissioner Eddings placed a second. There were not any additions, deletions or corrections. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The minutes from the March 18, 2019 meeting were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION:

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

Next was the Veterans Service Report. Commissioner Fortner made the motion 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 on the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Doster and a second was placed by Commissioner Eddings. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The motion was approved.

Next was the Soil Conservation District Annual Report. Commissioner Fortner made the motion and Commissioner Donaldson placed a second to the motion. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The report was accepted as filed.

MESSAGE FROM COUNTY MAYOR:

County Mayor Bynum commented that Weakley County's unemployment numbers for April were better at 3.1 percent. This is 0.5 percent lower than March's rate and 0.3 percent less than one year ago. County Mayor Bynum commented that we normally see an increase in May due to MTD seasonal employment. County Mayor Bynum commented that fewer temporary employees at MTD are being laid off as in past years.

County Mayor Bynum commented that 8th District U.S. Congressman David Kustoff has closed his Martin office. There will now be a mobile office in all counties that Congressman Kustoff represents. County Mayor Bynum commented that the mobile office in Weakley County will be in the Weakley County Commission Room the first Tuesday of every month from 9:00 a.m. until 12 o'clock noon. Congressman Kustoff's field representatives will be available for questions, etc.

County Mayor Bynum announced that the Budget Schedule is available at the front desk with a few small additions. The Finance, Ways and Means Committee will meet at 5:00 p.m. prior to the June and July Weakley County Commission Regular Meetings.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Commissioner Donaldson gave a brief report on the Airport Board and commented that an interim manager, chairman and seven members have been appointed to the Everett-Stewart Regional Airport Board and they are proceeding forward with prospects on our building.

The next report was the Audit Committee Report by Commissioner Taylor. The Audit Committee met on May 14th. Commissioner Taylor made reference to two findings in the Office of Director of Finance in the year 2017. One finding was that a former employee of the school department continued to receive compensation after his employment was terminated, resulting in a cash shortage of \$18,986.33. This has been corrected. Second, the office had deficiencies in the administration of employee payroll deductions and payroll liabilities accounts. This also has been corrected.

Commissioner Taylor commented that there was an audit finding concerning improper receipting practices at the Solid Waste Management Convenience Center. Official pre-numbered receipts were not issued at the convenience center for fees collected for the disposal of various materials and duties were not segregated adequately at the center. The department has purchased an appropriate receipt book and according to Finance Director Liggett, action has been taken to clearly designate duties.

Commissioner Taylor commented that the problems prompting the findings in the audit were not actions made under the directorship of Liggett and commended his office on resolving these findings.

Commissioner Taylor made reference with key financial highlights. Total assets and deferred outflows of resources at year-end exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$57,025,839.

Total revenues of the governmental activities were \$19,003,161 and increase of \$2,400,535 from fiscal year 2017.

Total expenditures of the governmental activities were \$19,608,812, a decrease of \$2,735,732 over fiscal year 2017.

Commissioner Bell reported from the newly formed Fiber Optics Committee that met in April. There is \$600 million available under the USDA Reconnect Program and another \$500 million under the Rural Development Program. Commissioner Bell commented that the committee unanimously agreed to recommend the Commission enter into an agreement with WK&T to write grants for Weakley County and capture some of that money.

Commissioner Bell commented that Trevor Bonnstetter with WK&T was at the meeting to speak to the commission. Commissioner Doster made a motion to recess for Mr. Bonnstetter to speak to the commission and Commissioner Owen place a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The commission stood in recess at 5:42 p.m.

The Weakley County Legislative Body was called back into session at 6:02 p.m.

Commissioner Donaldson made a motion to partner and proceed with WK&T. After Commissioner Hawks was assured the amount of \$40,000 was the entire amount the county would be obligated for the needed assessment study, he placed a second. Discussion followed and Commissioner Westbrook questioned if this means the county will spend \$40,000. It was noted that WK&T will pay at least \$40,000 and possibly more to conduct the needed assessment. Commissioner Owen made a motion to amend so that the \$40,000 will come out of 2019-2020 fiscal year budgets and go before HEED and FWM Committees prior to going before the full Commission. Commissioner Bell placed a second to the amendment and a voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. County Mayor Bynum commented that the commission is back on the original motion with the amendment. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The Motion carried with 14 ayes and 4 absent.

ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

The appointment of members to the Library Board was next. County Mayor Bynum recommended appointing the following on staggered terms to the Ned R McWherter

Weakley County Library Board; David McAlpin for a one year term ending June 30, 2020, Joyce Haworth and Anna Clark to a two-year term ending June 30, 2021 and Bettye Legons, Julie Cooper, Shirley Alexander and Lisa Morgan to a three-year term ending June 30, 2022. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion for the recommendations of County Mayor Bynum and Commissioner Overton placed a second. A vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. David McAlpin was appointed to a one-year term ending June 30, 2020, Joyce Haworth and Anna Clark to a two-year term ending June 30, 2021 and Bettye Legons, Julie Cooper, Shirley Alexander and Lisa Morgan to a three-year term ending June 30, 2022.

Next was the appointment of a Constable in District 1 with a term ending in August of 2020.

Commissioner Dunlap nominated Steven Todd a retired Deputy Sheriff with 33 years of experience who also served as Bailiff for 12 of those years; he also is a veteran of the US Army.

Commissioner Doster nominated Anthony Wilson, who has served as a Constable in the past and is certified to be a Constable.

Commissioner Westbrook questioned what the qualifications were for Constable. County Mayor Bynum commented that they must be 21 years old, a qualified voter in the district, have the ability to read and write, possess at least a high school diploma or general educational development certificate, no felony convictions, and no armed forces discharge other than honorable.

****Commissioner Vincent made a motion to strike the following statement and amend the minutes to reflect this change and Commissioner Eddings placed a second to the motion. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The following comment was struck from the minutes.****

(Commissioner Vincent commented that both were qualified for Constable in District 1.)

County Clerk Hughey called the roll with Steven Todd receiving 10 votes from Commissioners Dunlap, Eddings, Nanney, Taylor, Fortner, Bell, Overton, Donaldson, Vincent and Westbrook.

Anthony Wilson received two votes from Commissioner Doster and Essary. Two members, Commissioner Owen and Hawks passed and four members were absent.

Steven Todd was appointed District 1 Constable with a term ending August 2020.

Next was the Election of Notaries Public. Commissioner Hawks made the motion and Commissioner Bell 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:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-35: Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application for a Litter and Trash Collection Grant From the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Authorizing the Acceptance of Said Grant to the Weakley County, Tennessee, Highway Fund for the FY Ending June 30, 2020. (Passed unanimously through Public Works and Finance, Ways and Means Committees.) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Doster and Bell.*

Commissioner Taylor made the motion and Commissioner Donaldson placed a second. Discussion and the question were called and a voice vote was taken. The ayes have it with none opposed, the motion carried.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS:

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to combine Resolutions No. 2019-36, 2019-37, 2019-38, 2019-39, 2019-40 and 2019-41. Commissioner Doster made the motion to combine the financial resolutions and Commissioner Vincent placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The Financial Resolutions were combined for consideration.

Commissioner Doster made a motion to place Resolutions No. 2019-36, 2019-37, 2019-38, 2019-39, 2019-40 and 2019-41 on the floor for discussion and Commissioner Eddings placed a second to the motion.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-36: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Purpose School Fund for the FY Ending June 30, 2019. (Passed unanimously through HEED and FWM Committees.) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Essary and Taylor.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-37: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, Highway and Debt Service Funds for the FY Ending June 30, 2019. (Passed unanimously through Public Safety and FWM Committees.) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Taylor and Owen.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-38: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Fund for the FY Ending June 30, 2019. (Passed unanimously through Public Safety and FWM Committees.) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Vincent and Owen.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-39: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Fund for the FY Ending June 30, 2019. (Passed unanimously through FWM Committee.) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Owen and VanCleave.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-40: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Fund for the FY Ending June 30, 2019. (Passed unanimously through HEED and FWM Committees.) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Vincent and Owen.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-41: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Fund for the FY Ending June 30, 2019. (Passed unanimously through HEED and FWM Committees.) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Westbrook and Usery.*

County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 passed and 4 absent. The motion carried. Resolution No. 2019-36, 2019-37, 2019-38, 2019-39, 2019-40 and 2019-41 were approved.

COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fortner was recognized and he requested that the Commission approve travel expenses for the NACO Conference on July 11 – July 15, 2019 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Commissioner Fortner made the motion and Commissioner Bell placed a second. Discussion followed and Commissioner Owen questioned if there was money available in the line item for this expense. County Mayor Bynum commented that the line item for travel is all ready over \$4,300. A voice vote was called and the travel expense for Commissioner Fortner was not approved. The motion failed.

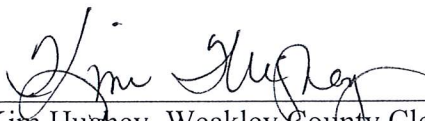
Commissioner Fortner commented that he would still attend the Conference in July and pay his own expenses.

Commissioner Bell questioned the travel line item being over budget. County Mayor Bynum commented that there would be a Resolution to clean up any line items in the Budget at year end.

County Mayor Bynum announced that the next Regular Meeting will be June 27, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

The Weakley County Legislative Body Regular Meeting stood adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kim Hughey, Weakley County Clerk