

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Monday, January 6, 2020 - 9:00 AM - Meeting Room, Ag Extension Office, Dresden, TN

Public Works Committee Members Present: Commissioners Dennis Doster, James H. Westbrook, Jr., Larry Taylor, and Roger Donaldson

Public Works Committee Members Absent: Commissioner Colton Nanney

The Weakley County Public Works Committee met on Monday, January 6, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the meeting room at the Ag Extension Room in Dresden. Others present included County Mayor Jake Bynum, Finance Director John Liggett, Road Supervisor Charles Ross, Elections Administrator Alex Britt, Commissioner Gary Eddings, and two representatives of the media.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Doster called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Doster called for the approval of the minutes from the meeting that was held on November 12, 2019. Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to approve the minutes, and with a second by Commissioner Taylor, the motion passed unanimously

III. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Taylor asked whether the state had been contacted regarding waste tire dumping sites around the county. There was discussion regarding varying opinions of representatives from the state who had been contacted. There was brief conversation about the Solid Waste fund, the necessity to ensure that funds remain available in that account, and the inevitable clean up of these sites in the future.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

1. Resolution No. 2020-32

This resolution authorizes a 2019 Weakley County Maintenance Road List. Road Supervisor Ross mentioned that the only update on the list included a correction to Ray Lane, which was corrected from .88 to .08. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve the resolution and recommend it to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson, the motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion of Utility Permitting on County Right-of-Ways

Supervisor Ross was recognized and explained to the committee that a lot of infrastructure work was happening around county roads, and one of his biggest concerns was the plowing up of county right-of-ways by local utility companies, namely the gas company. He referred to Resolution 2015-23, a Resolution to Establish Regulations Governing use of the County Right-of-Way in Weakley County, by saying that the language authorizes him to require an engineering stamp on all utility projects, or order a contractor inspector on projects. Supervisor Ross continued by saying that it is a growing concern and he is fearful that the foundation of the road could be potentially damaged through haphazardly performed projects on the shoulder of the road by these utility companies. He asked the committee to advise. Commissioner Donaldson suggested the issuing of a formal letter to the companies that outlined the problems and notified that further action would be taken. Discussion continued

about various contractors and fiber installation. Supervisor Ross said that he would continue to closely monitor the situation and report all information to the committee.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VI. ADJOURN

Having no other business, Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Taylor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erica Moore, Secretary Public Works Committee

Approved

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