# WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE RULES COMMITTEE



Tuesday, September 15, 2020 - 9:00 AM - Conference Room, Board of Education - Dresden, TN

Rules Committee Members Present: Commissioners David Hawks, Gary Eddings, Roger Donaldson, Dale

Overton, James Westbrook, Dennis Doster, Greg Usery, and Larry Taylor

Rules Committee Members Absent: Commissioner Eric Owen

The Weakley County Rules Committee met on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Board of Education and Department of Finance in Dresden. Also present were Mayor Jake Bynum, Director of Finance John Liggett, Commissioner Steven Totty, and one representative of the media.

### I-II. CALL TO ORDER - APPROVE MINUTES

Chairperson Hawks called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked for consideration of the minutes from the meeting that was recessed on February 12, 2020, as well as the reconvened meeting held on March 16, 2020. Commissioner Eddings made the motion to approve, and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion passed unanimously.

### III. OLD BUSINESS

None

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

# A. Commissioner Chairperson Recommendations

Commissioner Overton made the motion to recommend Mayor Bynum to serve as the Chairperson of the Weakley County Commission. After a second by Commissioner Westbrook and a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

## B. Commissioner Chairperson Pro-Tempe Recommendations

Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to recommend Commissioner Dennis Doster to serve as the Chairperson Pro-Tempe of the Weakley County Commission. With a second by Commissioner Usery and a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

#### C. Resolution

1. Resolution No. 2021-06: This resolution creates a procedure for the opening, changing, and closing of public roads in Weakley County, Tennessee. Commissioner Westbrook was recognized and explained to the committee that after reviewing the Chapter 585 Public Acts of 2020, he found that the legislative body should consider the implementation of a new committee in order to stay in lawful compliance. He went on to say that because Weakley County has no regional planning commission, it is appropriate for the Rules Committee to make a recommendation for the county commission to consider the establishing of a new, five-member standing committee that shall operate solely for the purpose of reviewing applications to open, change, or close county roads as the need arises. Commissioner Donaldson suggested that the members of this new committee should be comprised the members of the Public Works Committee. Commissioner Hawks made a motion to amend the resolution and consider the matter over the course of the next two county commission meetings, and Commissioner Eddings seconded the motion. After more discussion, Commissioner Hawks retracted the amendment to the original resolution.

Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to recommend Resolution No. 2021-06 to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion passed unanimously.

## D. Consideration of Rules Changes

Rule Recommendation No. 1: The Rules Committee considered a change recommended by Commissioner Westbrook that regarded an addition to Rule 9, Committee Structure of the Board, Section C, Other Committees, The Weakley County Library Board. The suggested addition included the Regional Library Board membership to increase from seven (7) to nine (9). With no discussion, Commissioner Essary made the motion to approve and

recommend the change to the full county commission and with a second by Commissioner Overton, the motion passed unanimously.

Rules Recommendation No. 2: The committee considered a change recommended by Commissioner Westbrook that concerned an addition to Rule 9, Committee Structure of the Board, Section B, Standing Committees. The suggestion included the addition of the County Road Acceptance, Change, or Closure Committee that was approved and recommended for full commission consideration through Resolution No. 2021-06. Having no discussion, Commissioner Eddings made the motion to approve and recommend the change to the full county commission and with a second by Commissioner Usery, the motion passed unanimously.

## E. Commission Committee Recommendations

The committee reviewed a list of the membership for all of the standing committees as they stood prior to the August 2020 General Election. Commissioner Doster made the motion for Commissioner VanCleave to remain on all of the committees she served on prior to the election, appoint Commissioner Steven Totty to serve on the Public Safety and HEED Committees, appoint Commissioner Eddings to the FWM Committee, and to appoint Commissioner Nanney to serve on the HEED Committee. Commissioner Donaldson seconded the motion. After a bit more discussion and a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

# V. OTHER BUSINESS

None

## VI. ADJOURN

Having no other business, Commissioner Doster made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Taylor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erica Moore, Secretary

Rules Committee

Approved:

David Hawks, Chairperson

Rules Committee

Date: 4-23-2021