



**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024 – 9:00 A.M. – Weakley County Highway Department, Dresden, TN**

**Public Works Committee Members Present:** Commissioners Jimmy Westbrook, Billy Hazlewood, Gary Eddings, Dennis Doster, John Robert Freeman, and Marcus Hopper

**Public Works Committee Members Absent:** Commissioner Larry Taylor

**I. CALL TO ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairperson Westbrook called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and called for the consideration of the minutes from the meeting that was held on November 3, 2023. Commissioner Doster made the motion to approve, and with a second by Commissioner Freeman, the motion passed unanimously.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No application was made for public comment.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2024-27 Resolution Authorizing a 2024 County Maintenance Road List:** Commissioner Doster made a motion to place the resolution on the floor and with a second from Commissioner Hazlewood the resolution was opened for discussion. There were no questions and the resolution passed unanimously.

**Discussion of Monitoring Devices:** Commissioner Westbrook recognized Mayor Bynum who informed the committee that Public Safety met the previous day and stated that the committee decided to allow outside organizations and internal departments to continue utilizing inmate labor. This would require the sheriff's department to set up a billing system for both internal and external organizations. The mayor went on to say that Road supervisor Cosby is of the mind that the Solid Waste Department has enough money in their budget to cover the cost of their daily use of two trustees. This is not the case for all budgets. The thought is that each department would have to expense the cost of trustees out of their contracted services line. Commissioner Westbrook asked if this would come before the county commission. Mayor Bynum answered that no action needs to be taken today, especially since Solid Waste can fund the cost of this in their budget as it is. Mayor Bynum went on to say that they are just doing due diligence in informing each of the committees.

**Discussion of Internet Installation at Solid Waste Office:** Road Supervisor Cosby explained that Simmons Bank has contacted him about installing a card reader in that building but they need internet. The total expense to run internet up to the solid waste building will cost a minimal amount and this should remove the audit finding in future years. Commissioner Doster made a motion to allow Road Supervisor Cosby to move forward with this project. Commissioner Eddings seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Update on Road Maintenance:** Supervisor Cosby stated that all of the roads which were contracted for hot mix have been completed. Commissioner Westbrook asked about the decrease in gas tax money. It was acknowledged that less had been collected at this point than was anticipated. Commissioner Westbrook encouraged Supervisor Cosby to be mindful of this.

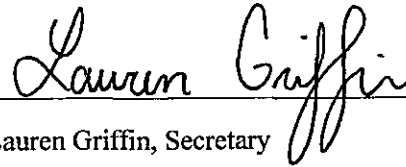
**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Bell was recognized and informed the committee that there is a very inexperienced crew working for Spectrum installing fiber who has cut a lot of Frontier lines. Supervisor Cosby stated that he has had a lot of trouble with this crew. He has informed them they need to have signs out to indicate they are working and that they need flaggers. Commissioner Bell stated that Supervisor Cosby has the power to shut these crews down to which Supervisor Cosby stated that he has shut crews down several times.

**VI. ADJOURN**

Seeing no other business, Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30. Commissioner Freeman seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

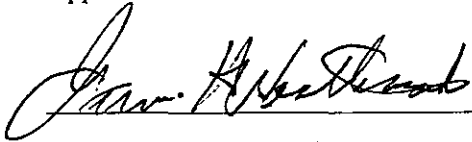
Respectfully Submitted,



Lauren Griffin, Secretary

Public Works Committee

Approved:



Jimmy Westbrook, Chairperson

Public Works Committee

Date: 3-5-24