

**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
RULES COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, September 1, 2022 – 8:00 A.M. – Weakley County Courthouse, Dresden, TN**

**Rules Committee Members Present:** Commissioners Roger Donaldson, David Bell, Dennis Doster, Marcus Hopper, Greg Usery, Gary Eddings, Larry Taylor, Billy Hazlewood, and Jimmy Westbrook

**Rules Committee Members Absent:** None

Also present were Commissioners Freeman, Kelly, Washburn, Hawks, Donavant, and Dunlap, Mayor Jake Bynum, Director of Finance John Liggett, Register of Deeds April Jones, Trustee Marci Floyd, one representative of the media and one citizen.

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

Mayor Bynum 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 June 15, 2022. Commissioner Eddings made the motion to approve, and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson, the motion passed unanimously.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**Election of Officers:**

Chairman: Commissioner Eddings nominated Commissioner Donaldson. Commissioner Bell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman: Commissioner Doster nominated Commissioner Bell. Commissioner Eddings seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Recording Secretary: Commissioner Eddings nominated Lauren Rush. Commissioner Hazlewood seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution 2023-10 Resolution to Adopt Rules Regulating the Procedures of the Board of County**

**Commissioners of Weakley County, Tennessee:** Commissioner Bell made a motion to place the resolution on the floor for discussion. Commissioner Usery seconded. Commissioner Donaldson referenced the proposed changes sheet that the Mayor had provided and pointed out one of the proposed changes was changing the time for Commission meetings from 5:30 to 5:00. Mayor Bynum stated that 5:00 seems like it would be a more convenient time. He explained that the courthouse closes at 4:30, so the current 5:30 meeting time means employees and officials must wait an hour before the meeting start time. Moving the time will still allow for FWM meetings before the commission meeting if necessary, they will just be scheduled for 4:30. Commissioner Doster stated that this meeting time was originally scheduled for 5:30 so that commissioners could make it in time if they had a job that did not allow them to leave until 5:00. Commissioner Donaldson went on to the second recommended change. Mayor Bynum explained that this change to Rule 9 will allow for a newly appointed member to be appointed to the committee of a commissioner who vacates their position. Commissioner Donaldson went on to discuss

recommendation 3 regarding Rule 10. This proposal requests removing the language requiring out-of-state travel for Commissioners being required to be approved through the Commission. Mayor Bynum explained that essentially the Mayor's office already signs off on all travel. He stated that in the event travel was requested and there were inadequate funds, it would then need to be brought before the commission for approval. Mayor Bynum went on to say that out-of-state travel would now be addressed in the County's travel policy, not the rules, if this change passed. Commissioner Eddings made a motion to send these recommended changes to the Rules on to the full Commission. Commissioner Bell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **2022-2023 Appointments**

Commission Chairman: Commissioner Westbrook recommended Mayor Jake Bynum. Commissioner Bell seconded.

Commission Chairman Pro-Tempore: Commissioner Eddings recommended Commissioner Doster. Commissioner Bell seconded.

Committee Appointments: Commissioner Doster handed out a sheet listing recommendations for committee appointments. Commissioner Doster made a motion to approve the committee appointments as recommended. Commissioner Usery seconded.

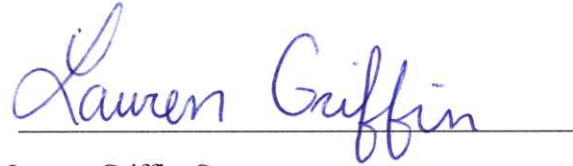
These motions passed unanimously.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **V. ADJOURN**

Having no other business, Commissioner Doster made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25. Commissioner Bell seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lauren Griffin, Secretary

Rules Committee

Approved:



Roger Donaldson, Chairperson

Rules Committee

Date: 4-21-23