

**Weakley County Legislative Body
Regular County Commission Meeting
Seminar Room, Personal Development Center, Dresden, TN
Tuesday, June 30, 2020-5:30 P.M.**

The Weakley County Legislative Body was called to order by County Mayor Bynum at 5:30 p.m. at the Weakley County Personal Development Center.

County Mayor Bynum recognized Pastor Joshua Moore with a certificate for his service as the County Commission Chaplain.

The invocation was given by Joshua Moore.

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

County Clerk Hughey called the roll. Answering present were Commissioners Dennis Doster, Bobby Dunlap, Eric Owen, Larry Hudson, Greg Usery, Gary Eddings, Larry Taylor, Angela Fortner, David Bell, Dale Overton, David Hawks, Beth VanCleave, Roger Donaldson, Jack Vincent, Donnie Essary, and James Westbrook. Absent were Commissioners James Roy Pope and Colton Nanney.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2020, Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Eddings and a second was made by Commissioner Donaldson . A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved with none opposed.

Communication to Commission

County Mayor Bynum asked for a motion to approve the Financial Reports. A motion was made by Commissioner Usery and a second was placed by Commissioner Bell. A voice vote was taken and the Financial Reports were accepted with none opposed.

County Mayor Bynum asked for a motion to approve the Veteran's Service Report. Commissioner Hawks made a motion and Commissioner Overton placed a second. A

voice vote was taken and the Veteran's Service Report was accepted with none opposed.

Message from the County Mayor

County Mayor Bynum introduced Ms. Sydney Church as an intern in his office. She is from Columbia, Tennessee and a Junior at the University of Tennessee at Martin. She will be in the office through the month of July.

County Mayor Bynum reminded everyone of the Budget Workshop that is scheduled for July 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The workshop will be held at the Personal Development Center in the Seminar Room.

County Mayor Bynum announced that there will be a virtual meeting with Marsha Blackburn on July 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

County Mayor Bynum gave an update on the latest COVID-19 cases in Weakley County. He stated that we have 23 (twenty-three) active cases currently in our county. This is the highest number of active cases that Weakley County has seen so far. The number of cases seems to be continuing to climb. Governor Lee has issued another Executive Order, which extends most of the current provisions that are in place. The order also continues to have the Senior Citizen's Centers closed. The nursing homes still have strict provisions in place as well. Mayor Bynum reminded everyone that the best way to prevent the spread of the virus is to wear a mask.

County Mayor Bynum reported that the Department of Labor released the unemployment numbers last week. Weakley County's unemployment rate was 7 (seven) percent. While that number is not great, Weakley County has the lowest number of unemployed citizens in the State of Tennessee.

Reports of Special and Standing Committees

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to accept the Report of the Audit Committee. Commissioner Donaldson gave the motion and Commissioner Doster gave a second. A voice vote was taken and the Audit Committee report was accepted with none opposed.

Elections, Appointments, and Confirmations

Appointment of (3) Three Members to the Industrial Development Board

Junior Moore, Dee Pritchett, and Dr. Tommy Gallien were submitted for reappointment to the Industrial Board. Commissioner Overton gave a motion to approve the names submitted and Commissioner Taylor gave a second. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved with none opposed.

Appointment of (1) One Member to the Library Board

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the placement of Kenneth Irvin to the Library Board. Commissioner Eddings gave a motion and Commissioner Usery gave a second. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved with none opposed.

Appointment of (2) Two Members to the Health and Safety Standards Board

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve placing Gary Eddings on the board to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2022, and Jack Vincent to be reappointed for a 4 (four) year term ending June 30, 2024. A motion was made by Commissioner Doster and a second placed by Commissioner Fortner. A voice vote was taken and the appointments were approved with none opposed.

Appointment of (1) One Member to the Weakley County Board of Utilities

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to reappoint Roger Stewart to the Weakley County Board of Utilities. A motion was made by Commissioner Westbrook to approve and a second was placed by Commissioner Usery. A voice vote was taken and the motion to appoint was passed with none opposed.

Appointment of County Commission Chaplain

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the appointment of Orrin Cowley of McCabe United Methodist Church as the County Commission Chaplain. A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson and a second was placed by Commissioner Bell. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved with none opposed.

Election of Notaries Public

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the list of Notaries Public. Commissioner Hawks made a motion to approve and Commissioner Essary placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved with none opposed.

Old Business

None.

New Business

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion for the approval of Director of Schools, Randy Frazier, Official Statutory Bond with the term beginning July 1, 2020 and ending July 1, 2021. Commissioner Hudson made a motion to approve and Commissioner Vincent placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved with none opposed.

Non-Financial Resolutions

- a. **Resolution No. 2020-49:** Resolution of the Governing Body of Weakley County, Tennessee, Authorizing a Two-Dollar Filing Fee For Documents Filed Electronically in the Register of Deeds' Office in Weakley County, Tennessee

Sponsored by: Commissioners Eddings and Bell

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to approve and Commissioner Essary placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the resolution was approved with none opposed.

- b. **Resolution No. 2020-59:** Correcting A Scrivener's Error In The Numbering Of Resolutions For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020. ***Sponsored by:***

Commissioners Westbrook and Owen

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the resolution. A motion was placed by Commissioner Owen and a second was placed by Commissioner Westbrook. A voice vote was taken and the resolution passed with none opposed.

County Commissioner Westbrook was recognized by Mayor Bynum to speak. Commissioner Westbrook stated that Resolution 2020-49 required a roll call vote.

County Mayor Bynum agreed and asked County Clerk Hughey to call the roll. Resolution 2020-49 was approved with 16 (sixteen) commissioners present answering "yes" and 2 (two) commissioners absent.

Financial Resolutions

County Mayor Bynum asked for a motion to combine Financial Resolutions 2020-48, 2020-50, 2020-51, 2020-52, 2020-53, and 2020-54. A motion was made by Commissioner Owen to approve and a second was placed by Commissioner Doster. A voice vote was taken and the motion to combine passed with none opposed.

- c. **Resolution 2020-48:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Purpose School Fund For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 ***Sponsored by: Commissioners Eddings and Hawks***

- d. **Resolution 2020-50:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Fund For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 *Sponsored by: Commissioners Donaldson and Essary*
- e. **Resolution 2020-51:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Capital Projects Fund and the Debt Service Fund For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 *Sponsored by: Commissioners Overton and Bell*
- f. **Resolution 2020-52:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Purpose School Fund For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 *Sponsored by: Commissioners Hawks and Bell*
- g. **Resolution 2020-53:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, Cafeteria Fund For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 *Sponsored by: Commissioners VanCleave and Dunlap*
- h. **Resolution 2020-54:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Fund For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 *Sponsored by: Commissioners VanCleave and Essary*

County Mayor Bynum asked County Clerk Hughey to call the roll. The resolutions were passed with all 16 (sixteen) commissioners present answering "yes" and 2 (two) commissioners absent.

- i. **Resolution 2020-55:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, Highway Fund For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 *Sponsored by: Commissioners Donaldson and Overton*

County Mayor Bynum asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Westbrook made a motion and Commissioner Owen placed a second. Mayor Bynum asked County Clerk Hughey to call the roll. The resolution was approved with all 16 (sixteen) commissioners present answering "yes" and 2 (two) commissioners absent.

Commission Members' Comments

Commissioner Donaldson was recognized to speak. Donaldson stated that he would like to see the committee meetings start meeting again starting with the July 2020 meeting. He said he feels like the small committees can meet safely. Commissioner Donaldson placed his request in the form of a motion and Commissioner Hawks placed a second. Commissioner Hawks said he would like to add "unless the Governor does not allow meetings". Commissioner Donaldson stated that these committees are still below 10 (ten) people. Commissioner Donaldson also added that if anyone felt uncomfortable attending any meetings, that they should not feel pressured to do so. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed with none opposed.

County Commissioner Owen thanked everyone that was involved in the budget meetings as well as the elected officials for all of their hard work and efficiency.

County Commissioner Vincent asked if we had looked into a cellular tower on the northern end of the county. Mayor Bynum responded by saying that we had been in contact with several providers recently, with not much luck. County Commissioner Eddings said that he had also been in contact with Verizon Wireless. He was told that there was an application to fill out and could not get any answers from anyone associated with them to give any answers on combating the needs of service in District 1. He was told that a tower was being added in the McKenzie area, where they already have service. Commissioner Bell asked him if he referenced the tower already available for them to add their service to. Several answered that the companies would rather put their own towers up, and do not typically want to add their services to an existing tower.

County Mayor Bynum recognized Director of Schools, Randy Frazier to speak. He spoke on the desperate need for students to have access to the internet, especially now during the pandemic, when students may need to be able to learn from home. He said he is willing to partner with the county to help find grants to be able to expand broadband to parts of the county that are lacking.

County Commissioner Bell asked for an update on the county's building projects. Mayor Bynum stated that the HVAC should be up and running within the next week in the courthouse. The last leg of the courthouse project is the ceilings, which are also currently being worked on. The ceiling tiles are being taken down and replaced with sheet rock by The Color Shop. Mayor Bynum is expecting the courthouse projects to be completed within six to eight weeks.

Mayor Bynum asked Road Supervisor, Charles Ross for an update on the Highway Department's projects. Mr. Ross stated that the shed on the north end had been taken down and the office area's footing and plumbing had been started. The sewer system is in and the building is off of the septic system that they had been using. Mr. Ross says that steel manufacturing has been delayed by the Covid-19 pandemic and is part of the holdup on the building project.

Mayor Bynum asked if there were any more comments. With no more discussion, the mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Owen made a motion and Commissioner Overton placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m. with none opposed.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Weakley County Legislative Body will be held Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the Personal Development Center in Dresden, TN.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda McDaniel, Deputy Clerk

ATTEST:

Kim Hughey, Weakley County Clerk