

WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2019

The Weakley County Legislative Body Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by County Mayor Bynum in the Weakley County Commission Room.

Road Supervisor Ross gave the invocation.

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

County Clerk Hughey called the Roll. Answering present were Commissioner Doster, Commissioner Dunlap, Commissioner Owen, Commissioner Hudson, Commissioner Pope, Commissioner Usery, Commissioner Eddings, Commissioner Nanney, Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Fortner, Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Overton, Commissioner Hawks, Commissioner Donaldson, Commissioner Vincent, Commissioner Essary and Commissioner Westbrook. Making a total of 17 answering present and one member, Commissioner VanCleave, was absent.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Pope made the motion and Commissioner Eddings placed a second. There were not any additions, deletions, or corrections. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The minutes from the November 19, 2018 meeting were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION:

The Financial Reports were included in the packets. Commissioner Nanney made a motion to accept as filed and Commissioner Donaldson placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The Financial Reports were accepted as filed.

Next was the Veterans Service Report. Commissioner Fortner made the motion and Commissioner Hawks placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The Veterans Service Report was accepted as filed.

The UT Extension Report to Stakeholders was next on the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson and a second was placed by Commissioner Vincent to accept the reports as filed.

County Mayor Bynum recognized Jeff Lannom, the UT Extension Director. He gave a brief report that Weakley County Agriculture contributes an estimated \$1 Billion to the local economy annually. Approximately 2,136 people are directly employed in agriculture in Weakley County. When you take into effect the spin-off effect, there are approximately 4,000 Weakley Countians employed directly and indirectly because of

agriculture. Extension Agent Lannom went on to comment that we drive by one of the most important industries everyday and that is agriculture.

Commissioner Owen commented that this amounts to approximately one out of four jobs in Weakley County.

A voice vote was taken to accept the report and the ayes have it with none opposed. The UT Extension Report to Stakeholders was accepted as filed.

MESSAGE FROM COUNTY MAYOR:

County Mayor Bynum commented that there was a clip board with a sign up sheet for the TCSA Conference on March 4 and 5th; please circle your name if you are attending. Erica will get you registered and there is a hotel block of rooms being reserved for the conference.

County Mayor Bynum reminded everyone that the Statement of Interest is due by January 31, 2019.

County Mayor Bynum commented that former County Mayor Patrick has been in the hospital and Cane Creek twice in recent weeks. County Mayor Bynum went on to comment that Commissioner Roger VanCleave is in the hospital at present. He also added that Terri Frazier's dad passed away this morning.

County Mayor Bynum announced we have two guests present at tonight's meeting, Tim Smith, Interim Director of Everett-Stewart Regional Airport as well as Shelby Spurgeon, the new Economic Development Director.

Commissioner Hawks was recognized and commented that County Government on the Hill hotel is booked and County Mayor Bynum will notify the Commission of the rollover hotel.

Commissioner Overton commented that former Property Assessor, Richard Malone, has been in the hospital.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Commissioner Donaldson commented that he would report on the Airport Board at the March Meeting and went on to comment that Tim Smith was doing a great job and helping out a lot.

Commissioner Hudson commented that the Weakley County Nursing Home Audit and Financial Report did not have any findings.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

None.

ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

First was the appointment of two (2) members to the Ag Extension Committee. County Mayor Bynum recommended for the term 2019-2020 Commissioner Doster and Commissioner Vincent.

Commissioner Owen made the motion and Commissioner Bell placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. Commissioner Doster and Commissioner Vincent were approved for the 2019-2020 term.

Next was the appointment of the County Attorney. Commissioner Taylor gave the Financial Management Committee recommendation and made a motion to appoint Allison Whitlege. Commissioner Owen placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The appointment of Allison Whitlege as County Attorney was approved.

Next was the Election of Notaries Public. Commissioner Eddings made the motion and Commissioner Usery placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The List of Notaries Public was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

NON-FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-20: Resolution Authorizing A General Maintenance Agreement with Weakley County, Tennessee, and the Tennessee Department of Transportation Relative to Highway Safety Improvement Programs Funds. *Sponsored By: Commissioners Donaldson and Taylor.*

Commissioner Doster made the motion and Commissioner Donaldson placed a second.

Commissioner Owen questioned why it didn't pass through committee. Commissioner Donaldson commented that he had received clarification from County Attorney Whitlege. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-21: Resolution Authorizing 2018 County Maintenance Road List. (Passed unanimously through Public Works Committee.) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Donaldson and Nanney.*

Commissioner Taylor made the motion and Commissioner Bell placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS:

Commissioner Owen made a motion to combine Resolution No. 2019-17, 2019-18 and 2019-19 and Commissioner Hawks placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. Commissioner Doster was recognized and he requested that Resolution No 2019-19 be separated.

RESOLUTION NO 2019-17: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Fund for the FY Ending June 30, 2019. (Passed unanimously through HEED and FWM Committees.) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Hudson and Pope.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-18: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee General Fund for the FY Ending June 30, 2019. (Passed unanimously through Public Safety and FWM Committees.) *Sponsored By: Commissioner Pope and Hawks.*

Commissioner Doster made a motion to place Resolution No. 2019-17 and Resolution No. 2019-18 on the floor for discussion and to separate Resolution No. 2019-19 for separate discussion. Commissioner Hudson placed a second to the Motion. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The motion carried to place Resolution No. 2019-17 and 2019-18 on the floor for discussion and to separate Resolution No. 2019-19. Discussion and the question were called. County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 17 ayes and one member, Commissioner VanCleave, was absent. Resolution No. 2019-17 and Resolution No. 2019-18 carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-19: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Purpose School Fund for the FY Ending June 30, 2019. (Passed unanimously through HEED and FWM Committees.) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Eddings and Essary.*

Commissioner Hawks made the motion and Commissioner Bell placed a second. Discussion was called and Commissioner Doster was recognized. Commissioner Doster made comments concerning donating back to the Greenfield Booster Club in the amount

of \$28,000. Commissioner Doster went on to comment that he viewed donating \$28,000 to the Greenfield Booster Club as a reimbursement and that this could be setting a precedent for other Booster Clubs wanting reimbursement for their projects. Commissioner Pope was recognized and he commented that we are purchasing 1.2 acres of property that will provide parking to out-of-town visitors on their side of the football field. Commissioner Pope commented that the Greenfield Booster Club purchased and renovated the property for use as parking and offered to sell the property to the Weakley County School Department for the cost of the land alone. Commissioner Pope went on to explain that the Booster Club had to spend quite a lot of money to remove two dilapidated houses on the property, landscape the lot and apply gravel so it could be used for parking. Commissioner Pope commented that he felt the county had received a pretty good deal.

Commissioner Hawks commented that due to the liability on the Booster Club, the organization was hesitant to allow it to be used for parking. Commissioner Owen made comments in reference to Gleason School and the same type of situation. Commissioner Donaldson commented that rather than the Booster Club donating the land to the school, the County is paying for the property. He went on to comment that the same problems are going on at the Martin Jr. High School and the county could be asked to do the same thing at Martin. Commissioner Donaldson commented that we need to exercise caution with these types of situations.

Commissioner Doster commented that he was not opposed in taking over the liability for the parking lot; he commented that he was opposed to the \$28,000.

Question was called and County Clerk Hughey called the roll with 16 ayes, one nay (Commissioner Doster) and one absent (Commissioner VanCleave). The motion carried.

COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Donaldson made comments concerning a conflict with the May meeting and that the commission needs to be made aware of the conflict.

County Mayor Bynum commented the next meeting will be on March 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

The Weakley County Legislative Body Regular Meeting stood adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kim Hughey, Weakley County Clerk