

WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2015

The Weakley County Legislative Body Meeting met in Regular Session on January 27, 2015 in the County Commission Room. County Mayor Bynum called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Vincent gave the invocation.

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

County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 17 members present and one member, Commissioner Wright, was absent.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to move the election of the County Attorney to the head of the agenda. Commissioner Vincent made the Motion and Commissioner Hawks placed a second. Commissioner Vincent commented that the Financial Management Committee recommended Allison Whitlege to be the County Attorney and Commissioner Vincent made a motion to elect. Commissioner Donaldson placed a second to the motion. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. County Clerk Hughey gave the oath of office to Allison Whitlege. Attorney Whitlege gave a brief summary of her qualifications and took her seat as the County Attorney.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the November 17, 2014 Weakley County Legislative Body Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Donald Doster made the motion and Commissioner Jones placed the second. There was not any additions, deletions or corrections to the November 17, 2014 minutes. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The minutes from the November 17, 2014 meeting were approved.

COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSION:

The Financial Reports were included in the packets and County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to accept them as filed. Commissioner Taylor made a motion and Commissioner Donald Doster placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The Financial Reports were accepted as filed.

The Veterans Service Report and the Ag Extension Report was also included in the packets. Commissioner VanCleave made a motion to accept as filed and Commissioner Fortner placed the second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The Veterans Service Report and the Ag Extension Report was accepted as filed.

MESSAGE FROM COUNTY MAYOR:

County Mayor Bynum announced that the Weakley County Legislative Lunch would be held at U T Martin on February 20, 2014 at Noon. There is a sign up sheet available if you wish to attend.

A copy of the audit report from Everett-Stewart Regional Airport is available in the County Mayor's office. There were not any major findings and he commented that it looks like a good report.

The UT Extension office and the Health Department have started a Walk Across Tennessee wellness initiative. This is an eight-week walking program and it is for teams of eight. Sign ups are underway at the local Ag Extension Office or the Health Department. The Program will start March 7, 2015.

County Mayor Bynum made mention of some facelifts being made in the Courthouse. New paint has gone up in the County Commission Room, Clerk's office, Register's office, the third floor, the elevator and the hallways on the second floor. Inmates from the Weakley County jail have performed this work and the only cost involved for the County has been the paint.

County Mayor Bynum announced that Weakley County 911 Director Jamison Peevyhouse was selected by the governor's office to be part of an emergency response team at the recent inauguration. The county received a letter requesting his services and commended the work he does.

Governor Haslem recently appointed Randy Boyd as the new Commissioner for the state's department of economic and community development. County Mayor Bynum commented that he would be in Weakley County as part of a statewide tour in February.

County Mayor Bynum commented upon the possibility of an increase in the state's fuel tax, due to potential loss of federal funding. The state has a backlog in work that needs to be done to state highways. The Tennessee Department of Transportation has set up an interactive map of every roadway in Tennessee. This allows viewers to select which road project they would like to see completed. This site maybe accessed at www.tdot.state.tn.us/transportation.

On April 11, 2015 there will be a State Hazardous Waste Disposal and one of the locations will be at the Weakley County Highway Department.

County Mayor Bynum reminded the commission that their Statement of Interest will be due the 31st of January. Should you need information on this, you can contact Shawn Francisco at the Finance office.

County Mayor Bynum commented that Chancellor Malone has announced the Clerk and Master, Susan Collins, will be retiring January 30, 2015. Regina VanCleave will be appointed the new Clerk and Master and will be sworn in on February 2, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. with a reception afterwards.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

William Trimble of Weakley County 911 was recognized for the 2014 MAPPS Award.

Commissioner Overton was recognized for being elected as the Regional Director for the Tennessee County Commissioners Association.

ELECTION, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

The appointment of two members to the Weakley County Extension Committee was first. It was the recommendation of County Mayor Bynum to appoint Commissioner Owen and Mary Margaret Chester. Commissioner Chandler made the Motion and Commissioner Dennis Doster placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The appointment to the Weakley County Extension Committee was approved.

The next appointment was to the Weakley County Library Board. County Mayor Bynum recommended Julie Cooper for the appointment. Commissioner Owen made the motion and Commissioner Donald Doster placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The appointment of Julie Cooper to the Weakley County Library Board was confirmed.

The election of Notaries Public was next on the agenda. Commissioner Fortner made the motion to approve the list and Commissioner Pope placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have with none opposed. The list of Notaries Public was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-22: Resolution Authorizing 2014 County Maintenance Road List. *Sponsored by Commissioners Bynum and Pope.*

Commissioner Taylor made the motion and Commissioner Pope placed a second. Commissioner Westbrook commented that this passed Public Safety and Works 8 to 0 with one absent. Discussion and the question were called. A voice vote was taken; the ayes have it with none opposed. The Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-23: This resolution was removed from the agenda prior to the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-24: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Purpose School Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015. *Sponsored by Commissioners Pope and Fortner.*

Commissioner Fortner made the motion to place the resolution on the floor and Commissioner Chandler placed a second. Commissioner Chandler commented that this passed Health, Education and Economic Development unanimously and it passed Finance Ways and Means 8 to 0 with one absent. Discussion and the question were called. County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 17 ayes and one absent. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-25: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Highway Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015. *Sponsored by Commissioners Owen and Hawks.*

Commissioner Hawks made the motion and Commissioner Jones placed the second. This passed Public Works and Safety 8 to 0 with one absent. Discussion and the question were called. County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 17 ayes and one absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-26: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015. *Sponsored by Commissioners Fortner and Pope.*

Commissioner Fortner made a motion and Commissioner Pope placed a second. The Resolution passed Finance Ways and Means 8 to 0 with one absent. Discussion and the question were called. County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 17 ayes and one absent. The motion carried.

COMMISSION MEMBERS COMMENTS:

County Government Day will be March 10 and 11th. Shawn Francisco will have registration forms if any one would like to register.

The next regular meeting will be March 16, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Weakley County Commission Room.

Commissioner Vincent made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Westbrook placed a second. The Weakley County Legislative Body Meeting stood adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kim Hughey, Weakley County Clerk