

WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2014

The Weakley County Legislative Body Meeting met in Regular Session on January 28, 2014 in the County Commission Room. Chairman Westbrook called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

County Mayor Patrick gave the invocation.

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

County Clerk, Pat Scarbrough, called the Roll with 17 members present and one member, Commissioner Rich, was absent.

Chairman Westbrook commented that Sheriff Wilson asked to be excused, due to having a meeting in Nashville.

Chairman Westbrook called for a Motion to approve the Minutes from the November 18, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Sinclair made a Motion and Commissioner Taylor placed a second. There were not any additions, deletions, or corrections and a voice vote was taken, the ayes have it with none opposed. The Minutes from the November 18, 2013 meeting were approved

COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION:

The Financial Reports were included in the packets. Commissioner Vincent made a Motion and a second was placed by Commissioner Jones to accept the reports as filed. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The reports were accepted as filed.

The Veterans Service Report and the Ag Extension Reports were also included in the packets.

MESSAGE FROM COUNTY MAYOR:

County Mayor Patrick announced the Legislative Breakfast will be on February 7, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. and you need to RSVP if attending by January 31, 2014.

Second was the Absolute Auction on February 1, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. of County Surplus Materials.

Third is a disclaimer on a shipment received for each of the Commissioners consisting of religious material. Mayor Patrick did not sign to receive this material.

Commissioner McAlpin commented that the audit for the Airport is finished and will be filed later.

Also due by January 31, 2014 is the Financial Disclosure Report.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Chairman Westbrook recognized Charles Curtiss, Executive Director of Tennessee County Commissioners Association, and Chairman Westbrook requested that he briefly address the County Commission about several bills under consideration by the Tennessee General Assembly. He touched on a private community or property owners association getting a share of wheel tax. Mr. Curtiss commented he did not think this would ever see the light of day.

Another bill concerns annexation and this would be by referendum only, unless the county commission allows it to occur under the current statutes.

Another bill concerns the proposed school voucher program. If this bill passes the County Commission would not be able to put a school budget together nor would they know from year to year how many teachers you would have or how many schools.

Another bill would forbid raising property taxes on any type of tax if there are reserve funds in the budget. This would not work since a certain amount of reserve funding is required in school budgets and other types of budgets, this is necessary for the County to operate.

ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

First was the election of the County Attorney. Commissioner Vincent made a motion to elect Jeff Washburn and commented this was the recommendation of the Finance Ways and Means Committee and Commissioner Salmon placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes carried with none opposed. Jeff Washburn was elected the County Attorney.

Next was the appointment of one member to the Weakley County Extension Committee. County Mayor Patrick recommended Commissioner Bynum and a voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The appointment was confirmed.

Next was an appointment to the Weakley County Library Board due to the resignation of John Quinton. County Mayor Patrick recommended David McAlpin for the unexpired term. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The appointment is effective until June 30, 2014.

Last was the Election of Notary Public. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Fortner and Commissioner Overton placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The Notary Public List was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-17: Resolution Authorizing 2013 County Maintenance Road List. *Sponsored by Commissioners Medling and Taylor.*

Commissioner Farmer made a Motion and Commissioner Medling placed a Second. This passed the Public Works Committee 5 to 0. Discussion was called and the comment was made that there is only 4.4 miles of gravel roads left in Weakley County. Question was called and County Clerk Scarbrough called the Roll with 17 for and one absent. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-18: Resolution to Request Unclaimed Balance of Accounts Remitted to State Treasurer Under the Unclaimed Property Act. *Sponsored by Commissioners Jones and Salmon.*

Commissioner Wright made the Motion and Commissioner Salmon placed a second. This Resolution passed the Finance Ways and Means Committee 6 to 0. Question was called and a Roll Call vote was taken with 17 ayes and one absent. The Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-19: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014. *Sponsored by Commissioners Westbrook and Owen.*

Commissioner Stewart made the Motion and Commissioner Salmon placed the second. This Resolution passed Health, Education, and Economic Development Committee and the Finance Ways and Means Committee 6 to 0. Discussion and the question were called.

County Clerk Scarbrough called the Roll with 17 ayes and one absent. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-20: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Purpose School Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014. *Sponsored by Commissioners Medling and Owen.*

Commissioner Stewart made a Motion and Commissioner Sinclair placed a Second. Discussion and the Question was called and County Clerk Scarbrough called the Roll with 17 ayes and one absent. The Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-21: Resolution Supporting the Federal Fair Housing Law. *Sponsored by Commissioners Overton and Hawks.*

Commissioner Overton made a Motion and a Second was placed by Commissioner Hawks. This Resolution passed Health Education and Economic Development Committee 6 to 0. Discussion was called and the Question. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-22: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014. *Sponsored by Commissioners Salmon and Jones.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Salmon and a Second was placed by Commissioner Jones. This resolution passed Finance Ways and Means and Health, Education and Economic Development 6 to 0. County Clerk Scarbrough called the Roll with 17 for and one absent. The Resolution was adopted.

COMMISSION MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hawks questioned the absolute auction versus bids being made and it was commented there would not be any bidders.

Mr. Richard Lee requested permission to address the Commission concerning what is called Dead Man's Curve on Old Hwy 22, District 2 and help to slow down traffic. The Commissioner went into recess at 5:51 p.m. to discuss this issue. The Commission was called back into session at 5:53 p.m. Commissioner Owen made a Motion that coming out of McKenzie at Keyco Milling prior to curve posting 35 mph on the west side of the road and the same amount of distance on the east side of the road at 35 mph also. Commissioner Sinclair placed a Second to the Motion. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be on March 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Sinclair and a Second was placed by Commissioner Vincent. The Weakley County Legislative Body stood adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

Pat Scarbrough, Weakley County Clerk