

WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 31, 2017

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.

Brother Will Norrid gave the invocation.

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

County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 16 present and one member, Commissioner Donald Doster, was absent.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2016 meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Fortner and a second was placed by Commissioner Pope. 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 21, 2016 meeting were approved.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the minutes from the reconvened session of December 13, 2016. Commissioner Donaldson made the motion and Commissioner Dennis Doster 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 of the reconvened December 13, 2016 meeting were approved.

COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSION:

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

The Highway Department Cash Flow Projections was next on the agenda. Commissioner Hawks made a motion to accept and Commissioner Usery placed a second to the motion. There was not any discussion and a voice vote was taken. The ayes have it with none opposed. The motion to accept the report was approved.

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

Next was the Ag Extension Stakeholders Report. Commissioner Owen made a motion to accept and Commissioner Dennis Doster placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The U T Ag Extension Report was accepted as filed.

MESSAGE FROM COUNTY MAYOR:

The Commission has been supplied with the Debt Obligation Report before we borrow the money from the state on the Energy Efficient Loan. Any questions regarding this report should be addressed to the Finance Director.

The next Hazardous Waste event will be held April 1, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Convenience Center at the Weakley County Highway Department.

You have been supplied with Governor Haslam's IMPROVE Act, which is the piece of legislation dealing with the gas tax increase. This report outlines what is being proposed. The biggest thing is a seven (7) cent gas tax increase and a twelve (12) cent diesel tax increase and also some of the tax cuts, as well as the other revenue additions that are being asked for in this piece of legislation. Then there is information about transportation funding and some more on the transportation act, and then the last part is the anticipated revenue for counties with the tax increase. We have highlighted our county and Weakley County's anticipated revenue coming straight to Weakley County Highway Department is \$792,931.57. In addition, the cities will also get a portion of the fuel tax which is about \$200,000 if this were to be approved by the legislature. This is per year.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Commissioner Donaldson gave the Weakley County Nursing Home Report. The audit ending June 30, 2016 came back without any findings. Commissioner Donaldson commented on the financial highlights. The assets exceeded liabilities \$7.4 million, an increase of \$1.3 million over the prior year. The Nursing Home had an income of operations of \$1.3 million; this is an increase of \$348,000 from the prior year's income of operation. The total change in debt position from the current year was an increase of \$1.3 million compared to an increase of \$346,000 from the prior year. Commissioner Donaldson went on to comment that the Nursing Home purchased capital assets of \$442,000 during the current year ending June 30, 2016. The Nursing Home has 136 beds with an average of 90 plus occupancy each month. In other changes, the health insurance changed from employee's part at 25 percent to 20 percent with the county paying 80 percent. The employees received a three percent raise. David McBride and staff are doing an outstanding job.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Penny Crowell, employee of the Assessor of Property's office, on December 2, 2016, was awarded the 2016 Deputy Assessor of the Year Award. Deputy Property Assessor,

Penny Crowell, has served the county for 29 years and is an asset to Weakley County, but also to other counties in the State.

ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

The next item on the Agenda was the election of the County Attorney. County Mayor Bynum recommended Attorney Allison Whiteledge. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to appoint and Commissioner Overton placed a second to the motion. There were not any other nominations and a voice vote was taken. The ayes have it with none opposed. Attorney Whiteledge was appointed the County Attorney.

Next on the Agenda is the appointment of one (1) member to the Weakley County Extension Committee. County Mayor Bynum recommended Jay Yeargin (Farmer) of Greenfield Tennessee for the term of 2017-2018. Commissioner Pope made the motion and Commissioner Usery placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The appointment of Jay Yeargin to the Weakley County Extension Committee was confirmed. Jay Yeargin was a finalist in the Young Farmer Achievement Award.

Next were the Elections of Notaries Public. Commissioner Fortner made the motion and Commissioner Pope 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:

There will need to be an appointment of a Commissioner for District 4 and also for a vacancy in District 8 for a Constable. These appointments will be made in the March 2017 meeting. County Mayor Bynum included a handout with the procedures for filling vacancies by the County Legislative Body. The county legislative body is required to fill vacancies within 120 days after receiving notice, unless during that term there is a general election in the county and there is sufficient time for the vacancy to be placed on the ballot.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-26: Resolution Authorizing A 2016 County Maintenance Road List (Passed unanimously through the Public Works Committee) *Sponsored by Commissioners Dennis Doster and Overton.*

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion and Commissioner Dennis Doster placed a second. There was one road added in the Sharon District and two roads in 7A District

behind Westview last year. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The motion was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-27: Resolution Requesting That the Tennessee General Assembly Name the Planned Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Facility in Madison County After the late TBI Agent De'Greau "Dee" Frazier in Commemoration of His Death in the Line of Service (Passed unanimously through Public Safety Committee) *Sponsored by Commissioners Hawks and Hudson.*

Commissioner Hawks made the motion and Commissioner Taylor placed a second. Discussion and the question were called. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-28: Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the State of Tennessee's Employee Deferred Compensation Plan II 401(k) For Weakley County, Tennessee (Passed unanimously through Financial Management and Finance, Ways and Means Committee) *Sponsored by Commissioners Donald Doster and Donaldson.*

Commissioner Owen made the motion and Commissioner Donaldson placed a second. Discussion followed and Commissioner Owen commented on the increase from \$10 to \$50 County match. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-29: Resolution Authorizing Weakley County, TN to Submit a Grant Application to USDA Rural Business Development Grant Program (Passed unanimously through Finance, Ways and Means Committee) *Sponsored by Commissioners Westbrook and Usery.*

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

FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to combine Resolutions No. 2017-21, 2017-23, 2017-24 and 2017-25 and place them on the floor. Commissioner Overton placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. Resolution No 2017-21, 2017-23, 2017-24 and 2017-25 were combined.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-21: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017. (Passed unanimously through Public Safety Committee and the Finance, Ways and Means Committee) *Sponsored by Commissioners Hawks and Wright.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-23: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Purpose School Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017. (Passed unanimously through Health, Education and Economic Development Committee and Finance, Ways and Means Committee) *Sponsored by Commissioners Hawks and Usery.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-24: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017. (Passed unanimously through Public Safety Committee and the Finance, Ways and Means Committee) *Sponsored by Commissioners Hawks and Dennis Doster.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-25: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017. (Passed unanimously through Public Safety Committee) *Sponsored by Commissioners Pope and Donaldson.*

Discussion and the question were called. County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 16 ayes and one absent. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-21, 2017-23, 2017-24 and 2017-25 carried.

COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

County Road Supervisor Charles Ross was recognized. County Road Supervisor Ross addressed a paid advertisement placed in a local paper in the January 18, 2017, edition of the Dresden Enterprise, concerning work that was done by the County Highway Department in the late Fall of 2014. These repairs were made to a waste water drainage culvert passing underneath Byrd Road, located north of Gleason, to correct an erosion problem. The City of Gleason requested our help to repair this problem since they did not have the resources to fix the problem. This work could not be completed from the roadways and in order to gain access to the culvert, the county highway employees had to obtain permission from Commissioner Owen and other local landowners to cross their property. The Highway Department chose the least expensive method which was replacing dirt that had eroded and then protect the work with rip-rap. County Road Supervisor Ross commented that he took full responsibility for the work and would be happy to address any questions anyone might have concerning this issue.

Commissioner VanCleave commented that he had gone out to the sight and it was very evident that County Road Supervisor Ross had taken the correct steps to correct the issue at hand.

County Mayor Bynum announced that the next regular meeting will be held on March 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

The Weakley County Legislative Body stood adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kim Hughey, Weakley County Clerk