

WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 19, 2018

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.

Pastor Tony Terrell 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 VanCleave, Commissioner Donaldson, Commissioner Vincent, Commissioner Essary and Commissioner Westbrook. All 18 members answered present.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Eddings made the motion and Commissioner Usery 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 September 17, 2018 meeting were approved.

**COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSION:**

The Financial Reports were included in the packets. Commissioner Doster made a motion to accept the reports 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 Hawks made the motion and Commissioner Overton 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 Ag Extension Report to the Stakeholders was next. Commissioner Fortner made the motion and Commissioner Usery placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The UT Ag Extension Report to Stakeholders was accepted as filed.

**MESSAGE FROM COUNTY MAYOR:**

County Mayor Bynum announced and invited the County Commissioners to the Courthouse Christmas Luncheon at the Purple Iris on Friday, December 14, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES:**

None.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

County Mayor Bynum recognized Mr. Bob Shumake for 22 years of service as the Weakley County 4-H Youth Development Agent. Mr. Shumake started working in Henry County, June 1, 1990 and was there for six (6) years. He then transferred to Weakley County. On January 2, 2019 Mr. Shumake will assume his new duties as Adult Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent in Obion County, Tennessee. County Mayor Bynum expressed his gratitude to Mr. Shumake for his service to Weakley County.

**ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:**

The appointment of one (1) member to the Industrial Board to complete the unexpired term of the late Jimmy Dilday ending June 30, 2019. Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to nominate Melinda Goode and Commissioner Essary placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The appointment of Melinda Goode to the Industrial Board to complete the unexpired term of the late Jimmy Dilday ending June 30, 2019 was approved.

Next was the appointment of three (3) members to the Solid Waste Board for six-year terms ending on November 30, 2024. County Mayor Bynum recommended Dennis Doster of Dresden, Mike Davis of Martin and Lindsey Simpson of Sharon. Commissioner Taylor made the motion to approve the recommendations and Commissioner Eddings placed a second to the motion. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. Dennis Doster, Mike Davis and Lindsey Simpson were approved for six (6) year terms ending November 30, 2024.

Next was the appointment of one (1) member to the Board of Public Utilities. This was Old Business from the September 17, 2018 meeting.

Commissioner Owen made a motion and recommended Commissioner Westbrook and Commissioner Overton placed a second. Discussion was called and Commissioner Pope was recognized and he commented that Commissioner Westbrook had done a good job and felt the he was the best person for the appointment. A voice vote was taken and the

eyes have it with none opposed. Commissioner Westbrook was approved for a four year term ending August 31, 2022.

Back to the elections, appointments and confirmations of Notaries Public. Commissioner Fortner made the motion and Commissioner Essary placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The List of Notaries Public was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Owen made a Motion to combine Resolutions No. 2019-09, 2019-10, 2019-12 and 2019-13 and place on the floor for discussion. Commissioner Doster placed a second to the motion. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. Resolutions No. 2019-09, 2019-10, 2019-12 and 2019-13 were combined and placed on the floor for discussion.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-09:** Resolution Authorizing An Operating Transfer of Funds to the Highway Department Fund. (Passed unanimously through Public Works and Finance Ways and Means) *Sponsored By Commissioners VanCleave and Donaldson.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Fund for the FY Ending June 30, 2019. (Passed unanimously through FWM Committee) *Sponsored By Commissioners Bell and Taylor.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Purpose School Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019. (Passed unanimously through HEED and FWM Committees) *Sponsored By Commissioners Eddings and Overton.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-13:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019. (Passed unanimously through Public Safety and FWM Committees) *Sponsored By Commissioners Hawks and Bell.*

Discussion and the question were called. County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 18 ayes and none opposed. Resolutions No. 2019-09, 2019-10, 2019-12 and 2019-13 were all approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-11:** Resolution Authorizing a Road Addition for the Weakley County Highway Department for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019. (Approved by the Public Works Committee) *Sponsored By Commissioners Nanney and Eddings.*

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-08:** Resolution To Opt Out of Statewide Building Code Standards for One-Family and Two-Family Dwellings in Weakley County, TN. (Passed unanimously through Public Safety Committee) *Sponsored By Commissioners Hawks and Bell.*

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-15:** Resolution to Affirm Compliance with Federal Title VI Regulations. (Passed unanimously through HEED Committee) *Sponsored By Commissioners Pope and Essary.*

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-16:** Resolution to Urge the General Assembly to Support Restoration of Registers Commission. *Sponsored By Commissioners Taylor and Westbrook.*

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-14:** Resolution Granting an Exclusive Franchise for the Operation of Ambulance Service Within the Boundaries of Weakley County, Tennessee. (Deferred to County Commission by Public Safety Committee) *Sponsored By Commissioners Vincent and Bell.*

Commissioner Pope made a motion to grant an exclusive franchise for the Weakley County Ambulance Service and Commissioner Doster placed a second.

Discussion was called and Commissioner Hawks was recognized. Commissioner Hawks had numerous comments and handed out a comparison sheet to each of the Commissioners listing the difference in Weakley County Ambulance Service and West Tennessee Healthcare (this list is attached to the minutes). Commissioner Hawks

commented that he had received numerous calls and e-mails in support of West Tennessee Healthcare. Commissioner Hawks made comments concerning the number of ambulances, man-power, training, tracking of ambulances, finding patients and run sheets, all of which are noted in his handout.

Commissioner Hawks commented that minutes matter and gave an example with a personal experience. When his wife, who had recently had open-heart surgery, had to go to the emergency room, it was determined by the doctor that she needed to be transported by air but the weather wouldn't allow it. The Weakley County Ambulance Service was called and it took thirty-five (35) minutes for the ambulance to arrive from the Baker Road station, which is .8 miles from the hospital.

Question was called and a voice vote was taken. In turn a Roll Call vote was called for by the County Mayor. County Clerk Hughey called the Roll. Answering aye was Commissioners Doster, Dunlap, Owen, Hudson, Pope, Usery, Eddings, Fortner, Essary and Westbrook. Answering nay was Commissioners Nanney, Taylor, Bell, Overton, Hawks, VanCleave, Donaldson and Vincent. The vote was ten (10) ayes and eight (8) nays. The motion carried. The Weakley County Ambulance Service was awarded a three-year franchise agreement.

Commissioner Hawks made a motion to require the Weakley County Ambulance Service to provide a quarterly report on the day to day staffing of advanced life support ambulances. Commissioner Hawks included in the motion that this report is to be kept up with by the 911 office and turned in to the Public Safety Committee on a quarterly basis. Commissioner Bell placed a second to the motion. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hawks commented that he would also be keeping up with this himself.

#### **COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hawks was recognized and he commented that he wanted the Commission to remember twenty-two, five and one. Commissioner Hawks handed out American Flags and he requested that everyone hold the Flags up. Every twenty-four hours twenty-two veterans commit suicide. Every twenty-four hours five first responders commit suicide. Every twenty-four hours one active duty military commits suicide. Veterans Day was one week ago; if you see a Veteran, always thank them for their service to our country.

Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Donaldson, Commissioner Pope and Commissioner Hawks all commented that the hospital and ambulance service need to work together and not against each other. The Hospital and Ambulance both will benefit if they can work together. The commissioners received numerous e-mails and calls on both sides and

Commissioner Hawks commented that he wished the Weakley County Ambulance Service the best and that we need to move on and work together.

The next meeting will be January 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. This will be the second Monday in the month, not the third.

The Weakley County Legislative Body Regular Meeting stood adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kim Hughey", written over a horizontal line.

Kim Hughey, Weakley County Clerk