

WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 21, 2016

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.

Commissioner Donald Doster gave the invocation.

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

County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with all 18 members present.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Fortner made the motion and Commissioner Jones placed a second. There were not any additions, deletions or corrections to the September 19, 2016 minutes. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The minutes from the September 19, 2016 meeting were approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION:**

The Financial Reports were included in the packets. Commissioner Hawks made a motion to accept the reports as filed and Commissioner Donald Doster placed a second. There was not any discussion and a voice vote was taken. The ayes have it with none opposed. The Financial Reports were accepted as filed.

The Veterans Service Report was next on the Agenda. Commissioner Donaldson made the motion and a second was placed by Commissioner Chandler. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The Veterans Service Report was accepted as filed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson to accept the UT Extension Report to Stakeholders as filed and Commissioner Pope placed a second. Discussion was called and a voice vote was taken. The ayes have it with none opposed. The UT Extension Report was accepted as filed.

**MESSAGE FROM COUNTY MAYOR:**

County Mayor Bynum announced that the Courthouse will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. County Mayor Bynum also announced that the Courthouse will be closed for Christmas the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

County Mayor Bynum announced that Donna Winstead, Register of Deeds, had been selected as Outstanding Register of the year by the County Officials Association of Tennessee at a recent convention.

Also County Mayor Bynum announced that the Dresden Senior Citizen Center Director, Gail Rogers, was honored for winning the Innovation Award for creating Joyce's Garden at the local senior citizen facility. Private funds were provided by Joyce Doster Kyle, sister of Commissioners Donald and Dennis Doster, for the projects.

County Mayor Bynum announced that he has UTM Basketball tickets to home games and to please contact his office for tickets that are available on a first come basis.

County Mayor Bynum commented that Weakley County is under a burn restriction, due to extremely dry conditions. At present we are not under a ban. The difference between a ban on burning and restriction is because of a \$2500 fine plus court cost on a restriction versus a \$50 fine plus court cost on a ban.

County Mayor Bynum complimented John Liggett, Weakley County Finance Director, on the job he is doing. County Mayor Bynum read an email from Ron Queen from the Comptrollers Office commenting that the budget was the first he received that contained everything required.

County Mayor Bynum commented that he was without full time help due to Erica being out on maternity leave. He commented that she will be returning at the end of December and congratulated Erica on the birth of Hannah Jane.

#### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES:**

None.

#### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

County Mayor Bynum gave special recognition to Weakley County 911 dispatcher, Kim Healy. On October 17, 2016 at 3:44 a.m. she answered a call from a homeowner that had awoke to smoke inside of her trailer located at 1234 Mt. Pelia Rd, Martin, TN. Due to her actions, the homeowner, Shelia McGuire, was pulled to safety from a fiery death. The Martin Fire Department, Martin Police Department, 911 and E M S responded to this fire.

Director Jamison Peevyhouse presented Kim Healy with a Lifesaving Award for her professional response to a life or death situation.

County Mayor Bynum introduced University of Tennessee at Martin Chancellor Robert Smith. Chancellor Smith thanked the Commission and the community for accepting him into the community for the past 19 months. He expressed his appreciation to the commission for their assistance in helping UTM to expand the infrastructure. Chancellor Smith commented on some of the most important advances during his tenure. The

funding for a new Engineering building and substantial progress on a planned convention center. Chancellor Smith personally thanked County Mayor Bynum for reaching out to him and also commented that he thought the University was in great shape.

**ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:**

The first appointment was for two (2) members to the Solid Waste Committee. County Mayor Bynum recommended appointing Commissioner Hawks and Kerry Cooper for a one year term ending November 30, 2017. Commissioner Dennis Doster made the motion to appoint Commissioner Hawks and Kerry Cooper and a second was placed by Commissioner Pope. County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 17 ayes and one pass. The appointments of Commissioner Hawks and Kerry Cooper for a one year term ending November 30, 2017 to the Solid Waste Committee were approved.

Next were the elections of Notaries Public. Commissioner Fortner made the motion and Commissioner Vincent 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:**

The appointment of the Weakley County Financial Management Committee was old business. Commissioner Hawks made a motion to appoint Commissioner Westbrook, Commissioner Vincent, Commissioner Donald Doster and Commissioner Taylor. Commissioner Overton placed a second to the motion. Discussion was called and the question. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The appointments of Commissioners Westbrook, Vincent, Taylor and Donald Doster were appointed to the Financial Management Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-16:** Resolution to Affirm Compliance with Federal Title VI Regulations. (Previously passed unanimously through Health, Education and Economic Development Committee) *Sponsored by Commissioners Pope and Fortner.*

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-17:** Resolution Authorizing a Road Addition For The Weakley County Highway Department for The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017. (Previously passed unanimously through Public Works Committee) *Sponsored by Commissioners Hawks and VanCleave.*

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-19:** Resolution Authorizing The Adoption Of A Consultant Selection Policy for Projects Funded By The Federal Highway Administration. (Previously passed unanimously through Public Works Committee) *Sponsored by Commissioners Dennis Doster and Overton.*

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

A motion to combine and place on the floor for discussion Resolution No. 2017-12, 2017-13, 2017-14 and 2017-18 was made by Commissioner Owen and a second was placed by Commissioner Wright. A voice vote was taken and the motion to combine was approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-12:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments of the Weakley County, TN General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017 (Chancery Court). (Previously passed unanimously through Public Safety and Finance, Ways and Means Committee) *Sponsored by Commissioners Wright and Hawks.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-13:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments of the Weakley County, TN, General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017 (Health Dept.) (Previously passed unanimously through Health, Education and Economic Development Committee and Finance, Ways And Means Committee). *Sponsored by Commissioners Hudson and Fortner.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-14:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments of the Weakley County, TN, General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017 (Schools). (Previously passed unanimously through Health, Education and Economic Development Committee and Finance, Ways And Means Committee). *Sponsored by Commissioners Pope and Bynum.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-18:** Resolution To Authorize Energy Efficient Schools Initiative Loan Agreement With The Tennessee Energy Efficient Schools Council (Schools). (Previously passed unanimously through Health, Education and Economic Development Committee and Finance, Ways and Means Committee). *Sponsored by Commissioners Pope and Bynum.*

Discussion was called and the question. County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 18 ayes and the motion carried. Resolution No. 2017-12, 2017-13, 2017-14 and 2017-18 was approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-15:** Resolution To Authorize Energy Efficient Schools Initiative Loan Agreement With The Tennessee Energy Efficient Schools Council (Schools). (Previously passed unanimously through Health, Education and Economic Development Committee and Finance, Ways And Means Committee). *Sponsored by Commissioners Pope and Overton.*

Commissioner Pope made the motion and Commissioner Fortner placed the second. Discussion was called. Commissioner Fortner called for an explanation from Director of Schools, Frazier. Director of Schools, Frazier, commented that by converting the lighting from fluorescent to light-emitting diodes (LED) in nine of the schools would increase energy efficiency and save the county money with the high efficiency system. Question was called and the County Clerk Hughey called the roll with 18 ayes. The motion carried.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Dennis Doster recognized Mr. Vowell, a citizen of the Miller Ham House Community. Mr. Vowell wanted to address the Commission concerning issues they were still having with the new owners. Commissioner Dennis Doster made a motion to recess for a five (5) minute period for Mr. Vowell to speak to the issues and Commissioner Fortner placed a second. The Commissioner recessed at 5:55 p.m. for a five (5) minute time period.

The Commissioner was called back into session at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Westbrook questioned if the EPA had been contacted about this problem. The commissioners agreed to look into a study of a sample charter from another county provided to the citizens in this area. There was further discussion and it was referred back to Public Works to look into the matter.

Commissioner Chandler from District 4 commented that her family would be moving to Madison County at the end of the year. Her husband is an engineer for the City of Jackson and has not been able to find comparable employment in Weakley County. Commissioner Chandler thanked the commission for the opportunity to be involved in local government and that it has been a privilege and honor to serve Weakley County. As the only woman serving on the Commission, she reminded the commissioners that Weakley County Government needs more diversity in its demographics.

County Mayor Bynum thanked Commissioner Chandler for her service to the County.

County Mayor Bynum commented that Resolution No. 2017-15 will authorize the loan agreement for the funding of the energy efficient school initiative, but a new resolution will need to be created in order to move forward and move money from the School Fund Balance prior to the end of the year to create a saving of \$115,000 and pay for this project prior to the end of this year. This will need to go before Health, Education and Economic Development Committee as well as Finance, Ways and Means Committee before it goes before the full Commission prior to the end of the year. County Mayor Bynum, after the completion of the agenda will recess and at the call of the Chair will reconvene in December.

It was also noted that there is a vacancy in the 8<sup>th</sup> district for Constable, since the constable in that district has moved over a year ago. A notice and advertisement will need to be done to appoint someone to that position.

County Mayor Bynum commented that the next regular meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2017, but will more than likely change at the call of the Chair, due to conflicts on this date.

The Weakley County Legislative Body recessed at 6:11 p.m. and will reconvene at the Call of the Chair.

ATTEST:

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Kim Hughey, Weakley County Clerk