

WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 18, 2019

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.

Extension Director Jeff Lannom 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 Taylor, Commissioner Fortner, Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Overton, Commissioner Hawks, Commissioner VanCleave, Commissioner Donaldson, Commissioner Vincent, Commissioner Essary and Commissioner Westbrook. Seventeen members answered present and one member, Commissioner Nanney, was absent.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Eddings made the motion and Commissioner Pope 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 January 14, 2019 meeting were approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION:**

The Financial Reports were included in the packets. Commissioner Owen made a motion to accept the Reports as filed and Commissioner Vincent placed a second to the motion. 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 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.

The UT Extension Report to Stakeholders was next on the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson and a second was placed by Commissioner VanCleave. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The motion was approved.

**MESSAGE FROM COUNTY MAYOR:**

County Mayor Bynum commented that there is a sign up sheet for Weakley County Leadership Local Government Day at the Purple Iris on April 11, 2019. Lunch will be served.

Sheets for census takers jobs are available now for 2020 census. The pay will be about \$14.00 per hour. TCSA Post Legislative Conference is open to register now. Please get with Erica and register for May.

County Mayor Bynum had Shelby Spurgeon, Weakley County Economic Development Director, provide the commission with some updates. Ms. Spurgeon is attending Regional Planning Meetings with all NWTN Partners, meeting and working with TVA's Chuck Marquis and State of TN E.C.O. Janna Hellums and Blake Swaggert. Spurgeon is attending existing industry meetings, establishing relationships and talking with workforces.

Ms. Spurgeon gave an update on DONG A with 40 full-time employees and 90 temps.

Ms. Spurgeon is involved in Leadership Weakley County and gave a Three Star update. Spurgeon is attending city board meetings this month and giving reports. Spurgeon submitted an InvestPrep Application for Greenfield Pentecost site.

Two other dates are May 20<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 at NWTDD: (Asset Based Planning for 3 Star) and June 18<sup>th</sup> from 10-12: TVA's Community Development Specialist, Katrina Shirley, will be coming to Martin to give an Economic Development Training Session for Weakley County.

This was just a list of a few of boards, meetings and sessions that Ms. Spurgeon is involved in.

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

Commissioner Donaldson made a motion to form an exploratory committee to study options for fiber optic or high-speed internet for areas of the county that are not currently being served or are underserved with high-speed internet. This would include using state and federal grants and working with the cities and possibly the electric company. The committee would report back to the full commission at some point.

The committee would consist of: District 1, Dennis Doster, because it is all rural. District 4, Gary Eddings, because it includes Sharon and a large rural area. District 8, Roger Donaldson, because it consists of a large rural area. David Bell, District 6, because of his expertise in fiber optics and Mayor Jake Bynum.

This would be done at no cost to the county for the purpose of providing high-speed service to parts of the county that cannot receive decent internet.

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

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-25:** Resolution to Honor and Congratulate the Martin Middle School Lady Chargers Basketball Team. *Sponsored By: Commissioners Taylor, Donaldson, VanCleave, Hawks, Vincent, Bell, Overton and Fortner.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Vincent and a second was placed by Commissioner Hawks. A voice vote was taken. The ayes have it with none opposed. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-32:** Resolution to Honor and Congratulate the Westview High School Lady Chargers Division 1 – Class AA State Runner-Up Basketball Team. *Sponsored By: Commissioners Taylor, Donaldson, VanCleave, Hawks, Vincent, Bell, Overton and Fortner.*

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

**ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:**

The Election of Notaries Public was next on the agenda. Commissioner Hudson made the motion and Commissioner Doster placed a second. Commissioner Hawks had a question concerning addresses of Notary Publics living in one county and working in another. County Clerk Hughey clarified that this is possible. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The List of Notary Public was approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NON-FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-24:** Resolution to Approve the Compensation of the Delinquent Tax Attorney for Weakley County, Tennessee. (Passed unanimously through Finance, Ways and Means Committee.) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Taylor and Bell.*

Commissioner Eddings made the motion and a second was placed by Commissioner

Taylor. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-31:** Resolution of Weakley County, Tennessee, Authorizing the Issuance of Interest Bearing General Obligations Capital Outlay Notes, Series 2019, in an Amount not to Exceed \$450,000 and Providing for the Payment of Said Notes. (Passed unanimously through Finance, Ways and Means Committee.) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Usery and Doster.*

Commissioner Donaldson made the motion and Commissioner Doster placed a second. Discussion was called and Commissioner Fortner questioned what the note will be used to purchase. County Mayor Bynum commented that it will be used to purchase highway equipment.

A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The motion carried.

### **FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS**

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to combine Resolutions No 2019-22, 2019-23, 2019-26, 2019-27, 2019-28, 2019-29, 2019-30, 2019-33 and 2019-34. Commissioner Bell made the motion and Commissioner Hudson placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. Resolutions No. 2019-22, 2019-23, 2019-26, 2019-27, 2019-28, 2019-29, 2019-30, 2019-33 and 2019-34 were combined.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-22:** 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 Taylor and Doster.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-23:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Purpose School Fund for the FY Ending June 30, 2019. (Passed unanimously through HEED and FWM Committees) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Hudson and Eddings.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-26:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Fund for the FY Ending June 30, 2019. (Passed unanimously through HEED and FWM Committees.) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Dunlap and Vincent.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-27:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Fund for the FY Ending June 30, 2019. (Passed

unanimously through HEED and FWM Committees.) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Pope and Vincent.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-28:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Purpose School Fund for the FY Ending June 30, 2019. (Passed unanimously through HEED and FWM Committees.) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Dunlap and Fortner.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-29:** 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 Uery and Bell.*

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-33:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee General Fund for the FY Ending June 30, 2019. *Sponsored By: Commissioners Bell and Westbrook.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-34:** Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, Highway Fund and Debt Service Fund for the FY Ending June 30, 2019. *Sponsored By: Commissioners Bell and Donaldson.*

Commissioner Owen made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, and 34 and Commissioner Eddings placed a second.

Discussion and the question were called.

County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 17 ayes and one absent. The motion carried.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS:**

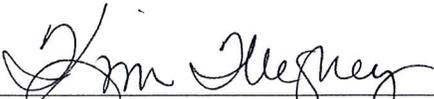
County Mayor Bynum announced the next regular meeting will be Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

The June Meeting is tentatively set for Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. and the July Meeting will be tentatively Thursday, July 30, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Overton made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Owen placed a second.

The Weakley County Legislative Body Regular Meeting stood adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Kim Hughey, Weakley County Clerk