

WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 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.

Commissioner Donald Doster gave the invocation.

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

County Clerk Hughey called the Roll. Answering present was Commissioner Dennis Doster, Commissioner Bynum, Commissioner Owen, Commissioner Hudson, Commissioner Pope, Commissioner Usery, Commissioner Eddings, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Fortner, Commissioner Wright, Commissioner Overton, Commissioner Hawks, Commissioner VanCleave, Commissioner Donaldson, Commissioner Vincent, Commissioner Donald Doster and Commissioner Westbrook. All 18 members were present and none absent.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Eddings made the motion and Commissioner Donaldson placed a second. There were not any additions, deletions, or corrections made and a voice vote was taken. The ayes have it with none opposed. The minutes from the January 22, 2018 meeting were approved.

COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSION:

The Financial Reports were included in the packets. Commissioner Hawks made the motion to accept the reports as filed and Commissioner Wright 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 Fortner made the motion and Commissioner Donald Doster 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 U T Extension Report to Stakeholders was next on the Agenda. Commissioner VanCleave made the motion and Commissioner Wright placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The U T Extension Report to Stakeholders was accepted as filed.

MESSAGE FROM COUNTY MAYOR:

County Mayor Bynum commented that Local Government Day for Leadership Weakley County will be April 5. The Weakley County Chamber will be hosting a Luncheon and the B I S Bus out of Jackson, which highlights local entrepreneurships, will be there and there will be questions and answers if time is permitting. The County Commission is invited to attend. Please RSVP to Erica or the County Mayor ASAP. The Luncheon will be held at the Purple Iris in Dresden.

County Mayor Bynum commented that the Publication that we receive and comes out bi-monthly with the County News and the Local Press featured the new County Seal.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

None.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-33: To Honor and Congratulate the Greenfield High School Lady YellowJackets Division I – Class A State Champion Basketball Team.

Sponsored By: Commissioners Hawks and Usery.

County Mayor Bynum called the Lady Yellow Jackets and their coaches to come forward. County Mayor Bynum read the Resolution into the minutes. 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 motion was approved. The County Commission gave the Lady Yellow Jackets a standing ovation and a round of applause.

Commissioner Hawks was recognized and commented that he wanted to acknowledge Dresden High School girls, Gleason High School girls and Westview High School girls on their outstanding season. The Commission gave these teams a round of applause.

Next Miss Summer Weldon, Miss Rodeo USA was recognized. County Mayor Bynum called for Miss Summers to come forward.

County Mayor Bynum commented that Miss Weldon was named Miss Rodeo USA 2018 on January 21, 2018. County Mayor Bynum mentioned that Miss Weldon is the second girl to bring the National Title to Tennessee. County Mayor Bynum commented that Miss Weldon is a 21 year-old Martin native and a sophomore at UTM.

Miss Weldon commented that her platform is “Living Beyond Boundaries” and will represent the International Professional Rodeo Association Cowboy and Cowgirls as she travels across the country.

Miss Weldon thanked the Commission and visitors and the Commission gave her a round of applause.

ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

The appointment of a Weakley County School Board Member for District 4 with a term expiring August 2018. Commissioner Jones nominated and made a motion to appoint Ali Stalter and Commissioner Eddings placed a second. There were not any other nominations and County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 18 ayes, no nays, none passed and none were absent. Ali Stalter was appointed to the School Board District 4 with a term ending August 2018.

County Mayor Bynum thanked Mr. Gordon Morris for 30 years of service on the School Board and the Commission gave Mr. Morris a round of applause.

The Election of Notaries Public was next on the Agenda. 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:

The appointment of Constable in District 8A was next. There was not a motion and the Commission moved to the next item of business.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-27: Resolution Authorizing a Continuous Five (5) Year Reappraisal Cycle (Passed unanimously through the FWM Committee) *Sponsored By: Commissioner Hawks and Usery.*

Commissioner Eddings made the motion and Commissioner Usery placed a second. Discussion was called and Commissioner Fortner was recognized. Commissioner Fortner commented he would like to hear from Property Assessor David Tuck. Property Assessor Tuck commented that this is what we have been doing the last ten (10) years. He commented the state allows a four, five or six year cycle. Property Assessor Tuck commented that the five-year cycle is easier than six year because it precludes the possibility of conducting a mini appraisal in the third year.

There was not any other discussion and a voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-28: Resolution to Require County Board of Equalization Members and County Board Hearing Officers to Complete Annual Continuing Education

(Passed unanimously through the FWM Committee) *Sponsored by: Commissioners Hawks and Taylor.*

Commissioner Taylor made the motion and Commissioner Dennis Doster 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. 2018-29: Resolution to Urge the Governor and General Assembly to Provide Additional Funding to the West Tennessee River Basin Authority for Use in Procuring Federal Funding for West Tennessee (Passed unanimously through the Public Works Committee) *Sponsored by: Commissioners Dennis Doster and Jones.*

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

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to combine Resolution No. 2018-25, 2018-26, 2018-30, 2018-31 and 2018-32.

Commissioner Donald Doster made a motion to combine the Resolutions and Commissioner Owen placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. Resolutions No. 2018-25, 2018-26, 2018-30, 2018-31 and 2018-32 were combined.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-25: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County Tennessee, General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 20, 2018 (Passed unanimously through the HEED and FWM Committees) *Sponsored by: Commissioners Overton and Bynum.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-26: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Purpose School Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 (Passed through the HEED and FWM Committees) *Sponsored by: Commissioners Overton and Pope.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-30: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, Highway Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 (Passed unanimously through the Public Works and FWM Committees) *Sponsored by: Commissioners Owen and Vincent.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-31: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018.

(Passed unanimously through the HEED and FWM Committees) *Sponsored by:
Commissioner Jones and Wright.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-32: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 (Passed unanimously through the HEED and FWM Committees) *Sponsored by:
Commissioners Jones and Wright.*

Commissioner Overton made a motion to place these resolutions on the floor for discussion and Commissioner Fortner placed a second.

Discussion and the question were called.

County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 18 ayes, no nays, none passed and none were absent. Resolution No. 2018-25, 2018-26, 2018-30, 2018-31 and 2018-32 were approved.

COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Pope invited everyone to Greenfield for the Fiddlestick Festival, April 18-21st. All candidates are invited to attend.

Commissioner Eddings commented on Ronnie Price's job status. The Economic Development Board has accepted Mr. Price's resignation or retirement effective June 30, 2018. County Mayor Bynum commented the Economic Development Board will meet a week from today. A committee will be appointed and County Mayor Bynum has been appointed Chairman of this committee. The committee will be looking at both the structure of the organization as well as a firm job description for the position. The committee will review the recommendations and try to have someone in place by July 1.

Commissioner VanCleave commented on the audit findings on the School Teacher and the process being taken on this situation. The Comptrollers have completed their investigation and under the rules, the Financial Management will handle the litigation. County Mayor Bynum has spoken with the District Attorney and the Sheriff. The District Attorney would like for there to be a criminal investigation into the matter and once we can prove criminal activities, he believes he will be able to prosecute that individual, but also discuss a civil suit as well. Commissioner VanCleave questioned the statute of limitations and County Mayor Bynum commented that it is three (3) years from the last payment for both criminal and civil.

County Mayor Bynum announced the next regular commission meeting will be held on May 14, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. This change from the third Monday is due to a conflict of the Tennessee County Services Association, post legislation conference in Gatlinburg which

starts on the morning of the 22nd of May at 9:00 a.m. There are several commissioners that have expressed interest in attending this meeting and this would be difficult to meet on the 21st of May and be in Gatlinburg by 9:00 am the following morning.

The Weakley County Legislative Body Regular Meeting stood adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kim Hughey, Weakley County Clerk