

WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 20, 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 members present and one member, Commissioner Pope was absent. Commissioner Pope answered roll call before the first order of business was presented.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 31, 2017 meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Fortner and a second was placed by Commissioner Hawks. 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 January 31, 2017 meeting were approved.

COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSION:

The Financial Reports were included in the packets. Commissioner Owen made a motion to accept as filed and Commissioner Hudson 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 Projection was next on the agenda. Commissioner Overton made the motion and Commissioner Usery placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The Highway Department Cash Flow Projection Report was accepted as filed.

The Veterans Service Report was next and Commissioner Hudson made a motion and Commissioner Hawks 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 Wright made the motion and Commissioner Dennis Doster placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The Ag Extension Stakeholders Report was accepted as filed.

MESSAGE FROM COUNTY MAYOR:

County Mayor Bynum announced that the Harlem Ambassadors will be in Martin on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at Westview High School. The Harlem Ambassadors will be playing the Martin and Dresden Lions Club. Local players, to name a few, will be Kate

Moore Bynum, Colin Johnson, and myself. The Lions Club will be selling tickets, they may be purchased from Marci Floyd, Kim Hughey, or any Lions Club member.

C.T.A.S. information concerning County Budgeting is available on the C.T.A.S. website. A four or five minute information presentation has some good information on county budgeting.

In January we applied for a \$10,000 marketing grant through the Department of Economic and Community Development. This grant has no match and no actual money comes to us or will be distributed by us. The grant is toward distressed counties and increased to non-distressed counties in the next tier, we have received word we have got that grant and a marketing team from the state will be here next month and they will have a discovery meeting and will focus on local manufactures, the Clay Industry and the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Next month is UT Ag Extension month. Jeff Lannom provided us with mugs. County Mayor Bynum commented he would like to thank our Extension Agent for these mugs.

March 1st, 2017 through May 31st, 2017 will be Weakley County Great American Cleanup. Weakley County Solid Waste Department will provide any group that volunteers to cleanup a public road, right of way and public parks and any access areas with gloves, bags, sticks and rakes. Volunteers would return the trash to the Solid Waste Department for disposal.

Also in the packet is a letter for a press release from the Comptrollers Office. This is the second year in a row our county has had a clean audit. County Mayor Bynum commended Mr. Leggett for his hard work, the Finance Department and all department heads that receipt in funds with a clean audit.

The Fiber Optic Forum will be held March 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. There will be an open discussion and County Mayor Bynum encouraged the Commission Members to attend and to have input for the County's needs.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-30: Resolution To Urge Passage of the Tennessee Broadband Accessibility Act by the Tennessee General Assembly (Passed unanimously through the HEED Committee) *Sponsored By: Commissioners VanCleave and Owen.*

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-35: Resolution Authorizing Weakley County, TN to Submit a Grant Application to USDA Rural Business Development Grant Program (Passed unanimously through FWM Committee) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Westbrook and Donaldson.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Donaldson 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. 2017-36: Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application for a Litter and Trash Collecting Grant from the TDOT and Acceptance of Said Grant (Passed unanimously through Public Works and FWM Committees) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Westbrook and Dennis Doster.*

Commissioner Wright made the motion and Commissioner Taylor placed a second. 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 and second to combine and place on the floor Resolution No. 2017-31, 2017-32, 2017-33, 2017-34 and 2017-37.

Commissioner Hudson made the motion and Commissioner Donald Doster placed a second.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-31: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Purpose School Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017 (Passed unanimously HEED and FWM Committees) *Sponsored By Commissioners Pope and Taylor.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-32: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017. (Passed unanimously through HEED and FWM Committees) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Pope and Taylor.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-33: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017 (Passed unanimously through HEED and FWM Committees) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Bynum and Taylor.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-34: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017 (Passed unanimously through FWM Committee) *Sponsored By: Commissioners Hawks and Taylor.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-37: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Weakley County, Tennessee, General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017. *Sponsored By: Commissioners Bynum and Hawks.*

Discussion was called and the question. County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 17 ayes and none opposed. Motion to approve Resolutions No. 2017-31, 2017-32, 2017-33, 2017-34, and 2017-37 all carried.

ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

Commissioner Fortner made a motion to approve the Notary Public List and Commissioner Hawks placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes carried with none opposed. The Notary Public List was approved.

Next was the appointment of a new District 8 Constable.

County Mayor Bynum called for nomination.

There were not any nominations for a Constable for District 8. County Mayor Bynum closed the nomination and commented that this appointment will appear on the Agenda until the position is filled or the next election.

Next was the appointment of a new District 4 Commissioner.

County Mayor Bynum called for nominations from the floor. Commissioner Jones nominated Gary Eddings of Sharon and Commissioner Fortner nominated Jason Plunk. Nominations ceased and County Mayor Bynum called for a roll call vote. County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 8 for Plunk and 8 for Eddings and one pass. Commissioners Dennis Doster, Hudson, Taylor, Fortner, Hawks, VanCleave, Donaldson and Donald Doster voted for Plunk and Commissioner Owen, Pope, Usery, Jones, Wright, Overton, Vincent, and Westbrook voted for Eddings. Commissioner Bynum passed.

County Mayor Bynum commented that his opinion and position was according to the long standing position of supporting the nomination from the Commissioner from the

District with the vacancy. County Mayor Bynum made mention of two school board positions, one in Dresden and one in Greenfield and also an Electric Board position in Greenfield in which the Commission appointed the persons nominated by the Commissioners in the District where the position were vacant. Since Commissioner Jones nominated Gary Eddings for the position, County Mayor Bynum cast his vote for Eddings. County Clerk Hughey announced eight for Plunk and nine for Eddings and one pass. Gary Eddings was appointed as the new Commissioner for District 4.

COMMISSION MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Westbrook requested to be approved for travel to Gilbertsville, KY for a one and a half day meeting of the Association of Tennessee Valley Government. Registration is \$40.00. Motion was made by Commissioner Hudson and a second was placed by Commissioner Fortner. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. Commissioner Westbrook was approved to travel to Gilbertsville, KY for the meeting of the Association of Tennessee Valley Government.

Commissioner Hawks commented on the District 4 position. He commented that he had talked with both young men and felt that there is a future with both men and either would represent the county well.

Commissioner Vincent commented that this was a tough vote; he commented that he had known one all his life and was friends with both of them. They are both fine young men.

Commissioner Pope commented that this was also a tough vote for him.

Commissioner Donaldson commented that he would encourage Mr. Plunk to stay involved.

Commissioner Hudson commented that he did not know either of the men, but had lots of calls on both. He commented that this was a hard decision and went with Commissioner Fortner's recommendation.

County Mayor Bynum commented the next regular meeting will be held on May 15, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

The Weakley County Legislative Body Regular Meeting stood adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kim Hughey, Weakley County Clerk