

WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 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 Hudson 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 two members, Commissioner Chandler and Commissioner Pope, were absent. Commissioner Pope answered Roll Call on the next item of business.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Donaldson made a motion and Commissioner Jones placed a second to the motion. There were not any additions, deletions, or corrections. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The January 26, 2016 meeting was approved.

COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSION:

The State Comptroller's Cash Flow Report was next on the agenda. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion and Commissioner Usery placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The State Comptroller's Cash Flow Report was made a part of the minutes.

The Veterans Service Report was next and Commissioner Hawks made the motion and Commissioner Taylor placed a second. There was not any discussion and a voice vote was taken. The ayes have it with none opposed. The Veteran's Service Report was accepted as filed.

MESSAGE FROM COUNTY MAYOR:

County Mayor Bynum commented that the County had received a thank you note from Commissioner VanCleave thanking the County for the plants, visits and words of comfort on the passing of his mother; County Mayor Bynum extended sympathy to Commissioner VanCleave on behalf of the County.

Also County Mayor Bynum extended sympathy to Commissioner Hawks on the passing of his father. Arrangements are for tomorrow night at the First Baptist Church in Martin with the funeral on Wednesday, March 23rd at the First Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m.

County Mayor Bynum has received the Labor Force estimate for January 2016 and Weakley County's unemployment was 5.9 percent, the lowest in the Northwest Tennessee region. It is one percent lower than the Northwest Tennessee region and one percent higher than the state average.

Recently there was a report in the Weakley County Press by Smart Assets, a New York Financial Technology Company, which released a second annual study of the best places to get a mortgage. The study determines the top markets by comparing the likelihood of mortgages approved by county, in addition to mortgage rates, the average for five years borrowing cost and property taxes. Weakley County is number eight (8) in Tennessee which is up from number forty-two (42) in 2015.

The T.C.S.A. Post Legislative Conference is going to be held in Gatlinburg, TN. Registration for this conference is open and hotel registrations are also open.

The Carl Perkins Gala will be April 9, 2016 starting at 5:30 p.m. at UTM. Seats and tables are available. Marci Floyd is on this Board if anyone is interested.

UTM has completed the Economic Impact Study; this report will be given to the Board of Trustee's during their meeting this week at UTM. Weakley County agreed to fund part of this study, the City of Martin, the Weakley County Economic Development Board, the Development District for Northwest and Southwest Tennessee are also helping to fund this study, as well as the University. County Mayor Bynum commented that the Chancellor would try to give this report to the Commission in May, if available or to some of the committees when they meet.

Also, County Mayor Bynum commented on Deb Kidwell and her husband which own Lake Nowhere Mule Farm. They raise Mules and Jack Stock. Mrs. Kidwell was contacted by a gentleman from China and he has visited their farm and is interested in the Jack Stock which is not common in China and he would like to see it expanded into their country. They are contracting with Mrs. Kidwell to set up a corporation and ship Jack Stock to China.

Next, County Mayor Bynum commented on upgrading the telephone system in the Courthouse. The \$325,000 that the Courthouse borrowed was partly for the telephone system upgrade. Some of the equipment for Weakley County 911, the Sheriff's Department and the City of Martin are being updated by the State. Sheriff Wilson was contacted by Bobby Goode with USDA and the County is eligible to receive a Law Enforcement Grant, which the Courthouse would also be eligible to receive part of the USDA Grant. County Mayor Bynum commented that the County is in the process of applying for this Grant for the Weakley County Jail, the 911 office, the 911 function with the City of Martin and the Weakley County Courthouse. The total project is estimated at \$101,185. This is a thirty-five (35) percent grant and it will pay thirty-five (35) percent of the project.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Financial Reports were overlooked early in the meeting and Commissioner Donald Doster made a motion to accept the reports as filed and Commissioner Dennis Doster 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.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Commissioner VanCleave was recognized and he commented that there would be some Health, Education and Economic Development Committee meetings in the future concerning the business aspects of fiber optics.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

None.

ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

The next item was the Election of Notary Public. Motion was made by Commissioner Pope and Commissioner Jones 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:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-17: Resolution to Request Unclaimed Balance of Accounts from State of TN. *Sponsored by Commissioners Westbrook and Uery.*

Commissioner Donald Doster made the motion and Commissioner Taylor placed a second. Commissioner Owen gave the Finance, Ways and Means Committee report and it passed the committee 9 to 0. Discussion and the question were called. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The motion carried.

Commissioner Westbrook, without objection, made a motion to combine Resolutions No. 2016-18, 20, 21, and 22. Commissioner Fortner placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. Resolution No. 2016-18, 20, 21 and 22 were combined for consideration.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-18: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Purpose School fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016. *Sponsored by Commissioners Fortner and Overton.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-20: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Highway Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016. *Sponsored by Commissioners Vincent and Wright.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-21: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016. *Sponsored by Commissioners Fortner and Hawks.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-22: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016. *Sponsored by Commissioners Chandler and Bynum.*

Commissioner Donald Doster made a motion to place Resolutions No. 2016-18, 20, 21 and 22 on the floor for discussion and Commissioner Fortner placed a second to the motion.

Commissioner VanCleave gave the Health, Education and Economic Development Committee report and these resolutions passed the committee unanimously. The Resolutions passed the Finance, Ways and Means committee 9 to 0 and they also passed the Public Safety and Works Committee 9 to 0.

Discussion and the question were called. County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 17 ayes and one absent. Resolutions No. 2016-18, 20, 21, and 22 were adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-19: Resolution Authorizing Submission and Acceptance for Litter and Trash Collection Grant from TDOT. *Sponsored by Commissioners Vincent and Wright.*

Commissioner Wright made the motion and Commissioner Fortner placed a second. Discussion and the question were called. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it. The motion carried.

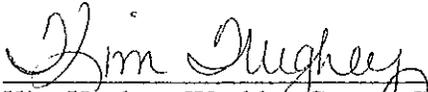
COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

None.

The next regular county commission meeting will be May 16, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Owen made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Vincent placed a second. The Weakley County Legislative Body Regular meeting stood adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kim Hughey, Weakley County Clerk