

WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY REGULAR MEETING
JULY 27, 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.

Pastor David Worley 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 Pope and Commissioner Hudson were absent.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 29, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Hawks made the motion and Commissioner Donald Doster 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 of the June 29, 2017 meeting were approved.

COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSION:

The Financial Reports were included in the packets. Commissioner Donald Doster made a motion to accept the reports as filed and Commissioner Donaldson 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 2015 Final Reconciliation of Tax Aggregate-Office of the Trustee.

Commissioner Westbrook was recognized and commented that included in the information provided to you is a Final Reconciliation of the 2015 Tax Aggregate prepared by Weakley County Trustee, Marci Floyd. This reconciliation reflects a Tax Aggregate for 2015 of \$10,778,258.99. Of this amount \$10,754,128.39 has been collected or otherwise accounted for.

Commissioner Westbrook went on to comment for the years of 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, all the personal property taxes levied and all the Public Utility property assessed were collected. This statistic is as impressive as it is rare. Commissioner Westbrook went on to comment that he did not recall all personal property taxes being collected in any one year in any county in the state.

Commissioner Westbrook made a motion that the Weakley County Trustee be relieved of collecting \$24,130.60 of the 2015 taxes levied due to errors, double assessments and other adjustments to the tax aggregate as set out in the attached compilation. Commissioner Wright placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with

none opposed. The County Trustee, Marci Floyd was relieved of collecting \$24,130.60 of the 2015 taxes levied due to errors double assessments and other adjustments to the tax aggregate as set out in the attached compilation.

The Veterans Service Report was next and Commissioner Hawks made the motion and Commissioner Taylor 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 and Commissioner Wright made the motion and Commissioner Fortner placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The UT Extension Report to Stakeholders was accepted.

MESSAGE FROM COUNTY MAYOR:

County Mayor Bynum commented that as of 12:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 26, 2017 the Martin 911 Center went live with its new Next Generation 9-1-1 Network. County Mayor Bynum commented that we believe the Martin Police Department is the first in the State to be fully deployed to the new 911 environment. It will provide more 911 communications capabilities, such as texting and forwarding images, video and data. It will help in locating callers more accurately. County Mayor Bynum commented that an example is altitude detecting which allows 911 dispatchers to determine what floor of a building the emergency call originated. The Weakley County 911 Center will be implementing the NG 9-1-1 Network system in a couple of months.

County Mayor Bynum also commented that he wanted to acknowledge his executive assistant, Erica Moore and summer intern, Heather Gilliam for their hard work in compiling the new Weakley County Government Directory containing all committees, rules, personnel policies, purchasing policies and many other items. County Mayor Bynum went on to comment that this was Intern Heather Gilliam's last day.

County Mayor Bynum commented that the Rules Committee would be meeting sometime in September prior to the Regular September Meeting on the 18th. If any of the Commissioners have recommendations and changes that need to be made in the Rules, please get these recommendations and changes to Chairman Hawks or to County Mayor Bynum prior to September 1st.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Commissioner Taylor questioned if the Audit Committee Report would fall under this heading and County Mayor Bynum commented he made the report for Commissioner Taylor in the last meeting so he could get it in the 2016-2017 year.

Next was the Weakley County Economic Development Board FY 2016-17 Activity Report to Weakley County Commission. This report was included in the packet and

Weakley County Economic Development Director, Ronnie Price, was recognized. Mr. Price offered to answer any questions and mentioned he would be providing the Commission with quarterly reports to keep the Commission informed about current developments.

Commissioner Fortner commented on the work that Mr. Price has done and that the quarterly reports would be appreciated by the Commission.

ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

The first appointment was for one (1) member to the Weakley County Audit Committee. County Mayor Bynum recommended to re-appoint Jackie Reese for a three year term ending August 31, 2020.

Commissioner Overton made the motion and Commissioner Wright placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. Jackie Reese was re-appointed for a three (3) year term ending August 31, 2020.

Next was the appointment of six (6) members to the Weakley County Ethics Board. County Mayor Bynum recommended the appointment of Commissioner Donaldson, Commissioner Fortner, Commissioner Overton, Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Wright and Commissioner Eddings for a one-year term ending August 31, 2018.

Commissioner Vincent made the motion and Commissioner Donald Doster placed a second to the motion. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The appointment for a one-year term ending August 31, 2018 for Commissioners Donaldson, Fortner, Overton, Taylor, Wright and Eddings was confirmed.

Next was the appointment of the Weakley County Rules Committee.

Commissioner Hawks requested to speak to the Commission, as Chairman of the Rules Committee. He commented that we all want to do what is best for the County. Commissioner Hawks went on to comment that after a lot of consideration he made a motion to nominate and appoint Commissioner Eddings and Commissioner Donald Doster placed a second. Discussion was called and Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to nominate and appoint Commissioner Jones. Commissioner Owen placed a second to the motion. There was discussion from Commissioner VanCleave and Commissioner Vincent concerning the appointment and County Mayor Bynum called for a Roll Call vote. County Clerk Hughey called the roll with Commissioner Jones receiving seven (7) votes and Commissioner Eddings receiving eight votes, Commissioner Eddings passed and two members absent. The Rules Committee seat remains vacant. Commissioner VanCleave questioned why there is a vacancy in District 4. The Rules state the committee stands until they are succeeded and Commissioner Eddings is on the committee now. County Mayor Bynum commented that Commissioner

Eddings was not appointed to the committee. County Mayor Bynum commented that the Commission is appointing the whole Rules Committee, not just this position. Both nominations recommended the re-appointment of Commissioners Hawks, Dennis Doster, Owen, Usery, Fortner, Overton, Donaldson and Donald Doster. The Rules Committee is not a standing committee. Commissioner Eddings took former Commissioner Chandler's place on all standing committees.

Next was the appointment of the Medical Examiner. County Mayor Bynum recommended the re-appointment of Dr. Walter Fletcher for a one-year term ending August 31, 2018. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion and Commissioner Donaldson placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The appointment of Dr. Walter Fletcher for a one-year term ending August 31, 2018 as Weakley County Medical Examiner was approved.

Next was the appointment of Weakley County Coroner for a one-year term ending August 31, 2018. County Mayor Bynum recommended the re-appointment of Rick Workman. Commissioner Dennis Doster made the motion and Commissioner Donald Doster placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The re-appointment of Rick Workman as Weakley County Coroner for a one year term ending August 31, 2018 was approved.

Next was the appointment of the Veterans Service Officer for a one-year term ending August 31, 2018. County Mayor Bynum recommended the re-appointment of Rick McKenzie. Commissioner Fortner made the motion and Commissioner Hawks placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The appointment of Rick McKenzie for a one-year term ending August 31, 2018 as the Veterans Service Officer was confirmed.

Next was the appointment of a Constable for District 8. There was not a nomination or motion and the District 8- Constable position remains empty.

Next was the Notaries Public List. Commissioner VanCleave made the motion and Commissioner Usery placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The Notary Public List was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The approval of Director of Schools, Randy Frazier, Official Statutory Bond with a term beginning July 1, 2017 and ending July 1, 2018. Commissioner Hawks made the motion and Commissioner Donald Doster placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes

have it with none opposed. The Statutory Official Bond of Directory of Schools, Randy Frazier, with a term beginning July 1, 2017 and ending July 1, 2018 was approved.

Next was the approval of County Coroner, Rick Workman, Official Statutory Bond with a term beginning September 1, 2017 and ending September 1, 2018. Commissioner Dennis Doster made the motion and Commissioner Eddings placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The Official Bond of Rick Workman, County Coroner with a term beginning September 1, 2017 and ending September 1, 2018 was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-05: Resolution Honoring Colonel Jack Usrey For Exhibiting Respectful Reverence and Honoring Weakley County in His Acts. *Sponsored by Commissioners Hawks and VanCleave.*

Commissioner Hawks made the motion and Commissioner VanCleave placed a second. County Mayor Bynum requested that County Clerk Hughey read the Resolution into the minutes.

The Commission gave a standing ovation and round of applause to Colonel Jack Usrey. Commissioner Hawks recognized the parents of Colonel Jack L. Usrey that were present at the Commission meeting and asked them to stand.

Colonel Jack Usrey thanked the Commission for being honored with this Resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-01: Resolution Making Appropriations for the Various Funds, Departments, Institutions, Offices, and Agencies of Weakley County, TN, for the FY Beginning July 1, 2017 and Ending June 30, 2018. *Sponsored by Commissioners Pope and Wright.*

Commissioner Owen made the motion and Commissioner Donaldson placed a second.

Commissioner Owen commented that with three Directors in three years he commended Director of Finance, John Liggett, on his hard work. County Mayor Bynum commented that the Finance, Ways and Means Committee made changes in the meeting prior to the regular session. The Election Commission is now \$251,357, total General Government is \$981,932, total General Operations is \$9,097, 599. Total Weakley County 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget is \$57,933,115. These changes were approved by the Finance, Ways and Means Committee.

Discussion was called and Commissioner VanCleave was recognized, he made a motion to amend the General Capital Projects Fund by \$62,000 and earmark and redirect this money for Public Records and Archives and Commissioner Hawks placed a second to the motion. Discussion was called and Commissioner Westbrook questioned what the Commission is going to do about the roof on the jail, the concrete around the Courthouse and other things. The money was put in General Capital Projects to take care of these projects. Commissioner VanCleave commented the contractors are already there at the Adult Learning Center and the work needs to be done while they are there. County Mayor Bynum commented that out of the \$277,955 in General Capital Projects there are P O's out of this fund for all but \$129,000 and this did not include the roof on the jail, which we have just been made aware of this date.

There was discussion from Commissioner VanCleave, Commissioner Westbrook and Commissioner Taylor with comments concerning the \$90,000 estimate for the roof repair at the county jail, P O's that are still open from 2016-17 budget on concrete repair at the Courthouse, repairs to heat and cooling unit at the Courthouse and upgrading to an LED lighting system.

Commissioner Fortner questioned if this Budget should go back to Finance, Ways and Means Committee and County Mayor Bynum commented that this was not changing the budget. Commissioner Hawks called for a vote on the amendment. County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 13 ayes, 3 nays and two absent. Motion to earmark \$62,000 from the General Capital Projects for Public Records and Archives was approved.

Back to the original motion, there were not any other amendments and County Clerk Hughey called the roll with 16 ayes and two absent. The Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-02: Resolution Fixing the Tax Levy for Weakley County, Tennessee, for the FY Beginning July 1, 2017. *Sponsored by Commissioners Wright and Westbrook.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Hawks and a second was placed by Commissioner Donald Doster. County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 16 ayes and two absent. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-03: Resolution Making Appropriations to Non-Profit Charitable Organizations for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2017 and Ending June 30, 2018. (Passed unanimously through Finance, Ways and Means Committee) *Sponsored by Commissioners Utery and Jones.*

Commissioner Eddings made the motion and Commissioner Fortner placed a second. County Clerk Hughey called the roll with 16 ayes and two absent. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-06: Authorizing the Submittal of an Application to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development for the Small Cities Block Grant Program/CDBG for Fiscal Year 2018. *Sponsored by Commissioners Pope and Owen.*

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-04: Resolution In Support of New Building for the Carl Perkins Center for The Prevention of Child Abuse and To Provide Financial Support For the Project. (Passed unanimously through Public Safety Committee) *Sponsored by Commissioners Usery and Jones.*

Commissioner Donaldson made the motion and Commissioner Fortner placed a second. Discussion was called and Commissioner Fortner questioned if this was a Block Grant. County Mayor Bynum commented we will not be funding any money until the Block Grant has been awarded.

County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 15 ayes, one nay and two absent. Motion was approved.

COMMISSION MEMBERS COMMENTS:

None.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, September 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Donald Doster placed a second.

The Weakley County Regular Legislative Body Meeting stood adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kim Hughey, Weakley County Clerk