ORIGINAL

Weakley County Legislative Body
Regular County Commission Meeting
Seminar Room, Personal Development Center, Dresden, TN
Thursday, July 30, 2020-5:30 P.M.

The Weakley County Legislative Body was called to order by County Mayor Bynum at 5:30 p.m. at the Weakley County Personal Development Center.

The invocation was given by Orrin Cowley.

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

County Clerk Hughey called the roll. Answering present were Commissioners Dennis Doster, Bobby Dunlap, Eric Owen, Larry Hudson, James Roy Pope, Greg Usery, Gary Eddings, Colton Nanney, Larry Taylor, Angela Fortner, David Bell, Dale Overton, David Hawks, Beth VanCleave, Roger Donaldson, Jack Vincent, Donnie Essary, and James Westbrook. No one was absent.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 30, 2020, Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Eddings and a second was placed by Commissioner Hudson. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved with none opposed.

Communication to the Commission

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the Financial Reports. Commissioner Pope made the motion and Commissioner Nanney placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the Financial Reports were approved with none opposed.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the 2018 Final Reconciliation of the Tax Aggregate-Office of the Trustee. A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and a second was placed by Commissioner Westbrook. Commissioner Westbrook was then recognized by Mayor Bynum to speak. Commissioner Westbrook made a motion that

the Weakley County Trustee be relieved of collecting $56,015.83 of the 2018 taxes levied due to double assessments and other minor changes in the tax rolls while reconciling the 2018 tax aggregate. Commissioner Westbrook also commended Trustee Marci Floyd for her efforts in collecting 99% of the 2018 taxes and her detailed accounting of those funds. A voice vote was taken and the motion to approve was passed with none opposed.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the Veteran's Service Report. A motion was made by Commissioner Hawks and a second was placed by Commissioner Donaldson. A voice vote was taken and the report was approved with none opposed.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the UT Extension Report to Stakeholders. A motion was made by Commissioner Eddings and a second was placed by Commissioner Bell. A voice vote was taken and the report was approved with none opposed.

Message from the County Mayor

County Mayor Bynum reminded everyone that early voting for the Federal and State Primary election ends Saturday, August 1, 2020 at noon and encouraged everyone to vote.

Sales tax total for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 was $8,820,790 which is a 5% increase from last year. The county saw a 15% increase from last year. The largest contribution to the increase is from sales tax collection now being pro situs.

County Mayor Byum then gave an update on the county's Covid-19 status. As of today, July 30, 2020 the total cumulative cases is 196, the total active cases is currently at 119. The 14 day average of increase per day is 6.7%. He reminded everyone to wash their hands, not touch their faces, stay six feet apart, and to wear a mask.

Reports of Special and Standing Committees

Commissioner Hawks was recognized to speak. He reminded everyone that if there were any rules changes that they would like to bring before the commission, to have those to him or Mayor Bynum by August 31, 2020, so that they can be presented at the September meeting.

Elections, Appointments, and Confirmations

Appointment of Veteran's Service Officer

Mr. Ricky Cobb was recommended for re-appointment as the Veteran's Service Officer. County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Commissioner Hawks and a second was placed by Commissioner Doster. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed with none opposed.

Appointment of Public Safety Officer

Mr. Ray Wiggington was recommended for a term ending August 31, 2021. County Mayor Bynum asked for a motion to approve. A motion was placed by Commissioner Eddings and a second was placed by Commissioner Donaldson. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed with no one opposed.

Appointment of County Coroner

Mr. Rick Workman was recommended for re-appoint as County Coroner for a term ending August 31, 2021. Mayor Bynum asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Overton made a motion to approve and Commissioner Pope placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the motion to re-appoint passed with none opposed.

Appointment of Medical Examiner

Dr. Walter Fletcher was recommended for re-appointment as Medical Examiner for a term ending August 31, 2021. County Mayor Bynum asked for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson and a second was placed by Commissioner Usery. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed with none opposed.

Appointment of Two (2) Members to the Health & Safety Standards Board

Commissioner Gary Eddings was recommended to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2022 and Commissioner Jack Vincent was recommended for re-appointment for a four year term ending June 30, 2024. County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to accept. A motion was made by Commissioner Hawks and a second was placed by Commissioner Pope. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed with none opposed.

Appointment of Three (3) Members to the Emergency Communications Board

Mrs. Elizabeth Pritchett and Mr. Bob Dudley were recommended for re-appointment and the new appointment of Mr. John Hater to the 911 Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Pope and a second was placed by Commissioner Eddings. A voice vote was taken and the motion was passed with none opposed.

Appointment of Three (3) Members to the Everett-Stewart Regional Airport Board

Mr. Wayne McCreight and Commissioner Roger Donaldson were recommended for reappointment to the Everett-Stewart Regional Airport Board and Mrs. Jennifer

Branscum was recommended as a new appointment to the board. County Mayor Bynum asked for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Commissioner VanCleave and a second was placed by Commissioner Taylor. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved with none opposed.

Appointment of Six (6) Members to the Weakley County Ethics Board

Commissioners Larry Hudson, Gary Eddings, Greg Usery, Larry Taylor, Dale Overton, and Roger Donaldson were recommended for appointment to the Weakley County Ethics Board. County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Commissioner Doster and a second was placed by Commissioner Bell. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved with none opposed.

Appointment of Two (2) Members to the Weakley County Audit Committee

Bethany Elam was recommended to the Weakley County Audit Committee for a one (1) year term ending August 31, 2021 and the re-appointment of Jack Reese for a three (3) year term ending August 31, 2023. County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap and a second was placed by Commissioner Taylor. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved with none opposed.

Appointment of One (1) Member to the Weakley County Board of Public Utilities

County Mayor Bynum asked for nominations. Commissioner Essary was recognized. He nominated Mrs. Leann Moore. A second was placed by Commissioner Overton. Mayor Bynum asked for any more nominations. Commissioner Eddings was recognized and nominated Mr. Richard Adams. A second was placed by Commissioner Pope.

There were no more nominations. Both nominees have submitted an application and met all the qualifications for the position. County Clerk Hughey called the roll. Commissioners Doster, Dunlap, Hudson, Pope, Usery, Eddings, Nanney, Taylor, Fortner, Bell, Hawks, VanCleave, and Donaldson placed votes for Richard Adams. Commissioners Owen, Overton, Vincent, Essary, and Westbrook placed votes for Leann Moore. Having the majority of the votes, Mr. Richard Adams was appointed to the Weakley County Board of Public Utilities.

Election of Notaries Public

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the applications for Notaries Public. Commissioner Overton made a motion to approve and Commissioner VanCleave placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the notary list was approved with none opposed.

Old Business

None.

New Business

a. **Resolution 2021-01:** Resolution Making Appropriations For The Various Funds, Departments, Institutions, Offices, And Agencies Of Weakley County, TN, For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020 And Ending June 30, 2021. ***Sponsored by: Commissioners Dennis Doster and Angela Fortner***
County Mayor Bynum recognized Commissioner Hawks to speak. Commissioner Hawks spoke about the preservation of archive records. He feels that the county should add $1000.00 to the current budget of $21,541.00 for office furniture and fixtures for a part time employee. Commissioner Hawks made a motion for amendment. Commissioner Bell placed a second. Commissioner Owen asked if that money would come from the General Fund. County Mayor Bynum answered "yes, it would." County Clerk Hughey called roll to vote on the resolution as

amended. The resolution was approved as amended with all 18 (eighteen) commissioners answering "yes."

b. **Resolution 2021-02:** Resolution Fixing The Tax Levy For Weakley County, Tennessee, For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020. ***Sponsored by: Commissioners James Westbrook and Eric Owen***
County Mayor Bynum asked for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Commissioner VanCleave and a second was made by Commissioner Bell. County Clerk Hughey called the roll. The resolution was approved with all 18 (eighteen) commissioners answering "yes."

c. **Resolution 2021-03:** Resolution Making Appropriations To Non-Profit Charitable Organizations For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020 And Ending June 30, 2021. ***Sponsored by: Commissioners David Bell and Dale Overton***
County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Commissioner Donaldson and a second was placed by Commissioner Eddings. County Mayor Bynum recognized Commissioner Bell for discussion. Commissioner Bell asked what the $6000 for the Dolly Parton Reading Railroad was used for. Mayor Bynum stated that it was used to pay the county's portion of the books that are mailed to children from birth to 5 years old that are enrolled in the program. County Clerk Hughey called the roll. The resolution passed with all 18 (eighteen) commissioners answering "yes."

Commissioner Members' Comments

County Mayor Bynum asked the commissioners if there were any comments. Commissioner Vincent was recognized to speak. He asked if there were any new developments in having a cell tower installed in the northern part of the county, as the students go back to school, or possibly have to go to "virtual learning" , where cell service or internet access in rural areas would be crucial. County Mayor Bynum stated that the county is genuinely trying to address that issue, through an application process with large cellular service providers.
Commissioner Westbrook asked what the adoption rate has been on citizens signing up for WK&T in the Dukedom area where their project has just been completed. County Mayor Bynum stated that we would find that number out, that we have not been too

concerned with following the adoption rate, because the county did not put any money towards that project. It was fully funded by USDA.
Commissioner Pope was recognized to speak. He has received a couple of phone calls and letters about internet service in the Kimery Store Road area. He asked if there was any action being taken there. County Mayor Bynum answered that "we do not and there is no access on that road."

Commissioner Hawks was recognized to speak. He wished Commissioner Larry Taylor a Happy 80th Birthday today.

County Mayor Bynum recognized that tonight is Commissioner Angela Fortner's last meeting as a commissioner, and thanked her for her service to the county.

Next Regular Meeting

The next scheduled Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rhonda McDaniel

Rhonda McDaniel, Deputy Clerk

ATTEST:

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Kim Hughey, Weakley County Clerk