

RESOLUTION OF WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF INTEREST BEARING GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL OUTLAY NOTES, SERIES 1998, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$ 333,000.00, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID NOTES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of Weakley County, Tennessee (the "County"), has determined that it is necessary and desirable to authorize, issue, sell, and provide for the payment of its interest bearing capital outlay notes to finance certain public works projects, including bridge and road construction and improvements within the County, the acquisition of certain highway equipment for use by the County, the acquisition of all property real and personal appurtenant thereto and connected with such work, and to pay all legal, fiscal, administrative, and engineering costs incident thereto (collectively, the "Project"), and costs incident to the financing thereof;

WHEREAS, the County finds and determines that the Project is essential to the health, welfare, and safety of the public;

WHEREAS, in order to proceed as expeditiously as possible with such an essential Project, it is necessary that interest bearing capital outlay notes be issued for the purpose of providing funds to finance the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the County is authorized by the provisions of Title 9, Chapter 21, Tennessee Code Annotated, as amended, to issue such notes for said purposes upon the approval of the State of Tennessee Director of Local Finance (the "Director of Local Finance");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Authority. The Notes herein authorized shall be issued pursuant to Title 9, Chapter 21, Tennessee Code Annotated, as amended, and other applicable provisions of law.

Section 2. Authorization. For the purpose of providing funds to finance the costs of the Project and to pay costs incident to the financing thereof, there shall be issued pursuant to, and in accordance with, the provisions of Title 9, Chapter 21, Tennessee Code Annotated, as amended, and other applicable provisions of law, the interest bearing capital outlay notes of the County, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Three Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Dollars (\$ 333,000.00), or such lesser amount as may be determined by the County Executive of the County (the "County Executive") at the time of sale (collectively, the "Notes", individually, the "Note"). The term of the Notes shall not exceed the reasonably expected economic life of the Project which is hereby certified to be at least the term of the Notes.

Section 3. Terms of the Notes. The Notes shall be designated "General Obligation Capital Outlay Notes, Series 1998". The Notes shall be issued in registered form, without coupons, in minimum denominations of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) or any integral multiple thereof. The Notes shall be numbered from 1 upwards, shall be dated the date of issuance and

delivery, or such other date as the County Executive shall determine, shall be sold at not less than the par amount thereof, and shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6 1/2% per annum, such interest being payable at such times as agreed upon with the purchaser of such Notes, but in no event less than semi-annually each year commencing six months from the dated date or such date as shall be designated by the County Executive (the "Interest Payment Date"), and shall mature not later than the anniversary of the dated date in the year 2001. Each year the Notes are outstanding the County shall retire principal on the Notes in an amount that is estimated to be at least equal to an amortization which reflects level debt service on the Notes.

The Notes shall contain such terms, conditions, and provisions other than as expressly provided or limited herein as may be agreed upon by the County Executive of the County and the purchaser of the Notes.

Interest on the Notes shall be payable by check or other form of draft of the "Note Registrar," as such term is hereinafter defined, deposited by the Note Registrar in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid, in sealed envelopes, addressed to the owners of such Notes, as of the applicable Interest Payment Date, at their respective addresses as shown on the registration books of the County maintained by the Note Registrar as of the close of business fifteen (15) calendar days preceding the next Interest Payment Date. The principal of all Notes shall be payable upon presentation and surrender of such Notes at the principal office of the Note Registrar. All payments of the principal of and interest on the Notes shall be made in any coin or currency of the United States of America which, on the date of payment thereof, shall be legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

Section 4. Redemption. The Notes shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity.

Section 5. Execution. The Notes shall be executed in the name of the County; shall bear the manual or facsimile signature of the County Executive; shall be countersigned by the County Clerk of the County (the "County Clerk") with his or her manual or facsimile signature; and, shall have printed or impressed thereon the official seal of the County. In the event any officer whose signature appears on the Notes shall cease to be such officer, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes. The Notes shall be issued in typed, mimeographed, printed, or photocopied form, or any combination thereof, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A", with such minor changes therein or such variations thereof as the County Executive may deem necessary or desirable, the blanks to be appropriately completed by the County Executive prior to the issuance of the Notes.

Section 6. Registration, Negotiability, and Payment. (a) The County Clerk of the County is hereby appointed the note registrar and paying agent (the "Note Registrar"), and as such shall establish and maintain suitable books (the "Registration Books") for recording the registration, conversion, and payment of the Notes, and shall also perform such other duties as may be required in connection with any of the foregoing. The Note Registrar is hereby authorized to authenticate and deliver the Notes to the original purchaser thereof, or as he or she may designate, upon receipt by the County of the proceeds of the sale thereof and to authenticate and deliver Notes in exchange for Notes of the same principal amount delivered for transfer upon receipt of the Notes to be transferred in proper form with proper documentation as herein

described. The Notes shall not be valid for any purpose unless authenticated by the Note Registrar by the manual signature of the Note Registrar on the certificate set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto. The Notes shall be fully registered as to both principal and interest and shall be fully negotiable upon proper endorsement by the registered owner thereof. No transfer of any Notes shall be valid unless such transfer is noted upon the Registration Books and until such Note is surrendered, cancelled, and exchanged for a new Note which shall be issued to the transferee, subject to all the conditions contained herein. Principal on the Notes shall be paid at maturity upon presentation or surrender of the Notes at the principal office of the Note Registrar, and payment in such manner shall forever discharge and release the obligation of the County to the extent of the principal and interest so paid.

(b) The County may from time to time at its discretion remove the Note Registrar and appoint a successor Note Registrar to whom all records, documents, and instruments relating to its duties as Note Registrar shall be delivered. Any successor Note Registrar shall be appointed by resolution of the County, and shall be a trust company or bank having the powers of a trust company, having, at the time of such appointment, a combined capital, surplus, and undivided profits aggregating at least Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000), and be willing and able to accept the office of Note Registrar on reasonable and customary terms, and authorized by law to perform all duties imposed upon it by this Resolution.

(c) In the event that any amount payable on any Note as interest shall at any time exceed the rate of interest lawfully chargeable thereon under applicable law, then any such excess shall, to the extent of such excess, be applied against the principal of such Note as a prepayment thereof without penalty, and such excess shall not be considered to be interest. All rates of interest specified herein shall be computed on the basis of a three hundred sixty (360) day year composed of twelve (12) months of thirty (30) days each.

Section 7. Exchange of Notes. Notes upon surrender thereof at the office of the Note Registrar, together with an assignment of such Notes duly executed by the registered owner thereof, or his, her, or its attorney or legal representative, may be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of Notes of the same maturity, of any denomination or denominations authorized by this Resolution, and bearing interest at the same rate as the Notes surrendered for exchange.

Section 8. Transfer of Notes. Each Note shall be transferable only on the registration books maintained by the Note Registrar at the principal office of the Note Registrar, upon the surrender for cancellation thereof at the principal office of the Note Registrar, together with an assignment of such Note duly executed by the owner thereof or his, her or its attorney or legal representative, and upon payment of the charges hereinafter provided, and subject to such other limitations and conditions as may be provided therein or herein. Upon the cancellation of any such Note, the Note Registrar shall, in exchange for the surrendered Note or Notes, deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees a new Note or Notes of authorized denominations, of the same aggregate principal amount, maturity, and rate of interest as such surrendered Note or Notes, and the transferee or transferees shall take such new Note or Notes subject to all of the conditions herein contained.

Section 9. Regulations with Respect to Exchanges and Transfers. In all cases in which the privilege of exchanging or transferring Notes is exercised, the County shall execute, and the Note Registrar shall deliver, Notes in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution. For every exchange or transfer of Notes, whether temporary or definitive, the County and the Note Registrar may make a charge, unless otherwise herein to the contrary expressly provided, sufficient to pay for any tax, fee, or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or transfer, all of which taxes, fees, and other governmental charges shall be paid to the County by the person or entity requesting such exchange or transfer as a condition precedent to the exercise of the privilege of making such exchange or transfer.

Neither the County nor the Note Registrar shall be obligated to exchange or transfer any Note during the fifteen (15) calendar days next preceding the maturity date of the Notes.

Section 10. Mutilated, Lost, Stolen, or Destroyed Notes. In the event any Note issued hereunder shall become mutilated, or be lost, stolen, or destroyed, such Note shall, at the written request of the registered owner, be cancelled on the Registration Books and a new Note shall be authenticated and delivered, corresponding in all aspects but number to the mutilated, lost, stolen, or destroyed Note. Thereafter, should such mutilated, lost, stolen, or destroyed Note or Notes come into possession of the registered owner, such Notes shall be returned to the Note Registrar for destruction by the Note Registrar. If the principal on said mutilated, lost, stolen, or destroyed Note shall be due within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the written request of the registered owner for authentication and delivery of a new Note, payment therefor shall be made as scheduled in lieu of issuing a new Note. In every case the registered owner shall certify in writing as to the destruction, theft, or loss of such Note, and shall provide indemnification satisfactory to the County and to the Note Registrar, if required by the County and the Note Registrar.

Any notice to the contrary notwithstanding, the County and all of the officials, employees, and agents thereof, including the Note Registrar, may deem and treat the registered owners of the Notes as the absolute owners thereof for all purposes, including, but not limited to, payment of the principal thereof, and the interest thereon, regardless of whether such payment shall then be overdue.

Section 11. Authentication. Only such of the Notes as shall have endorsed thereon a certificate of authentication, substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto duly executed by the Note Registrar shall be entitled to the rights, benefits, and security of this Resolution. No Note shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless, and until, such certificate of authentication shall have been duly executed by the Note Registrar. Such executed certificate of authentication by the Note Registrar upon any such Note shall be conclusive evidence that such Note has been duly authenticated and delivered under this Resolution as of the date of authentication.

Section 12. Source of Payment and Security. The Notes, as to both principal and interest, shall be payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the County without limitation as to time, rate, or amount. Said Notes shall be a direct

general obligation of the County, for which the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes, the full faith and credit of the County is irrevocably pledged.

Section 13. Levy of Taxes. For the purpose of providing for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes, there shall be levied in each year in which such Notes shall be outstanding a direct tax on all taxable property in the County, fully sufficient to pay all such principal and interest falling due prior to the time of collection of the next succeeding tax levy. Said tax shall be assessed, collected, and paid at the time, and in the same manner, as the other taxes of said County, shall be in addition to all other taxes, and shall be without limitation as to time, rate, or amount, and for that purpose there is hereby levied a direct annual tax in such amount as may be found necessary each year to pay said principal of and interest on the Notes maturing in said year. Principal or interest falling due at any time when there shall be insufficient funds on hand from such tax levy for the payment thereof shall be paid from the general fund or other available funds of the County, but reimbursement therefor may be made from the taxes herein provided when the same shall have been collected. Such taxes levied and collected therefor shall be deposited in a special fund to be designated the "Series 1998 General Obligation Capital Outlay Note Fund" (the "Note Fund"), which is hereby authorized to be created, and used solely for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes as the same shall become due.

Section 14. Approval of Director of Local Finance. Anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding, no Notes authorized under this Resolution shall be issued, sold, or delivered, unless and until such Notes shall first have been duly approved by the Director of Local Finance of the State of Tennessee as provided by Section 9-21-601 et. seq., Tennessee Code Annotated, as amended. The County Executive, County Clerk, and Attorney for the County, are hereby authorized to take or cause to be taken such steps as are necessary to obtain such approval. After the issuance and sale of the Notes, and for each year that any of the Notes are outstanding, the County shall submit its annual budget to the State Director of Local Finance for approval immediately upon the County's adoption of the budget.

Section 15. Sale of Notes. The Notes herein authorized are authorized to be sold by the County Executive at a private negotiated sale or by an informal bid process at a price of not less than par and accrued interest.

Section 16. Disposition of Note Proceeds. The proceeds from the sale of the Notes shall be paid to the official of the County designated by law as the custodian of the funds thereof to be deposited in a special fund known as the "1998 General Obligation Capital Outlay Notes Project Fund" (the "Project Fund"), which is hereby authorized to be created, to be kept separate and apart from all other funds of the County. The monies in the Project Fund shall be disbursed solely to finance the Project and to pay the costs of issuance of the Notes, including necessary legal, accounting, engineering, and fiscal expenses, printing, engraving, advertising and similar expense, administrative and clerical costs, fees and other necessary miscellaneous expenses incurred in connection with the issuance and sale of the Notes. Monies in the Project Fund may be invested and shall be secured in the manner prescribed by applicable statutes relative to the investment and securing of public or trust funds. Any monies remaining in the Project Fund after completion of the Project shall be transferred to the Note Fund.

Section 17. Designation of Notes as Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations. The County hereby designates the Notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning and for the purpose of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

Section 18. Non-Arbitrage Certification. The County certifies and covenants with the owners of the Notes that so long as the principal of any Note remains unpaid, monies on deposit in any fund or account in connection with the Notes, whether or not such monies were derived from the proceeds of the sale of the Notes or from any other source, will not be used in a manner which will cause the Notes to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code, and any lawful regulations promulgated thereunder, as the same presently exist, or may from time to time hereafter be amended, supplemented or revised. The County reserves the right, however, to make any investment of such monies permitted by Tennessee law and this Resolution if, when and to the extent that said Section 148 or regulations promulgated thereunder shall be repealed or relaxed or shall be held void by final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, but only if any investment made by virtue of such repeal, relaxation, or decision would not, in the opinion of counsel of recognized competence in such matters, result in making the interest on the Notes subject to inclusion in gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes.

The County covenants that it shall comply with Section 148(f) of the Code, unless legally exempted therefrom and it represents that in the event it shall be required by Section 148(f) of the Code to pay "Rebatable Arbitrage," as defined in the regulations promulgated under the Code, to the United States Government, it will make such payments as and when required by said Section 148(f) and will take such other actions as shall be necessary or permitted to prevent the interest on the Notes from becoming subject to inclusion in federal gross income of the owners of the Notes for purposes of federal income taxation.

Section 19. Resolution a Contract. The provisions of this Resolution shall constitute a contract between the County and the owners of the Notes, and after the issuance of the Notes, no change, variation, or alteration of any kind in the provisions of this Resolution shall be made in any manner, until such time as all installments of the principal of and interest on the Notes shall have been paid in full or the consent of the registered owners of the Notes has been obtained; provided, however, that the County is hereby authorized to make such amendments to this Resolution as will not impair the rights or security of the owners of the Notes.

Section 20. No Action to be Taken Affecting Validity of the Notes. The County hereby covenants and agrees that it will not take any action, that would in any manner affect the validity of the Notes or limit the rights and remedies of the owners from time to time of such Notes. The County further covenants that it will not take any action that will cause the interest on the Notes to be subject to inclusion in gross income of the owners thereof for purposes of federal income taxation.

Section 21. Miscellaneous Acts. The County Executive, the County Clerk, and all other appropriate officials of the County are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to do any and all such acts and things, and to execute, acknowledge, and deliver all such documents, instruments, and certifications, specifically including but not limited to, making arbitrage

certifications and executing a note purchase agreement in connection with the purchase of the Notes, in addition to those acts, things, documents, instruments, and certifications hereinbefore authorized and approved, as may in their discretion, be necessary or desirable to implement or comply with the intent of this Resolution; or any of the documents herein authorized and approved; or for the authorization, issuance, and delivery of the Notes.

Section 22. Failure to Present Notes. Subject to the provisions of Section 3 hereof, in the event any Note shall not be presented for payment when the principal becomes due at maturity and in the event monies sufficient to pay such Note shall be held by the Note Registrar for the benefit of the owner thereof, all liability of the County to such owner for the payment of such Note shall forthwith cease, terminate, and be completely discharged. Thereupon, the Note Registrar shall hold such monies, without liability for interest thereon, for the benefit of the owner of such Note who shall thereafter be restricted exclusively to such monies for any claim under this Resolution or on, or with respect to, said Note, subject to escheat or other similar law, and any applicable statute of limitation.

Section 23. Payments Due on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays. Whenever the interest on or principal of any Note is due on a Saturday or Sunday or, at the place designated for payment, a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions are authorized by law to close, then the payment of the interest on, or the principal of, such Note need not be made on such date but must be made on the next succeeding day not a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday or a day upon which banking institutions are authorized by law to close, with the same force and effect as if made on the date of maturity; and no interest shall accrue for the period after such date.

Section 24. No Recourse Under Resolution or on Notes. All stipulations, promises, agreements, and obligations of the County contained in this Resolution shall be deemed to be the stipulations, promises, agreements, and obligations of the County and not of any officer, director, or employee of the County in his or her individual capacity, and no recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Notes or for any claim based thereon or under this Resolution against any officer, director, or employee of the County or against any official or individual executing the Notes.

Section 25. Severability. If any section, paragraph, or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions hereof.

Section 26. Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions and Effective Date. All resolutions and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution, are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed, and this Resolution shall be in effect as of the date of its adoption the welfare of the County requiring it.

PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF THE WEAKLEY COUNTY COMMISSION THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS:

Joe James

David Cook

ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED:

Richard Allen

Chairman, Finance, Ways and Means Committee

Motion made by Commissioner Farmer that the foregoing and hereto attached resolution be approved. Seconded by Commissioner Wright.
Upon being put to a roll call vote, motion carried by a vote of:

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ATTEST:

Pat Scarborough
PAT SCARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED:

Ron Gifford
RON GIFFORD, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

This is the 27th day of July, 1998.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF WEAKLEY)

I, Pat Scarbrough, hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting County Clerk of Weakley County, Tennessee (the "County"), and, as such official, I further certify as follows: (1) that attached hereto is a copy of a resolution excerpted from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of said County held on July 27, 1998; (2) that I have compared said copy with the original minute record of said meeting in my official custody; (3) that said copy is a true, correct, and complete copy of such resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$333,000.00 General Obligation Capital Outlay Notes, Series 1998, by said County; (4) that the actions by said Board of Commissioners including the aforementioned, at said meeting were promptly and duly recorded by me in a book kept for such purpose; and, (5) that a quorum of the members of said Board of Commissioners was present and acting throughout said meeting.

WITNESS my official signature and the seal of said County this 27th day of July, 1998.


County Clerk

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