

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE HARDY M. GRAHAM
STADIUM RENOVATION PROJECT AND TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL
SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT.**

AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, The University of Tennessee at Martin is proposing to renovate the Hardy M. Graham stadium by replacing the seating on the west side, constructing a new press box, a club level, a game box that will include a club suite, media area, chancellor suite, administration spaces and a new hospitality concentration in family and consumer sciences; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the project will be \$6.5 million dollars for the 16,200 square foot renovation of which UT Martin must raise one million dollars with the other \$5.5 million coming from state funds and guarantee games; and

WHEREAS, UT Martin is unarguable the best single asset in Weakley County in terms of education opportunities for our children, and economic development engine to attract jobs, business and industry; and

WHEREAS, the City of Martin, individuals, industries, and businesses have made contributions toward the one million dollars UTM must raise; and

WHEREAS, Westview High School football games, including the annual Westview-Dresden game are played at the stadium along with the playoff games which contribute to the enjoyment of football fans as well as the economy of the county; and

WHEREAS, Weakley County has received \$36,336 from various municipalities for alcoholic beverage taxes unpaid in prior years; and

WHEREAS, officials from UT Martin have requested Weakley County to assist in the stadium improvement fund raising effort by contributing \$150,000 spread over the next ~~several~~ fiscal years to assist in financing this project; and (spread over the next five years, \$36,336 the first year, \$24,000 the next year and \$30,000 the last three years.)

WHEREAS, precedent has been established for the County to participant in capital projects at the University starting when the junior college was established and including a portion of a bus for nursing students, a contribution for the east side building and seats and other present.

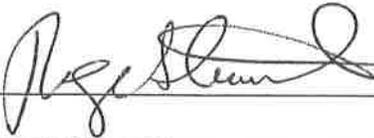
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Weakley County Commission, meeting in regular session on June 30, 2014, does hereby affirm its support of the Hardy M. Graham Stadium Renovation Project and participation in assisting with its funding.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County, Tennessee which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

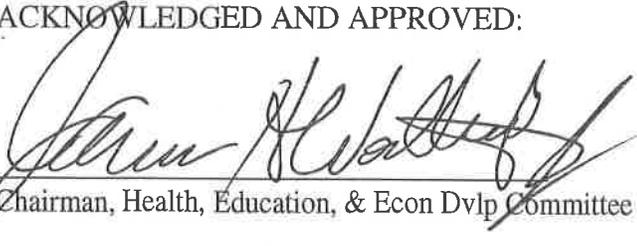
NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Pursuant To The Rules Of The Commission, This Resolution Is Sponsored By The Following Members Of The Weakley County Board of County Commissioners:

SPONSORED BY:



ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED:


Chairman, Health, Education, & Econ Dvlp Committee

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Chairman, Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Motion made by Commissioner Overton that the foregoing resolution be adopted:

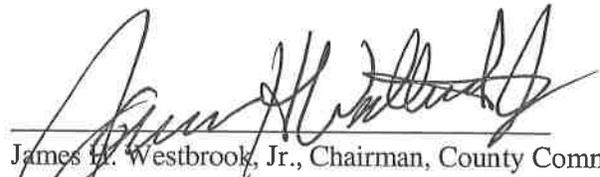
Motion seconded by Commissioner Wright.

Upon being put to a roll call vote, Motion carried by a vote of 17 Yeas, 0 Nays,
0 Passed and 1 Absent.

ATTESTED:


Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk

APPROVED:


James H. Westbrook, Jr., Chairman, County Commission

THIS THE 30th DAY OF JUNE, 2014.

APPROVED:


Houston W. Patrick, County Mayor

VETOED:

Houston W. Patrick, County Mayor

Date: 09/01/14

Date: _____