

**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, AND MEANS COMMITTEE
COMMISSIONER COURTROOM, WEAKLEY COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.**

FWM Committee Members Present: Commissioners Greg Usery, Billy Hazlewood, David Bell, Roger Donaldson, Dennis Doster, Gary Eddings, Larry Taylor, and Jimmy Westbrook

FWM Committee Members Absent: Commissioners Marcus Hopper

I. CALL TO ORDER -APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Usery called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and called for consideration of the minutes from the previous meeting, which was held on July 23, 2025. Commissioner Doster made the motion to approve, and Commissioner Hazlewood seconded. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No application was made for public comment.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2026-07 Resolution Authorizing Weakley County Sheriff's Department for the Conveyance of Property: Commissioner Donaldson made a motion to place the resolution on the floor and with a second from Commissioner Eddings the resolution was opened for discussion. Chairperson Usery recognized Weakley County Sheriff, Terry McDade. Sheriff McDade reported that the Greenfield Police Department experienced an accident involving one of its patrol vehicles, resulting in the need for a replacement. Sheriff McDade currently has an additional patrol vehicle available which he wishes to transfer to the Greenfield Police Department. Commissioner Doster requested information regarding the price of the patrol vehicle, to which Sheriff McDade responded that its estimated value is approximately \$2,000. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-08 Resolution Authorizing Amendments to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026: Commissioner Hazlewood made a motion to place the resolution on the floor and with a second from Commissioner Bell the resolution was opened for discussion. Chairperson Usery recognized Weakley County Trustee, Marci Floyd. Trustee Floyd reported that her office has experienced some staff turnover. She is proposing to hire two part-time personnel instead of one full-time employee, as this approach would result in cost savings for the county by reducing expenses related to insurance and retirement benefits. Trustee Floyd chooses to initially employ staff on a part-time basis in order to establish trust with the employee prior to offering full-time employment. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-09 Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Highway Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026: Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to place the resolution on the floor and with a second from Commissioner Eddings the resolution was opened for discussion. Chairperson Usery recognized Weakley County Road Supervisor Jeff Cosby. Supervisor Cosby explained the highway department has received additional state aid money that needed to be added to the budget. The resolution passed unanimously.

Commissioner Donaldson made a motion to combine resolution 2026-10, 2026-11, and 2026-12. Commissioner Doster seconded the motion. The resolutions were opened for discussion.

Resolution 2026-10 Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General-Purpose School Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026: Chairperson Usery recognized Weakley County Schools Director, Jeff Cupples. Cupples explained the resolution was a clean-up resolution to reflect the correct grant amount received for pre-K/early childhood programs. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-11 Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General-Purpose School Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026: Chairperson Usery recognized Weakley County Schools Director, Jeff Cupples. Cupples explained the resolution was a clean-up resolution to reflect the correct grant and donation amount for the ag complex behind Dresden High School. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-12 Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General-Purpose School Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026: Chairperson Usery recognized Weakley County Schools Director, Jeff Cupples. Cupples explained the resolution was a clean-up resolution to reflect the correct amount for the ISM grant. The resolution passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hazlewood made a motion to place resolutions 2026-10, 2026-11, and 2026-12 on the floor. Following a second by Commissioner Bell, the resolutions passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-13 Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Capital Projects Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026: Commissioner Doster made a motion to place the resolution on the floor and with a second from Commissioner Eddings the resolution was opened for discussion. Chairperson Usery recognized Weakley County Finance Director, John Liggett. Director Liggett advised the resolution was regarding additional grant funding that was received for the Weakley County Health Department remodel project. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-14 Resolution to Request Unclaimed Balance of Accounts Remitted to State Treasurer Under Unclaimed Property Act: Commissioner Hazlewood made a motion to place the resolution on the floor and with a second from Commissioner Taylor the resolution was opened for discussion. Chairperson Usery recognized Weakley County Finance Director John Liggett. Director Liggett stated that this resolution requires annual approval to enable the county to collect unclaimed balances from the State of Tennessee. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-15 Resolution of Weakley County, Tennessee, Authorizing the Purchasing Agent for Weakley County to Enter into an Agreement to Join Various Purchasing Cooperatives, Which Will Allow Weakley County, Tennessee, to Utilize Contracts that have been Negotiated Through the Cooperative: Commissioner Doster made a motion to place the resolution on the floor and with a second from Commissioner Donaldson the resolution was opened for discussion. Chairperson Usery recognized Weakley County Finance Director John Liggett. Director Liggett stated that this resolution requires annual approval to enable the county to participate in the purchasing cooperatives. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-16 Resolution Authorizing Amendments to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026: Commissioner Eddings made a motion to place the resolution on the floor and with a second from Commissioner Bell the resolution was opened for discussion. Chairperson Usery Recognized Sheriff McDade. Sheriff McDade reported that he has promoted one of his School Resource Officers to the rank of sergeant. He has requested an increase in the officer's salary to reflect the promotion. Sheriff McDade is seeking approval to reallocate funds from the uniform budget line to the salary budget line in order to accommodate the proposed salary adjustment. The resolution passed unanimously.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairperson Usery acknowledged Weakley County Mayor Dale Hutcherson, who reported that he had consulted with Director Nance regarding the potential purchase of the armory building. The acquisition cost was identified as \$1.2 million, exclusive of ongoing maintenance expenses. Mayor Hutcherson noted that several private investors have expressed interest in purchasing the property. Based on his understanding, the county intends to forgo the purchase and allow the building to be made available through a public bidding process. Accordingly, Mayor Hutcherson will prepare a letter to notify Director Nance of the county's decision not to proceed with the purchase with the county commission's approval.

Commissioner Doster announced there will be an opioid abatement workshop on September 17, 2025 in Jackson, TN. Mayor Hutcherson advised he, Director Liggett, and Heather Allen do plan on attending the workshop. Chairperson Usery stated that the decision regarding funding allocations will be deferred until the next meeting, allowing the committee time to attend the workshop.

Commissioner Eddings requested an update regarding ARP funding and inquired about the spending deadline, confirming whether it was set for 2026. Finance Director Liggett reported that approximately \$1.6 million remains in ARP funds, which have been designated for WK&T. Payment to WK&T will be issued upon their completion of the county fiber installation project.

Commissioner Doster requested information regarding the proposed childcare center. Weakley County Schools Director Jeff Cupples reported that he is currently assessing whether the building housing TCAT could serve as a suitable location for such a center. Commissioner Doster stated his opposition to the Weakley County School System establishing a childcare center. Both Commissioner Doster and Commissioner Donaldson expressed concerns regarding the ongoing operational costs and potential liabilities associated with maintaining the center.

VI. ADJOURN

Seeing no other business, Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bell seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melinda Parham, Secretary
Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Approved:



Greg Usery, Chairperson
Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Date: 11/10/25_____