

**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE ROOM, WEAKLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, November 10, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.**

HEED Committee Members Present: Commissioners Larry Kelly, Bobby Dunlap, John Robert Freeman, David Hawks, Joey Mehlhorn and Jack Vincent

HEED Committee Members Absent: Commissioners James Roy Pope, Wade Cook, and James Washburn

I. CALL TO ORDER -APPROVE MINUTES

Chairperson Kelly 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 September 8, 2025. Commissioner Mehlhorn made the motion to approve, Commissioner Vincent 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 No. 2026 – 19 Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026:

Commissioner Vincent made a motion to place the resolution on the floor, and with a second from Commissioner Hawks, the resolution was opened for discussion. Chairperson Kelly recognized Weakley County Mayor, Dale Hutcherson. Mayor Hutcherson stated that the resolution pertained to grant funding awarded to the Weakley County Office on Aging in Dresden, totaling \$10,000. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2026 – 20 Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026:

Commissioner Hawks made a motion to place the resolution on the floor, and with a second from Commissioner Freeman, the resolution was opened for discussion. Chairperson Kelly recognized Weakley County Mayor, Dale Hutcherson. Mayor Hutcherson stated that the resolution pertained to grant funding awarded to the Weakley County Office on Aging in Sharon, totaling \$10,000. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2026 – 21 Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026:

Commissioner Vincent made a motion to place the resolution on the floor, and with a second from Commissioner Hawks, the resolution was opened for discussion. Chairperson Kelly recognized Weakley County Archives Director, Denise Boane. Director Boane announced that the resolution pertains to grant funding awarded to the Weakley County Archives in the amount of \$9,192. The resolution passed unanimously.

Opioid Settlement Fund Allocations: Chairperson Kelly reported the Opioid Abatement Committee convened and reached a determination regarding funding. Chairperson Kelly acknowledged Mayor

Hutcherson, who reported that the funding decision had been communicated to representatives of the SMART initiative. These representatives subsequently submitted detailed recommendations, which were distributed to all organizations that applied for funding. The Opioid Committee recommended allocating \$100,000 to the Weakley County Prevention Coalition, \$50,000 to the Financial Empowerment Center, and \$50,000 to local city police departments for the provision of AEDs in patrol vehicles as a part of emergency opioid overdose kits. The total allocation amounts to \$200,000. Commissioner Mehlhorn made a motion to approve the funding allocations and with a second from Commissioner Freeman the motion passed unanimously.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Hawks recognized Weakley County Economic Development Director Justin Crice. Director Crice advised he has been working with the City of Greenfield to develop an industrial park in Greenfield. Director Crice has assisted the City of Greenfield secure a two-million-dollar grant for the cite. Commissioner Hawks proposed maybe the commission needs to get together and discuss with the economic development body putting in capital investment. If a company is able to ensure the creation of a specified number of jobs over a period of approximately twenty years, the county may consider making an investment in that company to entice them into coming to our county.

Chairperson Kelly informed the committee that Director of Schools, Jeff Cupples, was unable to attend today's meeting due to a prior commitment. The Chairperson also reported that Director Cupples has received bids for the construction of a daycare center; however, the submitted bids exceeded expectations, and there is currently no information ready for presentation to the committee.

Commissioner Vincent expressed his preference for holding HEED committee meetings at various venues, including schools, as had been done previously. He suggested that the next meeting be held at a school. The committee concurred and agreed to explore potential locations for the upcoming meeting.

VI. ADJOURN

Seeing no other business, Commissioner Freeman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Vincent seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melinda Parham, Secretary
HEED Committee

Approved:



~~Larry Kelly~~, Chairperson
Heed Committee

Date: 1-12-26