

**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE ROOM, WEAKLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, September 8 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 May 12, 2025. Commissioner Freeman made the motion to approve, Commissioner Mehlhorn 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

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

Resolution No. 2026 – 10 Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General-Purpose School Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026:

Chairperson Kelly 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.

Resolution No. 2026 – 11 Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General-Purpose School Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026:

Chairperson Kelly 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.

Resolution No. 2026 – 12 Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General-Purpose School Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026:

Chairperson Kelly 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.

Commissioner Hawks made a motion to place the resolution No. 2026-10, 2026-11, and 2026-12 on the floor. Following a second by Commissioner Freeman, the resolutions passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2026 – 13 Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Capital Projects 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 Dunlap, the resolution was opened for discussion. Chairperson Kelly 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.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Opioid Funding: Chairperson Kelly reported the Opioid Abatement Committee convened and reached a determination regarding funding. Chairperson Kelly recognized Director Liggett, who reported the funding decision had been communicated to SMART initiative representatives. The representatives indicated certain funding requests were not approved, while others required further clarification to assess eligibility for approval. Chairperson Kelly stated the HEED Committee will postpone its approval of funding until further input is received from the Opioid Abatement Committee.

VI. ADJOURN

Seeing no other business, Commissioner Freeman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hawks 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: 11/10/25