Weakley County Legislative Body
Regular County Commission Meeting
Weakley County Courthouse, Dresden, TN
Monday, August 10, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.

The Weakley County Legislative Body was called to order by the Chairman Dennis Doster at 5:00 P.M. at the Weakley County Courthouse.

The invocation was given by Donald Doster.

All members present gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

County Clerk Kim Hughey called the roll. Answering present were Commissioners Dennis Doster, Bobby Dunlap, Marcus Hopper, Wade Cook, James Roy Pope, Greg Usery, Gary Eddings, Larry Taylor, David Moore, David Bell, David Hawks, Billy Hazlewood, Roger Donaldson, Jack Vincent, James Washburn, and James Westbrook. Commissioners John Robert Freeman and Joey Mehlhorn were absent.

Chairman Dennis Doster called for a motion to approve the June 30, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes. Commissioner Hopper made a motion and Commissioner Eddings placed a second. A voice vote was taken, and the minutes were approved with none opposed.

COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSION

Chairman Dennis Doster called for a motion to accept the Financial Reports. Commissioner Usery made a motion and Commissioner Donaldson placed a second. A voice vote was taken, and the Financial Reports were accepted with none opposed.

Chairman Dennis Doster called for a motion to accept the 2024 Final Reconciliation of Tax Aggregate – Office of the Trustee. Commissioner Westbrook stated that 2024 was a good year. The Weakley County Trustee had a final tax aggregate for 2024 in real, personal and public utility taxes of $11,821,859.09. The amount collected was around $11,789,000.00, which is a 99.73% collection rate. There was a tax increase of $63,240.39. There is a total of $32,351.77 in

unpaid taxes. Much of that unpaid balance is due to adjustments, errors, double assessments, and other changes in the tax roll. Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to relieve the trustee from collecting the unpaid 2024 tax balance except bankruptcies. Commissioner Bell placed a second. A voice vote was taken, and the 2024 Final Reconciliation of Tax Aggregate – Office of the Trustee was accepted with none opposed.

Chairman Dennis Doster called for a motion to accept the Year End Financial Reports – Fee Collection Offices. Commissioner Eddings made a motion and Commissioner Pope placed a second. A voice vote was taken, and the Year End Financial Reports – Fee Collection Offices were accepted with none opposed.

Chairman Dennis Doster called for a motion to accept the Ag Extension Report. Commissioner Dunlap made a motion and Commissioner Hopper placed a second. A voice vote was taken, and the Ag Extension Report was accepted with none opposed.

Chairman Dennis Doster called for a motion to accept the Veteran's Service Report. Commissioner Hawks made a motion and Commissioner Washburn placed a second. A voice vote was taken, and the Veteran's Service Report was accepted with none opposed.

MESSAGE FROM COUNTY MAYOR

Chairman Dennis Doster stated that County Mayor Dale Hutcherson is in Florida, so we will not be hearing from him.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS

Appointment of Three (3) Members to the Emergency Communications Board

Preston Frazier, Alan McClain, and Candice Winstead were recommended for appointment to the Weakley County Emergency Communications Board. This is a four-year term beginning September 1, 2026, and ending August 31, 2030. Chairman Dennis Doster called for a motion to approve Preston Frazier, Alan McClain, and Candice Winstead to the Weakley County Emergency Communications Board. Commissioner Hazlewood placed a motion and Commissioner Pope placed a second. A voice vote was taken, and the appointments of Preston

Frazier, Alan McClain, and Candice Winstead to the Weakley County Emergency Communications Board were approved with none opposed.

Appointment of Six (6) Members to the Industrial Development Board

Nassar Nassar, Josh Lassiter, Keith Fowler, LeAnne Moore, Randy Huffstetler, and Eric Owen were recommended for appointment to the Industrial Development Board. Nassar Nassar, Josh Lassiter, and Keith Fowler are four-year terms beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2030. LeAnne Moore, Randy Huffsteler, and Eric Owen are two-year terms beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2028. Chairman Dennis Doster called for a motion to approve Nassar Nassar, Josh Lassiter, Keith Fowler, LeAnne Moore, Randy Huffstetler, and Eric Owen to the Industrial Development Board. Commissioner Moore placed a motion and Commissioner Hopper placed a second. A voice vote was taken, and the appointments of Nassar Nassar, Josh Lassiter, and Keith Fowler to the Industrial Development Board were approved with none opposed.

Appointment of One (1) Member to the Ag Extension Committee

Ben Moore was recommended for appointment to the Ag Extension Committee. This is to fulfill the unexpired term of Andy Oliver ending December 30, 2027. Chairman Dennis Doster called for a motion to approve Ben Moore to the Ag Extension Committee. Commissioner Washburn placed a motion and Commissioner Bell placed a second. A voice vote was taken, and the appointment of Ben Moore to the Ag Extension Committee was approved with none opposed.

Appointment of District 6A Constable

Chairman Dennis Doster opened the floor for nominations for the District 6A Constable. There were no nominations for the District 6A Constable position.

Chairman Dennis Doster stated that the District 7 Constable was unable to pick up his paperwork to run for that position due to some health issues. He wants to be appointed for that position by the commission. CTAS was contacted and stated that it would be possible to have the commission appoint him to that position. It could be done at the next meeting if anyone would be willing to nominate him. That will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Election of Notaries Public

Chairman Dennis Doster called for a motion to approve the Notaries Public. Commissioner Pope made a motion and Commissioner Usery placed a second. A voice vote was taken, and the Notaries Public were approved with none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of 26-27 Fund 141 Budget – General Purpose School Fund

Chairman Dennis Doster stated that the Approval of the 26-27 Fund 141 – General Purpose School Fund will be moved behind Resolution No. 2027-04.

NON-FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2027-04: A Resolution to Appoint a Rules Committee of the Weakley County Board of Commissioners

Sponsored by Commissioners Marcus Hopper and David Bell

Passed through the Rules Committee

Chairman Dennis Doster called for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2027-04. This is a unique situation since this is being approved after the election. There will be a Rules Committee meeting on September 1, 2026. The members listed to serve on this committee are Dennis Doster, Marcus Hopper, Gary Eddings, David Moore, David Bell, Billy Hazlewood, Roger Donadlson, and James Washburn. The District 3 candidate, Payton Page, who received the most votes, will automatically be added once he is officially sworn in as a commissioner. Commissioner Bell made a motion and Commissioner Hopper placed a second. A voice vote was taken, and Resolution No. 2027-04 appointing a Rules Committee of the Weakley County Board of Commissioners was approved with none opposed.

Approval of 26-27 Fund 141 Budget – General Purpose School Fund

Chairman Dennis Doster called for a motion to approve the 26-27 Fund 141 Budget – General Purpose School Fund. Commissioner Usery made a motion and Commissioner Pope placed a second. Chairman Dennis Doster stated that this has been debated and discussed, and the only question regarding this budget is going back to Maintenance of Effort or allowing the budget to pass with the additional $308,000. The budget submitted tonight does not reflect Maintenance of Effort. There will be a roll call vote. If it is believed that the General-Purpose School Fund 141 Budget should reflect Maintenance of Effort, you would vote no. If it is believed that the purposed General-Purpose School Fund 141 Budget that is submitted with the additional $308,000 should be approved, you would vote yes. Chairman Dennis Doster asked County Clerk Kim Hughey to call the roll. Commissioners Bobby Dunlap, Marcus Hopper, and James Westbrook answered "yes". Commissioners Dennis Doster, Wade Cook, James Roy Pope, Greg

Usery, Gary Eddings, Larry Taylor, David Moore, David Bell, David Hawks, Billy Hazlewood, Roger Donaldson, Jack Vincent, and James Washburn answered no. The 26-27 Fund 141 Budget – General Purpose School Fund failed with 13 commissioners answering "no", 3 commissioners answering "yes". Commissioners John Robert Freeman and Joey Mehlhorn were absent.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2027-01: Resolution Making Appropriations for the Various Funds, Departments, Institutions, Offices, and Agencies of Weakley County, TN for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026, and Ending June 30, 2027

Chairman Dennis Doster stated that since the School Board budget was not approved, the overall appropriations resolution will be moved to the next meeting.

Resolution No. 2027-02: Resolution Fixing the Tax Levy for Weakley County, Tennessee for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026
Sponsored by Commissioners Gary Eddings and Marcus Hopper
Passed unanimously through the FWM committee.

Chairman Dennis Doster called for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2027-02. Commissioner Pope made a motion and Commissioner Bell placed a second. Chairman Dennis Doster stated that the tax levy reflects a budget based upon Maintenance of Effort for the School Board Budget. Commissioner Vincent asked about the legality of passing a tax levy without an approved budget. Commissioner Westbrook stated that passing a tax levy before a budget has never been done in his 52 years of service. Commissioner Hawks made a motion to table Resolution No. 2027-02 until the next meeting. Commissioner Bell placed a second. A voice vote was taken, and Resolution No. 2027-02 was tabled until the next meeting.

Resolution No. 2027-03: Resolution Making Appropriations to Non-Profit Charitable Organizations for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027

Chairman Dennis Doster stated that Resolution No. 2027-03 needs to be moved to the next meeting pending budget approval.

COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Hawks made a motion to reinstate an annual budget orientation workshop in late April or early May to help educate incoming commissioners on key county topics like Maintenance of Effort. The workshop could start at 8:00 A.M. and end around 11:00 A.M. Commissioner Eddings placed a second. Commissioner Donaldson asked if the workshop would be for educational purposes. Commissioner Hawks stated that it would be strictly educational. There are six new commissioners, and a workshop would be beneficial. A county budget cannot be learned in one year.

Commissioner Westbrook noted his upcoming departure on September 1, 2026, and recommended Commissioner Bobby Dunlap to fill the county's representative seat on the Weakley County Municipal Electric System Board. It was noted this recommendation must go through the Rules Committee.

Commissioner Hawks stated that the Regional Commission Meeting will be held September 17, 2026, at the Gateway Center in Martin at 6:00 P.M. There will be a County Commission Training Session in Murfreesboro on October 20th-24th. Commissioners were instructed to coordinate with Melinda to reserve blocked rooms and handle registration.

Chairman Dennis Doster announced that the next Regular Meeting will be Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 5:00 P.M.

The Weakley County Legislative Body Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Christina Oliver, Deputy Clerk

ATTEST:

Kim Hughey, Weakley County Clerk