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**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, January 6, 2026 – 9:00 A.M. – Conference Room, Weakley County Board of Education  
Dresden, TN**

**Public Works Committee Members Present:** Commissioners Jimmy Westbrook, Billy Hazlewood, Roger Donaldson, Dennis Doster, Gary Eddings, John Robert Freeman, Marcus Hopper, Greg Usery and Larry Taylor

**Public Works Committee Members Absent:** None.

**I. CALL TO ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairperson Westbrook called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and called for the consideration of the minutes from the meetings which were held on October 28, 2025. Commissioner Usery made the motion to approve, and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion passed unanimously.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No application was made for public comment.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

**Severance Tax:** Chairperson Westbrook noted that although state legislation enacted a general bill last year to increase the severance tax, clay was not included in its provisions. Chairperson Westbrook further recommended that Weakley County request its legislators to pursue an amendment to the bill to incorporate clay.

**Highway Supervisor:** Chairperson Westbrook recommended that Mayor Dale Hutcherson and Weakley County Road Supervisor Jeff Cosby confirm with State Representative Tandy Darby that he has received Weakley County's documentation regarding amendments to the Private Act, which inadvertently eliminated the Road Supervisor position. This will help ensure the Private Act is properly updated during the upcoming state legislative session.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**Update on Progress of State Aid and State Bridge Programs:** Chairperson Westbrook acknowledged Weakley County Road Supervisor, Jeff Cosby. Road Supervisor Cosby presented the committee with an update on departmental activities. The Highway Department has completed hot mix paving and striping on Green Road, King Road, Ryan Road, Hunt Road, and Ham Road, as well as scrim sealing on Stafford Store, Shades Bridge, and Shaddy Grove. To date, 26.45 miles of roads have been completed this year, despite delays caused by weather conditions. Over one million dollars remain in state aid funds; however, there are currently no available state bridge funds. After consulting with Lisa at TDOT, Road Supervisor Cosby was advised that a portion of the remaining state aid funds may be allocated to address the replacement of a county bridge in need of repair.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**VI. ADJOURN**

With no further business to address, Commissioner Doster moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donaldson, and the meeting was formally adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

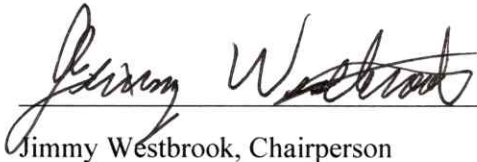
Respectfully Submitted,



Melinda Parham, Secretary

Public Works Committee

Approved:



Jimmy Westbrook, Chairperson

Public Works Committee

Date: 1/20/26