

ORIGINAL

**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**Monday, March 10, 2025 – 1:00 P.M. – Commission Courtroom, Weakley County Courthouse,
Dresden, TN**

Public Works Committee Members Present: Commissioners Jimmy Westbrook, Billy Hazlewood, Dennis Doster, Gary Eddings, Marcus Hopper, and Larry Taylor

Public Works Committee Members Absent: Commissioner John Robert Freeman

I. CALL TO ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Westbrook called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and called for the consideration of the minutes from the meeting which was held on January 7, 2025. Commissioner Doster made the motion to approve, and with a second by Commissioner Eddings, the motion passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No application was made for public comment.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Personnel Policy- Comp Time:

This item was struck from the agenda.

Discussion of Severance Tax:

Chairperson Westbrook advised there is currently a bill being considered in the state legislator regarding an increase in the mineral severance tax for gravel, sand, and chert which would increase the severance tax by \$0.15 over a 10-year period. According to Chairperson Westbrook the aforementioned proposed bill does not include ball clay within the legislation. CTAS representative Mike Galey was recognized and confirmed that there was currently a proposed bill regarding severance tax increases that did not include ball clay. Chairperson Westbrook advised Weakley County may want to propose modifying the Private Act next year so that ball clay can be proposed in the severance tax increase, which would be beneficial for revenue in Weakley County. According to Chairperson Westbrook the severance tax money that is paid to the county goes to the Weakley County Highway Department. Currently the Highway Department receives approximately \$136,000 a year from severance tax. Following the discussion related to Chairperson Westbrook's purposed idea regarding severance tax, Chairperson Westbrook requested County Mayor Dale Hutcherson reach out to our state representative to obtain more information related to the current bill.

Discussion of Private Act:

Chairperson Westbrook explained when the Highway Commission was dissolved in 2012, it dissolved the position of road supervisor. The dissolution of the road supervisor position was an unintended clerical error on the 2012 Private Act. According to Chairperson Westbrook the Private Act will need to be amended to clarify the road supervisor position is not in fact dissolved. After discussion it was agreed

Weakley County will continue to function with an elected road supervisor. The committee confirmed the same rules and guidelines for the highway supervisor position shall remain. The minimum age requirement should be 25 years of age, should have a minimum of 5 years of work experience, and be a resident of Weakley County for a minimum of 2 years. Commissioner Doster made a motion to propose the new private act to state legislator, with a second from Commissioner Eddings the motion was passed unanimously.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VI. ADJOURN

Seeing no other business, Chairperson Westbrook made a motion to adjourn at 1:22 p.m.

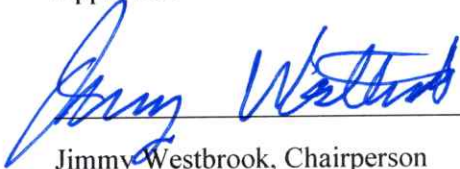
Respectfully Submitted,



Melinda Parham, Secretary

Public Works Committee

Approved:



Jimmy Westbrook, Chairperson

Public Works Committee

Date:

4/22/25