

WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY MEETING

MARCH 18, 2013

The Weakley County Legislative Body met in regular session on March 18, 2013. Chairman Westbrook called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Sinclair gave the invocation.

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

County Clerk, Pat Scarbrough, called the Roll with 17 members present and one member, Commissioner Overton, was absent.

Chairman Westbrook called for a Motion to approve the January 29, 2013 Minutes. Commissioner Fortner made the Motion to approve and Commissioner Jones placed a second to the Motion. There was not any additions, deletions, or corrections and a voice vote was taken, the ayes carried with none opposed. The Minutes from the January 29, 2013 Meeting were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION:

The Financial Reports, Budget Reports and Cash Flow Statements were included in the packets. A voice vote was taken to accept the reports as filed. The ayes carried with none opposed. The reports were accepted as filed.

MESSAGE FROM COUNTY MAYOR:

None.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL & STANDING COMMITTEES:

Commissioner Stewart commented from Finance Ways and Means that Revenues are currently behind from this time last year. Commissioner Stewart commented that he would present more accurate numbers at the next meeting.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

None.

ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS & CONFIRMATIONS:

Commissioner Fortner made a Motion to place the Election of Notaries Public List on the Floor and Commissioner Farmer placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes carried with none opposed. The List of Notaries Public was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Taylor read a letter that Weakley County Highway Department Road Supervisor, Kermit Hopper had received from Wanda Fuzzell, Solid Waste Planner for the Northwest Tennessee Development District. The letter commented that Weakley County has more educational programs in place than any of the eight other counties that are represented. The letter went on to comment that Deborah James has done an excellent job in getting the most out of the funds. In 2012 Weakley County exceeded the required elimination of 25 percent and eliminated 27.9 percent. Weakley County is the only county represented in the nine counties presented that do not receive local funding.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Owen made a Motion to move Resolution 2013-23 to the end of the agenda. There was not any objection and the Motion carried.

Commissioner Stewart made a Motion to combine Resolution No. 2013-24 and 2013-25 and place on the floor for discussion. Commissioner Bell placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. Resolution 2013-24 and 2013-25 was combined and placed on the floor for Discussion.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-24: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Purpose School Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013. *Sponsored by Commissioners Owen and Overton.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-25: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Purpose School Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013. *Sponsored by Commissioners Owen and Vincent.*

Both of these Resolutions passed Finance Ways and Means 6 to 0 and Health Education and Economic Development 4 to 0. Question was called and County Clerk Scarbrough called the Roll with 17 ayes and one absent. Resolution No. 2013-24 and 2013-25 were adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-26: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Highway Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013. *Sponsored by Commissioners Farmer and Bynum.*

Commissioner Wright made a Motion to place on the floor and Commissioner Medling placed a second. Commissioner Farmer commented that it passed the Public Works Committee 4 to 0 and Commissioner Stewart commented it passed Finance Ways and Means 6 to 0. Discussion was called and the question. County Clerk Scarbrough called the Roll with 17 ayes and one absent. The Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-27: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013. *Sponsored by Commissioners Westbrook and Wright.*

Commissioner Stewart made a motion and Commissioner Salmon placed a second. This Resolution passed the Finance Ways and Means Committee unanimously. Chairman Westbrook commented that Weakley County issued a 2003 school refunding Bond in the amount of \$17,125,000 payable in twelve years. By paying an additional \$2,500,000 on the principal will reduce the undesignated fund balance from \$5,422,539 to \$2,922,539 and will save the County \$300,000 over the next three years. This is due to extremely low interest rates on the county's money. Question was called and County Clerk Scarbrough called the Roll with 17 ayes and one absent. The Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-28: Resolution to amend Rules Regulating the Procedures of County Commission.

Commissioner Vincent made a motion to place on floor for discussion and Commissioner Hawks placed a second. Commissioner Owen made a Motion to Table and Commissioner Jones placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes carried with none opposed. Motion to Table was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-23: Resolution Opposing Legislation to Create a School Voucher Program in Tennessee. *Sponsored by Commissioners Overton and Westbrook.*

Commissioner Owen made the Motion to place on the floor and Commissioner Bell placed a second. Discussion followed by Commissioner Hawks and he commented that Governor Haslam's Bill addresses under-performing schools. This affects 5,000 students, which is 1.0 percent of the total member of children in public schools. Governor Haslem has appropriated \$38 million over the next three years to address this issue. With our schools where they are now, the Governor's Bill would not affect us. Commissioner Hawks commented that he opposed the way it is stated.

Commissioner Westbrook commented that there is another bill proposed by Representative Holt and Senator Delores Grissom know as the Holt-Grissom Bill. This is the Bill the resolution is directed at. Commissioner Hawks commented that the votes are not there to pass the Holt-Grissom Bill, but there may be enough votes to pass Governor Haslem's Bill, which funds the proposed voucher program. Commissioner Fortner made

a Motion at 5:40 p.m. to recess for 10 minutes so that Brother Kylan Mann, Pastor at Central Baptist Church could address the commission. The Weakley County Legislative Body stood in recess. At 5:47 p.m. the Weakley County Legislative Body was called back into session. Commissioner Hawks made a motion to amend the Resolution by changing the word opposing to concerning. He also wanted to amend Section 1 of the resolution to read that commissioners go on record "as supporting legislation that would create a school voucher program in Tennessee, but feels at this time the state should address the issue of diversion of funds from public school budgets before implementing said school vouchers." Commissioner Fortner placed a second to the Motion to amend. The Motion to amend failed by a vote of 4 ayes, 13 nays and one absent. Motion to amend failed.

Commissioner Fortner made a Motion to Table the Original Motion with a second placed by Commissioner Hawks. Motion to table failed by a voice vote and the nays carried.

Question was called and County Clerk Scarbrough called the Roll with 13 ayes and 4 nays (Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Fortner, Commissioner Hawks and Commissioner Sinclair) and one absent. The Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER MEMEBERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Taylor requested that the Letter received from Wanda Fuzzell, Solid Waste Planner be made a part of the minutes.

Commissioner McAlpin announced the new airport hanger is completed and a ribbon cutting marking the grand opening of the facility will be held at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

Commissioner Westbrook commented that the Old Creative Label Building is sold and is back on the tax rolls and the county has received the money from the sale.

Commissioner Westbrook commented that the next regular meeting would be held Monday, May 20, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Owen to adjourn with a second by Commissioner Vincent. The meeting stood adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk