

RECONVENED SESSION WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY MEETING
SEPTMEBER 17, 2014

County Mayor Bynum called the reconvened session of the Weakley County Legislative Body back to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Weakley County Commission Room.

County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 17 present and one member Commissioner Pope was absent. Commissioner Pope answered roll call before the first vote was taken.

Commissioner Hudson requested to address the County Commission briefly. He commented that when he took this job that he decided when he came through the door that he would not bring his political party into the room. He felt you should put your district first, the county second and your political party third. He commented that he felt this commission could work together; there are a lot of good people on the Commission. When we are appointing people to these boards and committees that we should be mindful that there are people who have done a lot for this county over the years and that they are good at heart for this county and we need to work together. He thanked the commission for allowing him to speak.

Commissioner Overton was recognized and he commented that he had been on this Commission for four years and was also on it four years prior to that and at one time the county owed 37 million dollars for a new jail, schools and election office. He commented that now we owe 7 million dollars and have the money to pay it off if you want to use what is in the reserve. Somewhere in the last 15 or 20 years, someone has done something right. He commented that politics should not enter into the commission and put Weakley County first.

Commissioner Donald Doster addressed the Commission and commented that he was seeking unity not division. When looking at the Rules Committee there was only one new member on this committee. He commented that he wanted the new members to be inclusive in all committees. The commission has done a good job over many years. He went on to comment that there are eight new members that came on board and we need to get the new people involved. New people might have new ideals. The commission had the best interest of the county at heart. He commented he would vote his convictions and would work and serve the county and pledged to do what was best for Weakley County.

Commissioner Hawks commented that he brought up the two changes to Finance Ways and Means and Health Education and Economic Development Committees and that it had no reflection on this body and county commission and what it has done in the past. He commented that he felt the eight new members were being left out and that they were elected by their districts to go to work for the county. The County is in good financial shape and his intent was to get all the new commissioners involved on the Finance Ways and Means Committee and Health, Education and Economic Development.

Commissioner Fortner made a Motion to revisit the W.C.M.E.S. Board appointment and appoint Commissioner Westbrook and take it off the table. Commissioner Overton placed a second to the Motion. Discussion was called and a voice vote was taken, the ayes have it, the appointment was taken off the table.

Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to reconsider Resolution No. 2015-06 and Commissioner Owen placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. Resolution 2015-06 was placed back on the floor to reconsider.

The Rules Committee met Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m., September 17, 2014 and it was recommended by a vote of nine to 0 to change the rules from (6) six standing committees to (4) four standing committee, with nine members on each committee. Each district will be represented and each Commissioner will serve on two committees. Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to approve the committee recommendations and a second was place by Commissioner Owen. The motion was to approve the Rules with all the amendments that was added Monday night with the additional new amendments from this morning, which is to eliminate from six standing committee to four standing committees and to put nine members on four standing committees with all districts to be equally represented. This will do away with Personnel and combine Public Safety and Public Works. Commissioner Owen commented that he combined Public Safety and Public Works. In two years there will not be a road board member left, this way everyone will be represented on the roads, the Public Safety and Works Committee will meet as needed, whether it is once or twice a month or not at all. All personnel issues will be dealt with in the Financial Management Committee. There was more discussion among Commissioner Taylor, Westbrook and Owen. A voice vote was taken and the ayes carried. A request for a Roll call vote was called for. County Clerk Hughey call the roll with 14 ayes and 4 nays. The Motion was approved.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Commissioner Westbrook gave the Rules Committee report that met Wednesday morning, the list is spread before the commission and it passed the Rules Committee 9 to 0. Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to make these appointments and Commissioner Owen placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with one nay.

Commissioner Fortner made a Motion to approve the appointment of Commissioner Westbrook to W.C.M.E.S. Board and Commissioner Pope placed a second. Discussion and question were called. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it. The appointment of Commissioner Westbrook to W.C.M.E.S. Board was approved.

OTHER COMMENTS:

County Mayor Bynum commented that Commissioner Bynum had talked with Barker Brothers/Republic and that anyone that is 60 or older in the rural districts would be eligible for a senior rate discount. The rate is currently \$57.28 and the senior rate would be \$46.35. You must call Republic to get this discount and it will start on the October billing. Commissioner Westbrook commended Commissioner Bynum for taking the time and effort to get this discount.

Commissioner Vancleave commented on the problem with cell phone 911 calls. The people on the west side of Martin's calls are going to Obion County and then the information must be relayed to Weakley County.

County Mayor Bynum commented that this issue had been corrected and all 911 calls are going to Weakley County.

Commissioner Hawks announced that on October 1, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. there would be a God and Country Prayer Service on the south lawn of Court Square around the flagpole. This will last approximately 30 to 45 minutes and everyone is invited. Should there be rain it will be held in the courthouse.

Commissioner Bynum commented that there is a proposal before Republic that with a full year service being paid, you would be eligible to get one month free of service.

The Tennessee County Commissioner Association Regional meeting is set for September 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at Paris Landing State Park. The sign up sheet is here and you need to sign up before you leave tonight.

Road Supervisor Ross has some issues to be dealt with and a meeting of the Public Works and Safety Committee is scheduled for September 23, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the Finance Office.

County Mayor Bynum suggested that all committees look at when they are going to meet and get with Mrs. Francisco for suggested times for those meeting. He commented that besides Finance Ways and Means all the committees are important.

Commissioner Overton announced the Nursing Home Committee meets every 4th Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the Nursing Home. Commissioner Hudson questioned if this could be set one hour later. Mrs. Francisco will contact Mr. McBride and see what can be worked out on the time.

County Mayor Bynum announced the next meeting will be November 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

There was not any other business to go before the commission, and the meeting stood adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kim Hughey, Weakley County Clerk