

WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY REGULAR MEETING
MAY 16, 2016

The Weakley County Legislative Body Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by County Mayor Bynum in the Weakley County Commission Room.

Brother Don McCulley gave the invocation.

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

County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 16 members present and two members, Commissioner Bynum and Commissioner Westbrook were absent.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Hawks made the motion and Commissioner Pope placed a second to the motion. There were not any additions, deletions or corrections. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The minutes from the March 21, 2016 meeting were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION:

The Financial Reports were included in the packets. Commissioner Donald Doster made a motion and a second was placed by Commissioner Donaldson to accept the reports as filed. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed.

The Comptrollers' Cash Flow Report was next. Commissioner Taylor made a motion and Commissioner Wright placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The State Comptrollers' Cash Flow Report was made a part of the minutes.

The Veterans Service Report was next and Commissioner Hawks made a motion to accept as filed and Commissioner Pope placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The Veterans Report was accepted as filed.

The UT Extension Report was next and Commissioner Chandler made a motion to accept as filed and Commissioner Hudson placed a second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The Ag Extension Report was accepted as filed.

MESSAGE FROM COUNTY MAYOR:

County Mayor Bynum announced that the Memorial Day Veteran Program will be on Court Square at Weakley County War Memorial May 30, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

County Mayor Bynum commented that he had received a thank you note from Commissioner Donaldson upon the passing of his Mother and that Commissioner Donaldson appreciated all the kind words, cards, thoughts and flowers from the County.

Also County Mayor Bynum commented on the March 2016 Work Force numbers. Weakley County unemployment was 4.8 percent. We are below the 5.6 percent average for our area. He commented that we could thank MTD for these numbers.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Commissioner Hawks commented that the Rules Committee met tonight and voted 8 to 0 to move the raises for personnel from the Financial Management Committee to the Finance, Ways and Means Committee. He commented that there was a conflict of interest with Director of Schools Frazier and Road Supervisor Ross being on the Financial Management Committee and voting on the raises.

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to amend the Rules. Commissioner Fortner made the motion and Commissioner Dennis Doster placed a second to the motion. Discussion was called and the question. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. Motion to amend the Rules carried.

ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

First item was the appointment of five (5) Members to the Board of Equalization. Mayor Bynum at the request of David Tuck, Assessor of Property, recommended the following to serve on the Weakley County Board of Equalization for a two year term beginning in May 2016: Jerry Brigance, Jerry Simmons, Beckie Jolley, Bobbi Nethery and Randy Huffstetler. Motion was made by Commissioner Donald Doster and a second was placed by Commissioner Usery. Discussion and the question were called. County Clerk Hughey called the roll with 16 ayes and two absent. The appointments of the Weakley County Board of Equalization were approved.

Next was the election of Notaries Public. Motion was made by Commissioner Fortner to approve and a second was placed by Commissioner Pope. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. The Notaries Public List was approved.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Chancellor Bob Smith gave a power point presentation on the UTM Economic Impact Study. Included in these minutes is a copy of the Fact Sheet for this study.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner VanCleave made a motion to rescind Resolution No. 2011-06: (Resolution to Create and Appoint Members to the County Courthouse and Jail Public Improvements Commission). Commissioner Chandler placed a second. Discussion was called and County Mayor Bynum commented that back in 2010 the Weakley County Commission established the Courthouse and Jail Public improvement commission; this was to basically study improvements in the Courthouse and at the jail. Upon further review County Mayor Bynum commented that the rules clearly state that the Health, Education and Economic Development Committee is in charge of being the custodian of the Courthouse and all county facilities with the exception of the Jail and the Highway Department and they would be a function of the Public Safety and Public Works Committee.

The Courthouse Committee met and looked at the projects that had been approved in this year's budget: the windows, the leaks, the sidewalks. It was determined that this committee did not have the authority to recommend and to avoid any confusion we are looking to rescind this resolution. There was not any other discussion and a voice vote was taken. The ayes have it with none opposed. The motion to rescind Resolution No. 2011-06 was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to combine Resolution No. 2016-23 and Resolution No. 2016-26 and to place on the floor for discussion was made by Commissioner Overton and a second was placed by Commissioner Hudson. A voice vote was taken to combine Resolution No. 2016-23 and Resolution No. 2016-26 and the ayes have it with none opposed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-23: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Purpose School Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016. *Sponsored by Commissioners Fortner and Overton.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-26: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Purpose School Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016. *Sponsored by Commissioners Overton and Hudson.*

These resolutions passed the Health, Education and Economic Development Committee and the Finance Ways and Means Committee unanimously.

Discussion and the question were called. County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 15 ayes, one nay and two absent. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2016-23 and Resolution No. 2016-26 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-25: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016. *Sponsored by Commissioners Fortner and Pope.*

Motion to place resolution on the floor was made by Commissioner Fortner and a second was placed by Commissioner Hawks. This resolution passed the Public Safety and Public Works Committee and passed the Finance, Ways and Means Committee unanimously. This resolution is the one that was approved, not the new one in the packets with the addition. In the packet is a new resolution. Upon further review the Finance, Ways and Means Committee voted to move some money around in the Chancery Court Budget for postage. They also moved money from the Sheriff's Department into the Chancery Courts Line. This action was not allowed since they are both in two different major categories. We are looking for an amendment to support moving \$2500 from the Sheriff's Department to the Chancery Court Budget. Motion to amend by Commissioner Owen and a second was placed by Commissioner Fortner. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. Motion to amend carried. Back to the resolution as amended. Discussion and the question were called. County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 16 ayes and two absent. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-27: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016. *Sponsored by Commissioners Donaldson and Hawks.*

Motion to place resolution on the floor was made by Commissioner VanCleave and a second was placed by Commissioner Usery. This passed the Finance, Ways and Means Committee and the amounts were approved by the Finance, Ways and Means Committee. Upon further review by the payroll clerk, the amounts in the resolution were not the correct amounts. In the packet is a new amended resolution. Motion to amend by Commissioner Hawks and a second was placed by Commissioner Donaldson. The corrected resolution shows \$8291 under Budget Amendments. There was not any discussion on the amendment. A voice vote was taken and the ayes have it with none opposed. Back to the Resolution as amended. Discussion was called. County Mayor Bynum commented the purpose of the resolution was that on April 19, 2016, Erica Moore came to work in his office as the Administrative Assistant, as well as the Communications Director for Weakley County Tennessee. She was being paid from the Finance Department and we are moving that money from the Finance Department into the County Mayor's budget at her existing salary. Discussion followed. County Mayor Bynum commented that on the back of the resolution included in the packets was a job description for Erica Moore. It includes the duties performed by Mrs. Beverly Oliver and also includes job responsibilities that were brought down from the Finance Department. Also when Clea Pettit retired as head custodian, we replaced her but not as a supervisor. We have two custodians, which put additional duties in the mayor's office that include ordering supplies, the inventory and maintenance of the custodial supplies.

Commissioner Taylor was recognized and he commented that he had talked with several offices, one with an employee of 21 years that would take a thirty-three percent increase to compare with the salary you are recommending in this resolution. In another office a ten year employee would take a thirty-one percent increase and a twenty-six year employee would take a thirty-one percent increase. Commissioner Taylor commented that he felt the Commission should look at these salaries. All offices are important and the number of years and pay to these employees needs to be addressed.

Question was called. County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 7 ayes, 9 nays, and two absent. Commissioner Dennis Doster, Commissioner Owen, Commissioner Hudson, Commissioner Usery, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Fortner, Commissioner Wright and Commissioner Donald Doster cast nay votes. The motion failed with 7 ayes, 9 nays and two absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-28: Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Capital Outlay Note of \$1M. *Sponsored by Commissioners Westbrook and Jones.*

This resolution passed the Finance, Ways and Means Committee unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and Commissioner Jones placed a second. Commissioner VanCleave commented that the \$1M Capitol Outlay Note should be assigned to the School Department to make those payments when the time comes to bear.

Question was called and County Clerk Hughey called the roll with 16 ayes and two absent. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-29: Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016. *Sponsored by Commissioners Overton and Fortner.*

County Mayor Bynum called for a motion to suspend the rules because on May 11, 2016 at 11:30 a.m., we received an email from Susan Hill that an additional \$2500 was being awarded to the Dresden Senior Center and the Sharon Senior Center. This additional \$2500 per center is to be spent before June 30, 2016. The Finance, Ways and Means Committee met on May 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the morning and passed all business to come before this Commission.

Motion to suspend the rules need a two-thirds majority vote. Commissioner Overton made the motion to suspend the rules and Commissioner Chandler placed a second. County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 16 ayes and two absent. Motion to suspend rules was approved.

Motion by Commissioner Pope to place the resolution on the floor and Commissioner Fortner placed a second. Discussion and the question were called. County Clerk Hughey called the Roll with 16 ayes and two absent. Motion carried.

County Mayor Bynum recognized Director of Finance, Shawn Francisco for her years of service to the county. Mrs. Francisco has given her notice effective May 31, 2016. County Mayor Bynum commended her and thanked her for her service to the county, for how well the finances for the county have been handled and for a job well done.

Mrs. Francisco received a round of applause from the Commission.

COMMISSIONER MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hawks commented that he lost his Father on March 20 and then lost his Mother-in-law. He wanted to thank everyone for their prayers and thoughts and commented about how important friends are at times like these.

Commissioner Owen commented that the Finance, Ways and Means Committee will start meeting the first week of June for all department heads. The meeting will be broken down so that you will be the only one on the agenda that day. The Highway Department and School Department will be like they have always been. We will normally be meeting on Tuesday through Thursday. We will have Monday open and Fridays open. Notifications will be sent out.

Commissioner Vincent stated that the Financial Management Committee will meet in the morning, May 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Vincent and a second was placed by Commissioner Fortner.

The Weakley County Legislative Body Regular Meeting stood adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kim Hughey, Weakley County Clerk