

WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY MEETING

NOVEMBER 19, 2001

The Weakley County Legislative Body met on November 19, 2001, 7:00 p.m. in the County Commission Room at the Weakley County Courthouse.

County Executive Ron Gifford called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Mac Buckley gave the invocation.

All members present gave the pledge to the Flag.

County Clerk, Pat Scarbrough took roll call with 16 members present and four members, George Broussard, Sam Sinclair, Kevin McAlpin and Dale Overton absent. Later in the meeting Kevin McAlpin answered roll call, making 17 members present and three absent.

County Executive Gifford asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes for the September 17, 2001 Regular Meeting and the October 23, 2001 Special Called Meeting. Commissioner Phebus made a motion and Commissioner Castleman placed a second. A voice vote was taken with ayes the carrying and the minutes of the September 17, 2001 Regular Meeting and the October 23, 2001 Special Called Meeting were approved.

REPORTS:

The Trustee's Report, General Fund Report, Highway Department Report, School Department Report, and the Solid Waste Report were included in the packets distributed to each of the commissioners. Commissioner Vincent requested an explanation of the Trustee's Report from the Trustee, Donald Doster. Explanations were given as to the cash on hand, interest bearing accounts, etc. He stated bids had been put out to all Banks in the County for a higher interest rate, so far, there has not been a response. The County does have Certificates of Deposit earning in the range of 5 to 6 percent. There was more question and answer discussion on the State Run Local Government Pool in Nashville and the interest rates the county could possibly receive there.

County Executive Gifford called for any other Standing Committee Reports. Commissioner Stewart, Chairman of the Financial Management Committee reported that Shawn Francisco was hired as the Finance Director, and Marci Floyd as the Assistant Finance Director.

There was not a Nursing Home Report in the packets and Commissioner Buckley stated the Report was mailed on November 9th and it had not been received. Commissioner Buckley stated he would check on this report.

The Veteran's Service Report was included in the packet and Veteran's Officer Bradley gave a brief narrative to the Commission. Veteran's Officer Bradley requested that he be allowed to report semi-annually. Commissioner Parham made a motion for the Veteran's Service Report to be made semi annual and Commissioner Buckley placed a Second. Discussion was called and the Question. A voice vote was taken with the ayes carrying. The Veteran's Report, henceforth will be semi annually.

The Emergency Management Report by David McAlpin was included in the packets. The Agricultural Extension Service report was included and the Extension Agent, Jeff Lannom, was sick and unable to attend the meeting.

The County Executive called for a Motion to accept the Reports and Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the reports and the County Clerk file these reports in the County Clerk's Office. Commissioner Page placed a second and a voice vote was taken with the ayes carrying. There being none opposed the Commission acknowledged receipt of the reports and that they be filed with the County Clerk's Office.

County Executive Gifford called for unfinished business, there being none, the County Executive moved to the next item on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-20: General Purpose School Fund Resolution.

The Health, Education and Welfare Committee Report was given by Commissioner Salmon, Chairman. This resolution passed this committee unanimously. Commissioner Phebus, Chairman, gave the Committee Report from Finance Ways and Means. This resolution also passed this committee unanimously. Commissioner Page made a motion to place on the floor for discussion and a second was place by Commissioner Jones. Discussion was called and Commissioner Farmer questioned who would be receiving the shots. A statement was made that the Special Education Teachers, Physical Education Teachers were the ones that traditionally received these shots. Question was called and a roll call vote was taken by the County Clerk, Pat Scarbrough with 17 ayes, and three absent. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-21: General Fund Resolution – Election Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-22: General Fund Resolution – Circuit Court.

Commissioner Phebus the Chairman from Finance Ways and Means stated that Resolution No. 2002-21 passed his committee unanimously. A motion was made by Commissioner Westbrook to combine Resolution 21 and 22. Commissioner Phebus placed a second to the motion. Discussion was called to combine these resolutions. A voice vote was taken with the ayes carrying; the two resolutions were combined. A motion was made by Commissioner Stewart to place on the floor for discussion and Commissioner Hunt places the second. Discussion and the question were called. The County Clerk called the roll with 17 ayes and three absent. Resolutions No. 2002-21 and 2002-22 carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-23: Highway Department Resolution – Litter Grant.

Commissioner Rook gave the Public Works Report and he stated that two members were absent, but the members present supported this resolution. Commissioner Phebus gave the Finance Ways and Means Report and this resolution passed his committee unanimously. Commissioner Farmer made a motion and Commissioner Rook placed a second. Discussion was called. This is a state contract that comes to the County and a budget has to be submitted to the State for the Litter Grant, there are not any Local Revenue Funds involved. Question was called and the County Clerk called the roll with 17 ayes and three absent, the Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-24: Resolution to Urge the General Assembly to Enact a Private Act providing for an Increase in compensation of the Weakley County Board of Highway Commissioners.

Commissioner Vincent gave the Legislative Committee Report. This resolution did pass the Committee but it did not pass unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Page to place on the floor and Commissioner Vincent placed a second. Discussion was called. Commissioner Vincent questioned the increase

in pay from \$200 a month to \$300 a month. Duties of the road commissioners were discussed. Commissioner Castleman made comments on the work that the road commissioner does and felt that they were public servants and should not have to take money from their pockets to do this job. Commissioner Page also discussed the number of times a month that they meet and check roads. Question was called and the County Clerk called the roll with 13 ayes, 4 nays, and three absent. The Motion failed due to lack of two-thirds majority.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-25: Resolution of Support for the Designation of State Route 22 from Martin to Union City and the Tyson Bypass in Union City as an Interstate Highway Link to I-69.

Commissioner Vincent gave the Legislative Committee Report and this resolution passed his committee unanimously. This resolution did not go before the Public Works Committee. Commissioner Vincent made motion and a second was placed by Commissioner Hunt. Discussion was called and the question and the County Clerk called the roll with 17 ayes and three absent the resolution carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-26: Resolution to Authorize the Additional Line-of-Duty Death Benefits Provided by Chapter 446 of the Tennessee Public Acts of 2001.

Commissioner Salmon gave the Personnel Committee Report and this resolution passed his committee unanimously. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to place on the floor and Commissioner Page placed the second. Discussion was called and Commissioner Westbrook, Page and Farmer discussed cost to the County. This resolution would rarely be imposed and would not raise the premiums. Commissioner Westbrook recommended that the Commission pass this resolution. Question was called and the County Clerk called the roll with 17 ayes and three absent. The resolution carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-27: Resolution to Authorize Road Name Change from a Section of Herman Brooks Road to Melody Drive.

David McAlpin, 911 Director recommended the name change. Commissioner Rook stated that this resolution did not go before the Public Works Committee. Motion to place on the floor was made by Commissioner Rook and Commissioner Farmer placed a second. Discussion was called and the question. The County Clerk called the roll with 17 ayes and three absent. The Resolution carried.

The County Executive called for any other New Business to be brought before the Commission. Commissioner Castleman placed a motion before the Commission to appoint a Committee to check into the feasibility of doing away with the County Primary to Elect County Officials. Commissioner Owens placed the second. Discussion was called. Commissioner Westbrook commented that this was not in the Commission's jurisdiction. Commissioner Castleman stated that he felt it would save the county money and would be less of a burden to the candidates. Commissioner Phebus made a motion to amend the resolution and refer this to the Legislative Committee. Commissioner Owens places the second. Discussion was called and Commissioner Vincent requested information on the study and what the commission was seeking. Commissioner Phebus said mainly facts and figures. The question was called. A voice vote was taken on the amendment and the amendment carried. The commission was back to the motion as amended and any further discussion was called for. A voice vote was taken and the ayes carried. This motion as amended was referred to the Legislative Committee.

County Executive Gifford called for any other New Business to come before the Commission. Mike Davis and Dr. Jerry Gresham approached Road Supervisor Freeman from UTM Martin about a gravel road that runs through the property of

UTM to Gardner Road. They are requesting that approximately 200 feet along this road be sub graded and gravel filled in to settle this road. The University will pay for materials and labor. Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to approve and Commissioner McAlpin placed the second. Discussion was called and the question. The County Clerk called the roll with 17 ayes and three absent. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS:

There being none the Commission moved to the next item on the Agénda.

NOTARY PUBLIC:

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the Notary List and Commissioner Buckley placed the second. A voice vote was taken and the ayes carried, the Notary List was approved.

The January 2002 Weakley County Legislative Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2002, since the third Monday falls on a Holiday.

Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Phebus placed the second. A voice vote was taken with the ayes carrying and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk