

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF WEAKLEY COUNTY COMMISSION

March 16, 1998

CALL TO ORDER - 7:00 P.M.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 1998 MEETING

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Linda Farmer, First-Place Winner in Weakley County Spelling Bee, of Dresden
Katie Atnip, Second-Place Winner in Weakley County Spelling Bee, of Greenfield
Robert Leyhue, Tenn. Western District Winner, 4-H History Bowl, of Palmersville

REPORTS:

Trustee's Report

General Fund Report

Highway Dept. Report

School Dept. Report

Solid Waste Report

Capital Projects Committee Report - Jimmy Westbrook, Chairman

Finance, Ways and Means Committee Report - Dick Phebus, Chairman

Financial Management Committee Report - Ronnie Bates, Chairman

Health, Education and Welfare Committee Report - John Salmon, Chairman

Legislative Committee Report - Jack Vincent, Chairman

Personnel Committee Report - John Salmon, Chairman

Public Safety Committee Report - John Bucy, Chairman

Public Works Committee Report - George Broussard, Chairman

Nursing Home Committee Report - Vernon Dunn, Chairman

Agricultural Extension Annual Report - Bob Williams, Extension Agent and Leader

State of the County Address - Ron Gifford, County Executive

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Equalization Board

Resolution No. 1998-57 - Resolution Requesting the Legislature to Name Bridge in Memory of Larry Gilliam, Joe Green and Tommy Robbins.

Resolution No. 1998-58 - Resolution to Authorize Certain Optional Benefit Improvements for Contributory Employees of a Political Subdivision which have been enacted since the date the Subdivision joined the TCRS.

Resolution No. 1998-59 - Election Commission Grant

Resolution No. 1998-60 - Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Highway Fund

Resolution No. 1998-61 - Election Commission Copier

Resolution No. 1998-62 - General Purpose School Resolution

Resolution No. 1998-63 - Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Debt Service Fund

Resolution No. 1998-64 - Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Fund-Finance Office

Resolution No. 1998-65 - Northwest Tennessee Development District Requesting Congress to Establish a Seven-State Delta Regional Commission (DRC) Designed to Strengthen the Economic Development of the Impoverished lower Miss. River.

Resolution No. 1998-66 - Resolution Encouraging Policy Change to Increase Public Funding for Home and Community Based Long-Term Services. *Tabled*

Resolution No. 1998-67 - Ratification for Sale of Surplus Property

Miscellaneous announcements and statements

Election of Notaries Public

ADJOURNMENT

WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 16, 1998

WEAKLEY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING: March 16, 1998, 7 P. M.
County Executive, Ron Gifford called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Sam Sinclair.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

ROLL CALL by the County Clerk, Pat Scarbrough with eighteen present and two absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 1998. Motion made by Commissioner Bucy and seconded by Commissioner Rook. Voice vote. Aye's carried.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Linda Farmer, First-Place Winner in Weakley County Spelling Bee, in Dresden.

Katie Atnip, Second-Place Winner Weakley County Spelling Bee, of Greenfield.

Robert Leyhe, TN Western District Winner, 4-h History Bowl, of Palmersville.

Linda Farmer, Katie Atnip and Robert Leyhue were present and they were presented a certificate of appreciation from Weakley County.

REPORTS:

Trustee's Report

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Highway Dept. Report

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Capital Projects Committee Report - Jimmy Westbrook, Chairman

Commissioner Westbrook stated that they had met with the Public Safety Committee and discussed the jail Commissioner Westbrook passed out handouts to the Commissioner on how the jail debt will be paid. Commissioner Westbrook reminded the Commission that they had approved 7.4 million dollars for finance construction for a new retention center and law enforcement complex for Weakley County.

The next thing is how will it be paid for. There are two options. Property tax, twenty three cents for twenty years or increase in the local sales tax from 2.25% to 2.75%. The cities have agreed to waiver their share. Voter will decide on May the 5th to do what they want to do. If the sales tax fails then there will be a twenty three increase in property tax.

Finance, Ways and Means Committee Report - Dick Phebus, Chairman

Commissioner Phebus stated that they had met and reviewed and passed on all the resolutions that are here tonight.

Commissioner Phebus support the report that Commissioner Westbrook gave on the financing of the jail.

Finance, Management Committee Report - Ronnie Bate, Chairman

Commissioner Bates stated that they had met with the Finance director for additional funds have Resolution. Also in process of doing audits for County offices. Commissioner Bates asked that Roger Stewart's brother be in our prayers.

Health, Education an Welfare Committee Report - John Salmon,

Chairman

Commissioner Salmon stated the the Committee had met and approved transfers in the Educational budget and also approved Resolution No. 1998-66.

Legislative Committee Report - Jack Vincent, Chairman

Commissioner Vincent stated that they had met and that the contract with enter media and the five year reappraisal and they both went through the committees. Did not have time to get to the Finance Ways and Means Committee. Also discussed request of the Seven State Regional for Miss. Delta for the tax dollars coming in.

Personnel Committee Report - John Salmon, Chairman

Commissioner Salmon stated that they had met and recommended the approval of the Agriculture Extension office that UTM wants to creative, Bob Williams will be taking. It will be a Weakley County position. Discussed dental and vision coverage. Recommended a blanket resolution on retirement.

Public Safety Committee Report - John Bucy, Chairman

Commissioner Bucy stated that they had met with Capital Project Committee. Approved budget transfers in the Sheriff office.

Public Works Committee Report - George Broussard, Chairman

Commissioner Sinclair gave the report for Chairman Broussard and they were doing some work on their budget for next year and everything was doing pretty good.

Nursing Home Committee Report - Vernon Dunn, Chairman

Commissioner Dunn stated that they had enough money to pay bills. Hope to keep it that way.

Agricultural Extensive annual report all Commissioners had received a copy of report.

State of the County Address - Ron Gifford, County Executive

County Executive, Gifford's State of the County Address was very informative.

Motion made by Commissioner Tidwell and seconded by Commissioner Farmer for approval of reports. Upon roll call by the County Clerk, seventeen for and three absent. Reports approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Equalization Board

County Executive, Gifford stated that each one had a copy of a letter for appointments of the Equalization Board they are Wayne Stoker, Gleason, Dee Killingsworth, Palmersville, Jerry Drewry, Greenfield, Bobby Nethery, Martin, and Kenneth Moore, Dresden. There were no other nomination. Motion made for approval and discussion by Commissioner Salmon and seconded by Commissioner Sinclair. There was no discussion. Upon roll call by the County Clerk. Seventeen for and three absent. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1998-57 Resolution Requesting the Legislature to Name Bridge in Memory of Larry Gilliam, Joe Green and Tommy Robbins.

Motion made for approval and discussion by Commissioner Caudle and seconded by Commissioner Simmons. There was no discussion. Upon roll call vote by the County Clerk, seventeen for and three absent. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1998-58 Resolution to Authorize Certain Optional Benefit Improvements for Contributory Employees of a Political Subdivision which have been enacted since the date the subdivision joined the TCRS.

Motion made for approval and discussion by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Salmon. There was much discussion among the Commissioner on the resolution. Upon roll call vote by the County Clerk. Seventeen for and three absent. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1998-59 Election Commission Grant

Motion made for approval and discussion by Commissioner Tidwell and seconded by Commissioner Bucy. There was no discussion. Upon roll call by the County Clerk, seventeen for and three absent. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1998-60 Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Highway Fund

Motion made for approval and discussion by Commissioner Farmer and seconded by Commissioner Rook. There was no discussion. Upon roll call by the County Clerk, seventeen for and three absent. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1998-61 Election Commission Copier

Motion made for approval and discussion by Commissioner Parham and seconded by Commissioner Phebus. There was no discussion. Upon roll call vote by the County Clerk, seventeen for and three absent. Motion carried.

Resolution No, 1998-62 General Fund Amendment - Hunt vs Weakley County

Motion made for approval and discussion by Commissioner Bates and seconded by Commissioner Tidwell. After discussion among Commissioners. It was put to a roll call vote by the County Clerk, seventeen for and three absent. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1998-63 Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Debt Service Fund

Motion made for approval and discussion by Commissioner Caudle and seconded by Commissioner Phebus. There was no discussion. Upon roll call vote by the County Clerk, seventeen for and three absent. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1998-64 Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Fund Finance Office

Motion made for approval and discussion by Commissioner Sinclair and seconded by Commissioner Bates. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1998-65 Northwest Tennessee Development District Requesting Congress to Establish a Seven-State Delta Regional Commission (DRC) Designed to Strengthen the Economic Development of the Impoverished lower Miss.

Motion made for approval and discussion by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Salmon. There was no discussion. Upon roll call vote by the County Clerk, seventeen for and three absent. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1998-66 Resolution Encouraging Policy Change to Increase Public Funding for Home and Community Based Long-Term Care Services.

Motion made for approval and discussion by Commissioner Bucy and seconded by Commissioner Vincent. There was very much discussion among the Commissioner on Resolution. Motion made by Commissioner Salmon to table Resolution no 1998-66 and seconded by Commissioner Farmer. Upon roll call vote by the County Clerk, seventeen for and three absent. Motion to table carried.

Resolution No. 1998-67 Ratification for Sale of Surplus Property

Motion made for approval and discussion by Commissioner Farmer and seconded by Commissioner Bates. There was no discussion. Upon roll call vote by the County Clerk, seventeen for and three absent. Motion carried.

Commissioner Westbrook asked if Resolution 1998-62 had been settled. County Executive, Gifford stated that it had been.

Miscellaneous announcements and statements

County Executive, Gifford gave a special thank you to Ms Senior Tennessee 1997, Susie Sims.

Election of Notaries Public

Motion made for approval and discussion by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vincent. There was no discussion. Upon roll call vote by the County Clerk, seventeen for and three absent. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Phebus. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

PAT SCARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK

RON GIFFORD, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

This 16th day of March, 1998.