

AGENDA
RE-CONVENED JULY 29, 2002 REGULAR MEETING
WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY
AUGUST 19, 2002

CALL TO ORDER - 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Bennie Castleman, Joe Farmer, Dale Overton, Seldon Parham and Wendell Verdell

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resolution 2002 -66 - Resolution to Authorize the Weakley County Clerk to Collect a Motor Vehicle Regulatory Fee Imposed by the City of Sharon

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Members to the Weakley County Emergency Communications Board of Directors

Resolution No. 2003-01 - Resolution Making Appropriations for the Various Funds, Departments, Institutions, Offices and Agencies of Weakley County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002 and Ending June 30, 2003.

Resolution No. 2003-02 - Resolution Fixing the Tax Levy for Weakley County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002 and Ending June 30, 2003.

Resolution No. 2003-03 - Resolution Making Appropriations to Non-Profit Charitable Organizations for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003.

Resolution No. 2003-04 - Resolution to Appoint a Committee on Rules of the Weakley County Board of Commissioners.

Resolution No. 2003-05 - Resolution Approving County's Proposed Reappraisal Plan.

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WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY
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The Weakley County Legislative Body met on August 19, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Commission Room at the Weakley County Courthouse.

County Executive Ron Gifford called the reconvened meeting to order.

Commissioner Simmons gave the invocation.

All members present gave the pledge to the Flag.

County Clerk Pat Scarbrough took roll call with 18 members present; Wendell Verdell and Dale Overton were absent.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

The County Commission recognized five Commissioners that had completed their term in office. Bennie Castleman, Joe Farmer, Dale Overton, Seldon Parham, and Wendell Verdell were each presented a plaque for their service to the County and the dates of service was noted. Each of these commissioners made a few comments and stated that it had been an honor to serve and to learn about County Government. Commissioner Overton and Commissioner Verdell was not present, County Executive Gifford noted their terms in office. Each of these commissioners was thanked, on behalf of the people of Weakley County, for their service to the County and the County's Future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resolution 2002-66: Resolution to Authorize the Weakley County Clerk to Collect a Motor Vehicle Regulatory Fee Imposed by the City of Sharon.

A Motion was made to remove this resolution from the table by Commissioner Stewart and Commissioner Vincent placed a second. Commissioner Vincent stated that it had passed the Legislative Committee and Commissioner Phebus stated that it had also passed the Finance Ways and Means Committee. Discussion was called and Commissioner Westbrook stated that the last word in Section 1 should be changed to read Sharon. No further discussion and the question was called. County Clerk Scarbrough called the roll with 18 ayes and 2 absent the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The next item on the agenda was the appointment of members to the Weakley County Emergency Communications Board of Directors. County Executive Gifford nominated Jeff Washburn and Bob Spellings to start their terms on September 1, 2002. Both individuals are highly qualified to serve the Weakley County Emergency Communications Board of Directors. County Executive Gifford stated qualifications for both nominees. The Chair called for a motion to approve the nominees. Commissioner Westbrook questioned the place Mr. Spelling was taking, and County Executive Gifford stated it would be Mr. Johnny Oliver's seat on the Board. Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to table these appointments for consideration and be deferred until the first meeting in September. Commissioner Jones placed a second to the motion. Discussion was called and the question. The County Clerk called the roll with 16 ayes, two nays and two absent. The motion to defer was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-01: Resolution Making Appropriations for the Various Funds, Departments, Institutions, Office and Agencies of Weakley County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002 and Ending June 30, 2002.

Commissioner Phebus gave the Finance Ways and Means Committee Report. Commissioner Phebus stated that there were some items that the Committee recommended be made on Page 25 under the Rescue Squad, the appropriation was omitted and should read \$5,500, and on Page 30 under the Community Development Services appropriation should read \$5,000. Commissioner Phebus recommended that these two items be put in the Budget. This would make a change under the General Fund (Public Safety the total would be \$1,950,641 and under Public Health and Welfare would be 433,951). The total in General County Government would be \$6,029,152. Commissioner Phebus made a motion to place this resolution on the floor for discussion. Commissioner Jones placed a second to the motion. Discussion was called and Commissioner Page questioned the items being added back on page 30 of the budget. Commissioner Phebus stated that this budget did include a two-percent pay raise for non-certified employees effective January 1, 2003. This budget also includes a two-percent pay raise for teachers that were negotiated in last year's budget.

Commissioner Rook stated that on the Highway Fund Budget there was six BRZ bridges in bridge construction, and upon consideration there was a smaller bridge that needed to be traded out for a larger one. This would be an increase in Capital Outlay of \$57,000 (\$54,400 was later confirmed by the Finance Director to be the correct amount). Commissioner Rook made a motion to amend the Budget to include this increase and take it out of the Fund Balance. Commissioner Farmer placed a second to the motion. Discussion was called and the question on the amendment. The County Clerk called the Roll and there were 18 ayes and 2 absent the amendment carried. The Commission was back to the Original Motion as amended. Discussion was called and the question. County Clerk Scarbrough called the roll with 18 ayes and two absent, the motion carried as amended.

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-02: Resolution Fixing the Tax Levy for Weakley County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002 and Ending June 30, 2003.

Commissioner Phebus gave the Finance Ways and Means Committee Report and the Committee recommended a certified tax rate of \$2.11. Commissioner Phebus made a motion to place on the floor and Commissioner Stewart placed the second. Discussion was called and the Question. County Clerk Scarbrough called the roll with 18 ayes and two absent, the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-03: Resolution Making Appropriations to Non-Profit Charitable Organizations for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003.

Commissioner Phebus gave the Finance Ways and Means Committee Report and this resolution passed his committee unanimously. Commissioner Phebus stated that two items added to the budget (the Community Development Service and the Rescue Squad) needed to be added to Resolution 2003-03. Commissioner Salmon made the motion and Commissioner Rook placed the second. Discussion was called and the question. County Clerk Scarbrough called the roll with 18 ayes and two absent, the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-04: Resolution to Appoint a Committee on Rules of the Weakley County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Westbrook gave the Rules Committee Report and this Resolution passed his committee unanimously. Commissioner Phebus made a motion to place the resolution on the floor and Commissioner Sinclair placed the second.

Discussion was called and the question. County Clerk Scarbrough called the roll with 18 ayes and two absent, the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-05: Resolution Approving County's Proposed Reappraisal Plan.

Commissioner Phebus gave the Finance Ways and Means Report and this resolution passed his committee unanimously. An Addendum to this Resolution was attached to Section 1, with a decrease of cost to the County by \$6,000. Commissioner Phebus made the motion to place on the floor and Commissioner Buckley placed the second. Discussion was called and the question. County Clerk, Pat Scarbrough, called the roll with 18 ayes and two absent, the motion carried.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to suspend the Rules to bring forth another motion. Commissioner Stewart placed a second. Commissioner Phebus questioned what this was regarding, and Commissioner Westbrook stated the Trustee desires to round off the tax bills to the nearest dollar. A voice vote was taken to suspend the rules and the ayes carried and none was opposed. Commissioner Westbrook moved to authorize the Trustee to bill property taxes to the nearest dollar. Commissioner Phebus placed a second to the motion. Discussion was called and Commissioner Owen questioned if this was being done in other Counties, and the Trustee, Donald Doster, stated that this was being done in other Counties. Question was called and the County Clerk called the roll with 18 ayes and two absent, the motion carried.

There being no other new business to come before the commission the County Executive moved to the next item on the agenda.

MISCELLAENOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS:

Commissioner Phebus announced that Weakley County will host the County Commissioners Association Regional Meeting on September 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the UTM Student Center. Commissioner Salmon, Westbrook and Sinclair have served on this Board. Commissioner Salmon commented that door prizes would be needed and any donations would be appreciated.

County Executive Gifford stated that two individuals had requested permission to address the County Commission. The Chair recognized Mr. Paul Adams of Gleason. Mr. Adams made numerous objections and comments against the Prison being located in Weakley County. Mr. Adams stated that he would be circulating a petition throughout the County in objection to this Prison being located in our County. He requested that the commission and the people of the County educate themselves on this issue.

Road Supervisor, Jimmy Freeman, requested permission to address the Commission. Mr. Freeman stated that it had been an honor and privilege to serve the County for the past twenty years. He stated he had learned a lot about county government, how it works and operates and that he had enjoyed working with the commission and appreciates the job the Commission does. Mr. Freeman thanked the people for allowing him to serve the County.

County Executive Gifford called for any other announcements. Commissioner Vincent questioned the status of an unpaid bill on the water line from the City of Martin. County Executive Gifford stated that until documentation on the progress of this project had been presented, that he would not approve the payment. Mr. James Barner requested permission to address the commission and he stated that there had not been any work done on the above-mentioned project. The

County Commission appropriated \$62,500 in last year's budget and also in this year's budget to be paid in two equal installments. Commissioner Phebus questioned if efforts had been made to receive documentation and County Executive Gifford stated he had placed calls on three separate occasions to the City of Martin and they have not returned any of these calls.

NOTARIES PUBLIC:

County Executive Gifford called for a motion to approve the Notaries Public List. Commissioner Wright made the motion and Commissioner Rook placed the second. The County Clerk, Pat Scarbrough took a roll call vote, with 18 ayes and two absent the Notaries Public List carried.

County Executive Gifford called for a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Phebus made the motion. Commissioner Stewart placed the second. A voice vote was taken with the ayes carrying and none was opposed. The Reconvened Session of the Weakley County Legislative Body adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

Pat Scarbrough, Clerk