

Weakley County, Tennessee
Health, Education, & Economic Development Committee
November 8, 2004 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Commissioners James H. Westbrook, Mac Buckley, Andy Page, Dick Phebus, Jack Vincent and Eric Owen.

The HEED Committee convened on Monday, November 8, 2004, 4:00 p.m. at the Weakley County Department of Finance in the conference room. Others present included Steve Ramsey-Assistant Director of Schools, Ron Gifford-County Mayor, David Peachman representing the State Planning office of Jackson, TN, Mike Stooksberry representing the LOW region, and Joe Brasher and Susie German representing the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Page made the motion to approve the August 26th minutes and with a second by Commissioner Vincent the minutes were approved.

Old Business

Resolution # 2005-09

Commissioner Page made the motion to place the resolution on the floor for consideration and with a second by Commissioner Phebus the resolution was placed on the floor. David Peachman addressed the committee informing them of his review of the proposed economic development plan. Commissioner Page questioned the description of the land use plan involving zoning or the creation of a planning commission. Mr. Peachman answered stating that zoning or the creation of a planning commission are not part of the proposed economic development plan, but that it did include urban growth boundaries. Discussion continued. Chairman Westbrook called for a roll call vote on Resolution #2005-09. All commissioners voted yes; therefore Resolution #2005-09 passed unanimously.

New Business

Resolution # 2005-14

This resolution was presented by Commissioner Phebus. He stated that the purpose of the resolution was to dissolve the Lake, Obion, Weakley County Planning Board and to form the Weakley County Planning Region. Commissioner Phebus stated that low participation among the LOW board members was the main reason for dissolving the planning board. The commissioners reviewed the resolution. Chairman Westbrook made the motion to delete his name from the committee as it was stated in the resolution and to insert Mike Pentecost to represent the City of Dresden. Mr. Stooksberry explained the reasoning for including the names in the resolution. Mr. Stooksberry stated that the Weakley County Planning Region should meet at least one time per year & the most of the committee members appointed in the resolution were also members of this committee. Chairman Westbrook withdrew his motion. Commissioner Page asked for explanation on the terms of the appointed. Mr. Stooksberry stated the committee members' term would end with the county commission term of office or when the commissioner no longer wished to serve. Mr. Stooksberry also stated that Northwest TN Development District would do all the paperwork in regards to the Weakley County Planning Region. Commissioner Phebus made the motion to approve Resolution # 2005-14 and with a second by Commissioner Buckley the motion passed unanimously.

Election Commission Building Report

Mr. Gifford stated that he and Russell Cherry viewed the building. He stated that only part of the building is currently being used publicly. Mr. Gifford stated that it is his opinion that the mildew in the building is the result of old duck work. He recommends painting the outside trim along with the replacement of rotten wood.

Resolution # 2005-11

The resolution is to approve the transfer of funds within the Federal Projects School budget. The resolution has been previously approved by the School Board and the Finance, Ways, & Means Committee. Commissioner Buckley made the motion to approve Resolution 2005-11 and with a second by Commissioner Page the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution # 2005-13

The resolution is to approve the transfer of funds within the General Purpose School budget. The resolution has been previously approved by the School Board and the Finance, Ways, & Means Committee. Commissioner Buckley made the motion to approve Resolution 2005-13 and with a second by Commissioner Page the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution # 2005-15

The resolution is to apply for a community development small cities block grant. The grant funds will be used to add sewer lines to Dresden High School. The grant will be split 86% being received from the community development small cities block grant with a local contribution of 14%. The school is currently operating on a lagoon. The resolution has been previously approved by the Finance, Ways, & Means Committee. Chairman Westbrook made the motion to approve Resolution 2005-15 and with a second by Commissioner Phebus the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Owen made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Chairman Westbrook the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Francisco,
Recording Secretary

Approved:

James H. Westbrook, Jr., Chairman
Health, Education, & Economic Development Committee

Date: _____