

Weakley County, Tennessee
Health, Education, & Economic Development Committee
January 9, 2015, 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Commissioners Jack Vincent, James Bynum, Dale Overton, Larry Hudson, Roger VanCleave, Scott Fortner, Carmen Chandler, Donald Doster, and James Roy Pope.

The HEED Committee met on January 9, 2015, 8:00 a.m. in the Weakley County Department of Finance conference room. Others present included Jake Bynum- County Mayor, Randy Frazier-Director of Schools, Jeff Kelley-Assistant Director of Schools, Barbara Castleman-Election Administrator, Gail Rogers-Dresden Aging, Shirley Chappell-Sharon Aging, and Ronnie Price-WCEDB.

Chairperson Chandler called the meeting to order.

New Business

Commissioner Doster made the motion to approve the November 7, 2014 minutes and with a second by Commissioner Pope the motion passed unanimously.

Transfer 1415-04

The Health Department presented a request to transfer funds within the tobacco settlement allocations. Commissioner Fortner made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner Hudson the motion passed unanimously.

Transfer 1415-06

The Election office presented a request to transfer funds. Discussion followed on the number of part time workers currently employed, Mrs. Castleman replied there are about four or five part-time workers. Commissioner VanCleave made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner Fortner the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #2015-24

The resolution is a general purpose school requesting appropriation of new funds in the adult education budget and a new line item to be added for architect services. Discussion followed. Commissioner Fortner made the motion to approve Resolution #2015-24 and with a second by Commissioner Pope the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #2015-26

The resolution is a general fund requesting appropriation of new funds for the Dresden and Sharon Aging offices. The funds will be received from Northwest TN Development District and require no matching county funds. Commissioner Fortner made the motion to approve Resolution #2015-26 and with a second by Commissioner Doster the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Weakley County Economic Development Update

Ronnie Price addressed the board providing an update of various projects on-going in the County.

- TenComm contract is complete which is providing a complete rework of the Economic Development Board website. The site is approximately one month from completion.
- TN Certified Sites- The property located in Dresden across the road from the FedEx property has been declared site certified. The State will create and prepare a marketing plan for this site that includes aerial photographs and videos, it should be approximately a two-minute overview of the site.
- Clay – Currently working with Henry and Carroll counties to promote these areas with clay resources. Mr. Price will be attending a FL trade show in spring 2015 to promote our clay resources in Weakley County.
- Retail – Currently various cities on working with TVA on retail projects.
- New Commissioner of Economic Development is originally from Dyer, TN and hopes this local connection will aide in new programs for rural counties.