

AGENDA
COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 21, 2001

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MARCH 26, 2001 COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

RECOGNITION:

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 - Roger Stewart, 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 - Kevin McAlpin, Chairman
Public Works Committee Report - George Broussard, Chairman
Nursing Home Committee Report - Mac Buckley, Chairman
Weakley County Emergency Management Report - David McAlpin, Director
Chamber of Commerce Report - Stacey Lockhart, Executive Director
Veterans Service Officer's Report - David Bradley
Agricultural Extension Service Report - Jeff Lannom, Extension Agent

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

'Reappointment of Members to Equalization Board
Appointment of 3 Members to the Weakley County Joint Economic and Community Board
Appointment of Nancy McClure to the Weakley County Library Board Replacing Hugh Brann whose
Term has expired.
Resolution No. 2001-47 General Fund Revenue Adjustments
Resolution No. 2001-48 Highway Dept. Revenue Adjustments
Resolution No. 2001-49 Christmasville Fire Department- General Fund Amendment
Resolution No. 2001-50 (Voided by Finance, Ways & Means Committee)
Resolution No. 2001-51 Child Nutrition - Central Cafeteria Fund Amendment
Resolution No. 2001-52 General Fund Amendment - Sheriff's Department
Resolution No. 2001-53 General Purpose School Resolution
Resolution No. 2001-54 (Failed by Finance, Ways & Means Committee)
Resolution No. 2001-55 Highway Department Budget Amendment
Resolution No. 2001-56 Debt Service Revenue Adjustment
Resolution No. 2001-57 LOW Solid Waste Grant Resolution
Resolution No. 2001-58 General Fund Resolution - County Clerk
Resolution No. 2001-59 General Purpose School Resolution
Resolution No. 2001-60 Resolution to Create the West Tennessee Railroad Authority

Miscellaneous announcements and statements

Election of Notaries Public

ADJOURNMENT

WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY MEETING

MAY 21, 2001

The Weakley County Legislative Body met on May 21, 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 Joe Farmer gave the invocation.

All members present gave the pledge to the Flag.

The County Clerk, Pat Scarbrough, took roll call with 19 members present and one member, Sam Sinclair absent.

County Executive Gifford ask if there was any additions or corrections to the March 26, 2001 minutes. Commissioner Salmon made a motion and a second was placed by Commissioner Broussard to approve the March 26, 2001 minutes. A voice vote was taken with the ayes carrying and none opposed. The minutes of the March 26, 2001 were approved.

RECOGNITION:

There was not any special recognition to come before the Commission, and the County Executive moved to the Reports.

REPORTS:

The Trustee's Report, General Fund Report, Highway Fund Report, School Department Report and the Solid Waste Report were included in the packets mailed to the commission members. There was not a Standing Committee Chairman to report at this time and the Chair moved to the Nursing Home Report which was also included in the packets and the Emergency Management Report also included. The Chamber of Commerce Report was given by Stacey Lockhart, Executive Director, on the Business Exposition and Trade Show held recently, the Golf Tournament and the first Joint Board for Economic Development Meeting to be held on May 22, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the School Board Office meeting room. Mrs. Lockhart stated she would be happy to answer any question that anyone might have. There being none the Chairman moved to the next item on the agenda. The Veteran Service Report was next. Mr. Bradley also gave a short accounting of the happenings in the Veteran's Office. On Memorial Day, May 28, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. there will be a memorial service in front of the War Memorial on the Courthouse Lawn. This report was also included in the packets. The next report was the Agricultural Extension Service Report, which was mailed in a personal mailing from the Agricultural Extension Office. Mr. Lannom stated he would be happy to answer any question the Commission might have. The Chairman called for any other comments on the Reports. Commission Jack Vincent was recognized and questioned why there was a loss on the Nursing Home Report, Commissioner Buckley stated that the loss in March was due to there being a third payroll. The Chair entertained a motion by Commissioner Farmer and a second by Commissioner Buckley to approve the reports. The County Clerk called the roll with 18 ayes, one nay and one absent. The reports are approved. The Chairman moved to the next item on the Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was not any unfinished business to come before the Commission and the Chair moved to the next item on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

The appointment of Members to the Equalization Board was the next item on the Agenda. The County Executive and David Tuck, Property Assessor, nominated Wayne Stoker of Gleason, Dee Killingsworth of Palmersville, Jerry Drewry of Greenfield, Bobby Nethery of Martin and Becky Jolley of Dresden in a letter to each of the commissioners. A motion to approve the nominations was made by Commissioner Stewart and a second by Commissioner Page. A voice vote was taken with the ayes carrying and none opposed. The appointments are made to the Equalization Board.

The next item was the appointment of three members to the Weakley County Joint Economic and Community Board. Three nominations from the Committee on Committees were made for Jack Vincent, Tommy Jones and John Salmon. Commissioner Broussard made the motion and Commissioner Page placed the second. A voice vote was taken with the ayes carrying and none opposed. The appointments are made to the Joint Economic and Community Board.

The appointment of Nancy McClure to the Weakley County Library Board to replace Hugh Brann whose term has expired was placed on the floor. Commissioner Salmon made a motion and Commissioner Rook placed the second. A voice vote was taken with the ayes carrying, none opposed the appointment was made.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-47:

Commissioner Phebus was recognized and made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Resolution No. 2001-47, 2001-48, 2001-51 and 2001-56 all together; these resolutions are mainly housekeeping resolutions for revenue adjustment for four different funds. All these requests passed the Finance Ways and Means Committee unanimously. Commissioner Verdell placed a second to suspend the rules. The County Clerk called the roll with 19 ayes, none opposed and one absent. Motion to suspend the rules carried. Commissioner Phebus made a motion and Commissioner Owen placed a second. Discussion was called and Commissioner Westbrook stated that in 40130 a typographical error was made and the \$9,000 should read \$7,000. Additional discussion was had and the Finance Director, Bettye Tidwell stated that the \$9,000 was correct and should have a total of \$34,000 under the amended budget instead of the \$32,000. There being no other discussion, question was called and the County Clerk called the roll with 19 ayes, none opposed and one absent. Resolutions No. 2001-47, 2001-48, 2001-51 and 2001-56 carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-49:

The Chairman called for the Committee Report from the Public Safety Committee chaired by Commissioner McAlpin. Commissioner McAlpin stated the Christmasville Fire Department no longer exists and \$750 was returned to the County and was not used. Under this resolution this \$750 would be given to the Pillowville Fire Department. The Finance Ways and Means Committee Report was given by Commissioner Phebus and stated that this passed their committee unanimously. A motion to place this on the floor was made by Commissioner Owen and second was made by Commissioner Verdell. Discussion was called and there being none, the question was called and the County Clerk called the roll with 19 ayes, none opposed and one absent. The Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-50:

This resolution was voided by the Finance Ways and Means Committee and removed from the Agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-52:

Commissioner McAlpin, Public Safety Chairman, gave his report and stated that this passed his committee unanimously. Commissioner Phebus gave a Committee Report from Finance Ways and Means and it also passed his committee unanimously. Commissioner Hunt made a motion and a second placed by Commissioner Parham to place on the floor for discussion. There being none the question was called and Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk called the roll with 19 ayes, none opposed and one absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-53:

Commissioner Salmon, Health Education and Welfare Committee Chairman stated that it passed his committee unanimously. Commissioner Phebus stated it also passed the Finance Ways and Means committee unanimously. Commissioner Buckley made motion and a second was placed by Commissioner Farmer. Discussion was called and the question. County Clerk Scarbrough called the roll with 19 ayes, none opposed and one absent. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-54:

This resolution failed in Finance Ways and Means and therefore was not considered by the Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-55:

Public Works Committee Chairman Broussard stated that they met and approved the resolution. Finance Ways and Means Chairman Phebus stated that it passed his committee with one vote against, due to the large deduction in wood products. Commissioner Farmer made motion and a second was placed by Commissioner Broussard. Discussion was called and the question, Commissioner Vincent was recognized and the question was withdrawn. Commissioner Vincent questioned why so much was approved in the budget for wood products for such a large budget amendment to be made from this line item. Highway Supervisor Freeman took the floor and explained that when wooden bridge inspections are made that if you have up to three to fail, it can cost up to \$10,000 per bridge to repair. He felt it was better to have the money in the budget if it was needed. Since they were in compliance this year and did not have any to fail inspection the wood products was not needed. Road Supervisor Freeman stated that due to the price change in fuel and also not having enough in that line item for fuel that this was the reason for the budget amendment request. Question was called and the County Clerk called the roll with 18 ayes, one nay and one absent, the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2001-57:

Commissioner Salmon gave the Health Education and Welfare Report and this resolution passed his committee unanimously. Commissioner Phebus gave the Finance Ways and Means Report and it also passed his committee unanimously. Commissioner Broussard made a motion and Commissioner Buckley placed the second. Discussion was called and Commissioner Page questioned the funds being reimbursed, Chairman Gifford stated that Obion County was requesting reimbursement from the grant proceeds. Weakley County is the physical agent and handles the money reimbursement for the State. Question was called and

the County Clerk called the roll with 19 ayes, none opposed and one absent.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-58:

Commissioner Phebus gave the Finance Ways and Means report and it passed his committee unanimously. Commissioner Stewart made motion and a second was placed by Commissioner Salmon. Discussion was called and the question. The County Clerk called the roll with 19 ayes, none opposed and one absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-59:

This resolution was deferred to the June 25, 2001 meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-60:

Commissioner Westbrook gave the Committee on Committees Report and recommended the passage of this resolution. County Executive Gifford stated that R. D. Robinson be inserted after the first be it further resolved in this resolution. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion and Commissioner Broussard placed the second. Discussion was called and Commissioner Westbrook moved, (in the second be it further resolved) to strike (sufficient) and insert therein (an amount not to exceed \$500 in funds). Motion to amend was made by Commissioner Westbrook and Commissioner Broussard placed a second. Discussion was called on the amendment and Commissioner Farmer questioned the necessity of this resolution. Commissioner Broussard made explanation and County Executive Gifford further explained that the Northfork Southern Railway is extending the lease and this opens up by law that there needs to be some public representational input on keeping that line and the need for a Law to be formed. Commissioner Westbrook stated that the short line to receive state money and funding has to be a non-profit corporation to supplement their operation, there are two choices, to form a short line or abandon the railroad and the shipper on the railroad will have problems. There being no other discussion on the amendment, question was called and a voice vote was taken on the amendment with the ayes carrying, none opposed and one absent. County Executive Gifford stated that the commission was back to the motion as properly amended, further discussion was called and then the question. The County Clerk called the roll with 19 ayes, none opposed and one absent. The motion carried.

There being no other new business to come before the Commission the Chair moved to the next item on the Agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS:

Commissioner Westbrook requested the members of the Capital Projects Committee and the County Executive to meet individually for approximately five minutes after the commission meeting, the invitation was extended to the press or anyone else wishing to attend.

Commissioner Buckley took a moment to thank the Commission for their prayers, calls, cards and concerns during his health problem. He took this opportunity to personally thank each person for there support.

Commissioner Phebus, Chairman of Finance Ways and Means stated that they are in the process of working on the Budget for next year. Their goal is to be finished with the budget by the end of June. A number of meetings have been scheduled for May 29, June 4, 7, 8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 26, 27, and 28, all meetings will be held at the School Board/Finance Office at 5:00 p.m. The June 7 meeting will be held at the Courthouse in the County Commission Room at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further announcements the Chairman moved to the next item on the agenda.

NOTARY PUBLIC:

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the notary public list and a second was placed by Commissioner Hunt. A voice vote was taken, the ayes carried with none opposed and one absent.

There being no other business to come before the commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Broussard and second was placed by Commissioner Stewart to adjourn. A voice vote was taken with the ayes carrying and none opposed. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Attest:

Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk