

AGENDA  
COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 16, 2005

CALL TO ORDER - 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2005 COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

Appointment of members to the Weakley County Library Board

Election of Notary Publics

REPORTS:

Trustee's Report

General Fund Report

Highway Dept. Report

School Dept. Report

Solid Waste Report

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

Financial Management Report - Roger Stewart, Chairman

Health, Education and Economic Development Committee - Jimmy Westbrook, Chairman

Personnel Committee Report - John Salmon, Chairman

Public Safety Committee Report - Jack Vincent, Chairman

Public Works Committee Report - David Rook, Chairman

Nursing Home Committee Report - Mac Buckley, Chairman

Chamber Strategic Plan - Suzie German and Barbara Virgin

Agricultural Extension Service Report - Jeff Lannom, Extension Agent & Director

Report from 27th Judicial Judge Bill Acree

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 2005-31 - Highway Dept. Litter Grant Resolution

Resolution No. 2005-32 - Highway Dept. Budget Amendment

Resolution No. 2005-33 - General Purpose School Resolution

Resolution No. 2005-34 - School Dept. Resolution - Child Nutrition

Resolution No. 2005-35 - Highway Dept. Resolution

Resolution No. 2005-36 - General Fund Resolution

Resolution No. 2005-37 - Resolution to Honor and Congratulate the Dresden Middle School Boys' Basketball Team.

Resolution No. 2005-38 - Federal Projects Resolution

Resolution No. 2005-39 - Jail Cost Study Resolution

Resolution No. 2005-40 - Resolution to Recognize the Department of Finance

Resolution No. 2005-41 - Resolution to Establish Time to Consider Grants and Similar Revenues Availability.

Miscellaneous announcements and statements

ADJOURNMENT

## WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY MEETING

MAY 16, 2005

The Weakley County Legislative Body met in Regular Session on May 16, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Commission Room at the Weakley County Courthouse. Chairman Dick Phebus called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Vincent gave the invocation.

All members present gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

County Clerk, Pat Scarbrough, called the Roll with 15 members present and three members; Sam Sinclair, Tommy Hunt and James Westbrook were absent. Sam Sinclair answered present on the first vote of the meeting.

Chairman Phebus called for a motion to approve the March 21, 2005 minutes. Commissioner Page made a motion to approve and Commissioner Jones placed a second. The Chairman called for a voice vote and the ayes carried with none opposed. The minutes for the March 21, 2005 meeting were approved.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

Chairman Phebus called for Resolution No. 2005- 37 and Resolution No. 2005-40 be moved to the head of the Agenda. There was not an objection to these Resolutions being moved and Chairman Phebus proceeded with Resolution No. 2005- 37.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005- 37:** Resolution to Honor and Congratulate the Dresden Middle School Boys' Basketball Team.

Chairman Phebus read Resolution No. 2005-37 into the minutes. Chairman Phebus made a motion to place this resolution on the floor for discussion and Commissioner Wright placed the second. Discussion was called and the question. County Clerk Scarbrough called the roll with 16 ayes and 2 absent the Resolution carried. Coach Riggs was asked to accept the Resolution. Chairman Phebus then handed out certificates to each member of the team.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-40:** Resolution to Recognize the Department of Finance Director Shawn Francisco On Receiving The GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for FY 2004-2005 And An Outstanding Audited Financial Report For FY 2003-2004.

Chairman Phebus made a motion to place this Resolution on the floor and Commissioner Stewart placed the second. Chairman Phebus commented that this Resolution notes that Weakley County is among only five Tennessee counties to receive this prestigious award. Chairman Phebus thanked the Finance Director, Shawn Francisco and the Department of Finance staff for their dedicated work. Through this hard work, Weakley County was one of 36 counties of Tennessee's 95 counties to be in compliance with GASB 34, which is a nationally recognized Governmental Accounting Standard. The Chairman called for any discussion on this resolution. County Mayor Gifford was recognized and he commented that Resolution No. 2005-37 and Resolution No 2005-40 did not contain a signature line for him to sign off on and all Resolutions must have a signature line for the County Mayor. He wished this to be entered into the record that each Resolution contains a line for his signature. Chairman Phebus commented that this was being taken care of and would have a place for his signature. There was not any other discussion on the Resolution and the County Clerk called the roll with 16 ayes and 2 absent. The Resolution carried.

### **ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:**

County Mayor Gifford recommended Joyce Haworth of Sharon to replace Dianne Robinson (who resigned) to the Weakley County Library Board. The County Clerk called the Roll with 16 ayes and 2 absent. The appointment of Joyce Haworth was confirmed.

The next item on the Agenda was the approval of the Notaries Public List. The Chairman called for a motion to place this on the Floor, Commissioner Buckley made the motion, and Commissioner Salmon placed the Second. Discussion was called and there was not any to come before the Commission. A voice vote was taken with the ayes carrying and none opposed. The Notary Public List was approved.

Chairman Phebus noted that there was also a recommendation from County Mayor Gifford to appoint Walter Alexander to replace Regina Patterson whose term expires June 30, 2005 to the Weakley County Library Board. The County Clerk called the roll with 16 ayes and 2 absent. The Appointment was confirmed.

### **REPORTS:**

Chairman Phebus called, without objection, for the Report from the 27<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Drug Court Program to be moved to first under reports. At that time, Chairman Phebus turned the floor over to Judge Tommy Moore, Weakley County General Sessions Judge. Judge Moore gave a presentation on the 27<sup>th</sup> Judicial Drug Court, which consist of Obion and Weakley County. Judge Moore commented on the number of participants and statistics illustrated through a video presentation given by Dr. Deborah Gibson. Circuit Court Judge Bill Acree and others of the 13-member Drug Court team were also on hand and introduced by Judge Moore, to lend their support to the drug rehabilitation program for hardcore drug addicts. Judge Moore touched upon the requirements and regulations that have to be met for this program. Dr. Gibson noted that the success rate of the program is 61 percent.

Chairman Phebus commented that each of the Commission members received in their packets the Trustee's Report, General Fund Report, Highway Department Report, School Department Report and the Solid Waste Report. Chairman Phebus called for any standing committee reports.

Chairman Phebus called upon Suzie German to introduce the new Chamber Director, Barbara Virgin. Mrs. German commented that she would like to thank the commission for their support in the last seven years, and that she had enjoyed her term as Chamber Director. Mrs. German gave a brief review of Ms. Virgin's credentials and Ms. Virgin commented that she looked forward to working with the people of Weakley County.

Commissioner Phebus called for a motion to accept the reports, Commissioner Owen made a motion, and Commissioner Page placed a second to the motion. Discussion was called and the question. A voice vote was taken and the ayes carried. The Reports was accepted.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was not any unfinished business to be brought before the Commission and the Chairman moved to the next item on the Agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-31:** Highway Department Litter Grant Resolution.

Chairman Phebus called for a motion to place this resolution on the Floor and Commissioner Jones made the motion with a second being placed by Commissioner Rook. Commissioner Rook gave a Committee Report from Public Works and he commented that this resolution passed his committee. Chairman Phebus commented that this resolution also passed the Finance Ways and Means Committee. Discussion was called and the Question. The County Clerk, Pat Scarbrough called the roll with 16 ayes and 2 absent. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-32:** Highway Department Budget Amendment.

Chairman Phebus called for a motion to place this resolution on the Floor, Commissioner Rook made the motion, and Commissioner Gardner placed the second. Commissioner Rook gave a Committee Report from the Public Works Committee and this resolution passed his committee. Chairman Phebus gave the Finance Ways and Means Report and this resolution passed his committee. Discussion was called and Commissioner Vincent questioned why 41170 was in the resolution twice, and Commissioner Rook commented that the money had to be put in the Budget and then transferred. This resolution had been revised before the commission meeting and the members to the commission did not have the revised copy before them. Commissioner Page commented that one line was deleted from the original and that the revised copy is what is being voted on. Finance Director Francisco handed out the revised resolution to the Commissioners. Question was called and the County Clerk called the roll with 16 ayes and 2 absent. The motion carried on the revised resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-33:** General Purpose School Resolution.

Commissioner Page made a motion to place Resolution No. 2005-33 on the floor for discussion and Commissioner Rich placed a second to the motion. Commissioner Buckley gave a Committee Report from the Health, Education and Economic Development Committee and this passed his committee. Chairman Phebus gave the Finance Ways and Means report and it also passed his committee. Discussion was called and the question and County Clerk Scarbrough called the Roll with 16 ayes and 2 absent. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-34:** School Department Resolution – Child Nutrition.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to place the Resolution on the Floor and Commissioner Jones placed the second to the Motion. Chairman Phebus gave a Committee Report from the Finance Ways and Means Committee and this resolution passed his committee. Commissioner Buckley gave the Health; Education and Economic Development Committee Report and it passed this committee. Discussion was called and the question. County Clerk Scarbrough called the roll with 16 ayes and 2 absent. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-35:** Highway Department Resolution.

This Resolution was withdrawn from the agenda.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-36:** General Fund Resolution.

Commissioner Salmon made a motion to place Resolution No. 2005-36 on the floor for discussion and Commissioner Jones placed a second to the motion. Chairman Phebus gave the Committee Report from Finance Ways and Means and it passed his committee. Commissioner Buckley gave the Health, Education and Economic Development Report and it passed his committee also. Discussion was called, Commissioner Page was recognized, and he questioned the replacement of the central unit at the Health Department. Commissioner Page questioned how long the health department has been there, and it was noted that it had been there for approximately ten years. County Mayor Gifford commented that the money was coming from a reserve held with the state and it was not local money. Question was called and the County Clerk called the roll with 16 ayes and 2 absent. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-38:** Federal Projects Resolution.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to place this resolution on the floor and Commissioner Jones placed a second. Commissioner Buckley gave a Committee Report from the Health, Education and Economic Development Committee and it passed this committee. Chairman Phebus gave the Finance Ways and Means Report and it passed his committee also. Discussion was called and Commissioner Stewart was recognized. Commissioner Stewart questioned the reduction of educational assistance and Director Barber explained that this position was not needed this year. The money that was not needed in this line was being transferred to a line to purchase two buses this year on a lease. Question was called and the County Clerk called the Roll with 16 for and 2 absent. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-39:** Jail Cost Study Resolution.

Commissioner Vincent made a motion to place the Resolution on the Floor and Commissioner Salmon place a second to the motion. The Public Safety Committee Chairman, Jack Vincent, gave a Committee Report and he commented that this passed his committee. Discussion was called and the question. County Clerk Scarbrough called the roll with 16 ayes and 2 absent. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-41:** Resolution to Establish Time to Consider Grants and Similar Revenues Availability.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to place the Resolution on the floor and Commissioner Vincent placed a second to the motion. Chairman Phebus gave the Committee Report from Finance Ways and Means and it passed his committee. Discussion was called, Commissioner Page was recognized, and he commented that this resolution was changing from a 60-day rule to 120-day rule to allow certain grants to be counted as revenue for the budget year. Commissioner Page questioned having the authority to do this without any other outside inquires. Chairman Phebus commented that this could be done by Resolution of the Commission. Chairman Phebus went on to comment that we are not talking about all revenue, but certain grants specifically received by the State of Tennessee. Question was called and the County Clerk called the roll with 16 ayes and 2 absent. The motion carried.

**MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS:**

Chairman Phebus commented that he had one item that needed to be attended to regarding the Next County Commission Meeting. The next County Commission meeting is scheduled for the fourth Monday in June 2005. Chairman Phebus requested that this meeting be moved to the third Monday,

June 20, 2005. Commissioner McAlpin made a motion to suspend the rules and Commissioner Owen placed a second. Question was called and the Clerk called the Roll with 16 ayes and two absent. The Motion carried and the next regular Commission Meeting will be held on June 20, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.

There was not any other business to go before the commission, Commissioner Vincent made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Sinclair placed a second. The Weakley County Legislative Body adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk