

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-60
RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE WEST TENNESSEE RAILROAD AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee has adopted Public Chapter 221 of the Acts of 1983 which is codified at Section 7-56-201 thru Section 7-56-213 of Tennessee Code Annotated, to authorize counties and municipalities to establish railroad authorities to provide for the continuation of rail service within the area of the governments establishing said authorities; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has authorized counties and cities to join together for the purpose of creating and operating railroad lines within the area of said authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk Southern Railroad System has expressed intention to lease the present rail system from Fulton, Ky. to Corinth, Mississippi.

WHEREAS, the County Commission of Weakley County recognizes that the best interest of the entire county would be served by Obion, Chester, Gibson and Madison in seeking to maintain an operating rail system along said route; and

WHEREAS, the West Tennessee Railroad Corporation has been selected to be lessee on this line; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to create a rail authority to assist the operator with the handling of state rehabilitation money;

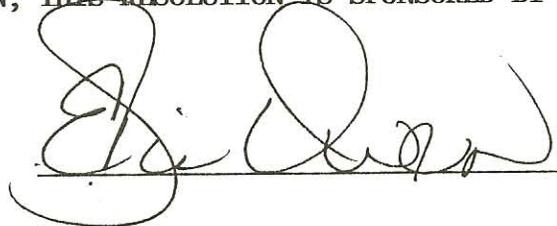
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session on the 21st day of May, 2001, that Weakley County join with the counties of McNairy, Obion, Chester, Gibson and Madison in forming the West Tennessee Railroad Authority for the purposes outlined in Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 7-56-201 thru 213.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that R. D. Robinson is appointed to serve, along with the County Executive, on the Board of Directors of the West Tennessee Railroad Authority. His term shall be for two (2) years and may succeed himself an additional two (2) year term. He shall serve until a successor is appointed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County indicate its willingness to appropriate sufficient funds to provide for the initial administration of the authority along with the five counties who must pass a similar resolution.

PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF THE COMMISSION, THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS:



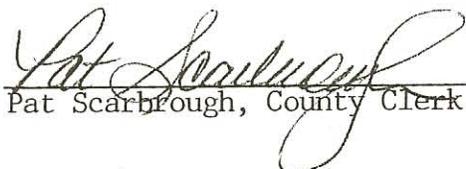


Motion was made by Commissioner Westbrook that the foregoing Resolution be approved. Seconded by Commissioner Broussard. Upon being put to a roll call vote, motion carried by a vote of:

AYES: 19 NAYS: 0 PASS: 0 ABSENT: 1

ATTESTED TO:

APPROVED:



Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk

Ron Gifford, County Executive

This the 21st day of May, 2001

AMENDMENT
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Amend the second BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County indicate its willingness to appropriate (strike out sufficient and insert) an amount not to exceed \$500 in funds to provide for the initial administration of the authority along with five counties who must pass a similar resolution.

ATTEST TO ADMENDMENT:



Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk

APPROVED ADMENDMENT:



Ron Gifford, County Executive