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RESOLUTION 2007 - 39

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE WEAKLEY COUNTY STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, as a result of Weakley County's participation in the State of Tennessee Three-Star Pilot Program, Weakley County Commission adopted the Strategic Economic Development Plan in November 2004 with the passage of Resolution 2005-09, amending the plan in May 2006 with the passage of Resolution 2006-53; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Three Star Program requires that the Strategic Plan be reviewed annually number of the objectives of the plan be selected to receive priority attention, and specific action plans be determined as to what will be achieved in the short term to work toward achievement of the priority objectives; and

WHEREAS, five objectives were selected to receive priority attention beginning in 2006 It is the recommendation of the Leadership Committee that the Weakley County Board of Commissioners adopt these priorities and support the work required to accomplish each recommendation; and

WHEREAS, these objectives and the specific action plans developed by the Leadership Committee are described below:

Recommended Priority Objectives

1. Significantly expand recruitment efforts for attracting new business and industry to the County.
   Action Plan:
   - Hire an experienced person to be engaged fulltime in the recruiting of industry and supporting the expansion of existing business and industry.
   - The Weakley County Economic Development Board (WCEDB) will develop a plan of work and plan for marketing Weakley County.
   - The efforts of the WCEDB, the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce, the various industrial boards, and the appropriate county and city officials having economic development responsibilities will be coordinated.
   - Create a revolving loan fund to be used to fund capital items needed to attract and retain business and industry.
   - Consider as requested other proposals related to attracting new business and industry to Weakley County.

   Responsible for Achievement: Weakley County Economic Development Board
   Date for Achievement: July 2007

2. Enhance and expand existing efforts to strengthen and retain existing business and industry of the County.
   Action Plan:
   - Participate in the TVA E-Synchronist program to determine the needs of existing business and industry and what actions could be considered to assist their retention and expansion.
   - Participate in the Pathfinders program to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the local workforce. This program provides valuable information to those professionals involved in business and industry recruiting.
   - Support the management and boards of the WCEDB and the Chamber in corporate visits, meetings with plant managers, and contacts with corporate headquarters of

industries located in Weakley County to coordinate efforts to strengthen and retain existing businesses and industry.

Responsible for Achievement: Weakley County Economic Development Board and Chamber of Commerce

Date for Achievement: July 2007

3. Pursue determination of the appropriateness of a land use plan for the unincorporated areas of the County.

   Action Plan:

   - Conduct a study to determine what would be involved in land use planning for the County. Such study would include the pros and cons of land use planning and the potential impact, positive and negative, on the various types of property use found in the County including, but not limited to, agricultural, residential, and business. The study is to be conducted openly to seek the input of all who wish to participate and to ensure that the public is informed of all the findings of the study.
   - It is recognized and should be understood that no actions can be taken regarding the implementation of any specific formal land use planning for the County without the approval of the Board of County Commissioners. The study proposed to be conducted should not be considered to be approval in any form of land use planning for Weakley County.

   Responsible for Achievement: Office of County Mayor, HEED Committee of County Commission

   Date for Achievement: July 2007

4. Pursue the development of stronger regional relationships to achieve more economic development that will positively impact Weakley County and its residents.

   Action Plan:

   - Work with other entities involved in economic development in northwest Tennessee and southwest Kentucky in conducting the Pathfinders Labor Study.
   - Work with all involved entities in the further development and construction of I-69 through Obion County and the development and construction of I-169 from I-69 to Martin.
   - Work with the appropriate organizations to support the expansion of the Everett-Stewart Airport between Martin and Union City as an asset for attracting and retaining business and industry to northwest Tennessee.
   - Encourage the WCEDB board and management to pursue participation in regional business and industry recruitment efforts that will be beneficial to Weakley County.
   - Encourage the Weakley County Chamber to actively work toward more regional collaboration when it will make the work of the Chamber more effective and efficient.

   Responsible for Achievement: Weakley County Economic Development Board and Chamber of Commerce

   Date for Achievement: July 2007

5. Strengthen the ability of the local education resources at the secondary and post-secondary levels to produce a skilled workforce for the future needs of business and industry.

   Action Plans:

   - Implement the Tennessee Scholars Program in all Weakley County high schools. The objective of the Tennessee Scholars Program is to encourage and recognize those students who pursue more rigorous courses in high school in order to be better prepared for technical schools, military, college, or the workplace.
   - Participate in the Tennessee P-16 State Network Program.
   - Support and work with the Tennessee Technology Center to establish a satellite campus in Weakley County

- Strengthen the adult literacy, GED, and adult high school programs of the county
- Develop a formal structure to partner with UTM in areas that will support the economic development of the county.

Responsible for Achievement: Weakley County School Board, Tennessee Scholars Steering Committee, Weakley County Chamber of Commerce

Date for Achievement: July 2007

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Weakley County Legislative Body meeting in Regular Session at Dresden, Tennessee, on this 14th day of May, 2007 that this resolution be adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon passage by a majority of the members of the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County, Tennessee.

Pursuant To The Rules Of The Commission, This Resolution Is Sponsored By The Following Members Of The Weakley County Board Of County Commissioners:

SPONSORED BY:

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ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED:

Chairman, Health, Edu. & Econ Development Committee

Motion made by Commissioner Westbrook that the foregoing resolution be adopted:

Motion seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Upon being put to a roll call vote, Motion carried by a vote of 17 Yeas, 0 Nays,

0 Passed and 1 Absent.

ATTESTED:

Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk

APPROVED:

Richard Phebus, Chairman

This the 14th Day of May 2007.

APPROVED:

Houston W. Patrick, County Mayor

DATE: 05/15/07

VETOED:

Houston W. Patrick, County Mayor

DATE: _____