

**Weakley County, Tennessee**  
**Health, Education, & Economic Development Committee**  
**May 8, 2007 4:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Commissioners James H. Westbrook, Dick Phebus, Jack Vincent, Mike Medling, and Mac Buckley.

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Eric Owen.

The HEED Committee reconvened on May 8, 2007, 4:00 p.m. at the Weakley County Election Commission building. Others present included Houston Patrick-County Mayor, Diane Cashon, and Election Commissioners.

Commissioner Phebus made the motion to approve the May 1, 2007 minutes and with a second by Commissioner Medling the motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Resolution 2007-39**

The resolution is amending the current strategic economic plan. Commissioner Phebus made the motion to approve the resolution and with a second by Commissioner Medling the motion passed unanimously.

**Election Commission Building**

All commissioners visited the current location of the Election Commission offices. Commission Medling measured the square footage being occupied, it totals 1400 square feet. The committee agreed that the auditorium would be suitable for early voting; if it would be possible to secure after hours. Mrs. Cashon stated that the next election is scheduled for February 5, 2008; which work preparation would begin January 2008. Discussion followed regarding technicians working on the voting equipment before and during the early voting period. Commissioner Phebus suggested leaving the early voting and technician details to the discretion of the election administrator and commission to decide. Commission Vincent made the motion to obtain a third classroom for the Election Commission offices and to use the current facility for early voting. The motion died for lack of second. Commissioner Medling stated that in his opinion, for a long term solution, would be to erect a new structure to house the Election Commission; he continued by stating that the southwest TN district election offices average square footage is 3,000 square feet. Commissioner Medling suggested the square footage for a new structure to be a minimum of 2,000 square feet with a maximum of 3,000 square feet. Discussion continued between the committee and election commissioners. Commissioner Vincent made the motion to obtain a third classroom for the Election Commission offices and to use the current facility for early voting and with a second by Chairman Westbrook the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Medling made the motion to authorize the Director of Finance to begin the process to develop a 3,000 square foot floor plan. Commission Buckley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Phebus made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Buckley the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Shawn Francisco,  
Recording Secretary

Approved:

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James H. Westbrook, Jr., Chairman  
Health, Education, & Economic Development Committee

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