

Charter Commission Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2014

John Waddle stated that a resolution asking for a nine month extension (*only if needed*) for the GCCC to complete its work on the Charter will be presented at the August 18 meeting of the Greene County Commission.

Chairman Cobble opened in prayer.

Chairman Cobble called the meeting to order, with six commissioners present.

Secretary Houser called Chairman Cobble and explained that he was waiting in line to vote and he would be late. Secretary Houser arrived about a half-hour late.

Chairman Cobble read the minutes.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes.

Chairman *Pro Tem* Wood seconded the motion.

Commission voted unanimously to accept minutes.

The interviewee for the night-Mayor Alan Broyles- decided not come, so no interview was conducted.

Chairman Cobble said he is going to write a letter to Mayor Broyles asking that he come to a GCCC meeting.

John Waddle talked about his experience as Budget Director in the 1990's.

The GCCC considered the option of demanding that Mayor Broyles comply with the request for an interview with him.

Commissioners discussed the old business of the Commission. They also discussed ideas about how to get input from the general public at the Greene County Fair, issues within the government, and the principles by which government should run.

Chairman Cobble gave the first example of such a principle. *Elected officials should work hard enough and efficiently enough as to try to work themselves out of a job.*

The GCCC started to work on the Charter.

Chairman Cobble said that he would reword Article 1.01 of the Charter and bring it back to the commissioners for approval.

Chairman *Pro Tem* Wood made a motion to accept Article1.02

Commissioner Davenport seconded the motion

It was decided that instead of having forty-three sections in Article1.02, there would be thirty-five; moreover, it was decided that Section 35 would have eight subsections. This will make Article1.02 of the Greene County Charter the exact language of Article I of the Tennessee Constitution.

Commission voted unanimously to accept this article with the recommended changes.

Chairman Cobble stated that he would bring a proposed Preamble to the Charter and let the commissions decide on it.

There was changes made to Article2.01 and Article2.02 by the GCCC. Chairman Cobble noted those changes and will oversee the rewriting of these Articles. The rewritten Articles will be looked at again at the next GCCC meeting.

Commissioner Claiborne made a motion to use the Greene County Courthouse Annex as the place for the GCCC to hold meetings on the first and third Thursday of every month.

Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion.

Commission voted unanimously to accept this motion.

Chairman *Pro Tem* Wood made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Davenport seconded the motion.

Commission voted unanimously to adjourn.