

The Bradley County Commission meets in REGULAR SESSION on February 6th, 2017, at the Courthouse in Cleveland, Tennessee. D. Gary Davis, County Mayor; Donna A. Simpson, County Clerk; and Crystal Freiberg, County Attorney are present. On roll call the following Commissioners are present: MIKE HUGHES, LOUIE ALFORD, THOMAS L. CRYE, MILAN M. BLAKE, JOHNNY MULL, CHARLOTTE PEAK, HOWARD LEWIS THOMPSON, BOBBY GOINS, JEFF YARBER, DAN RAWLS, ROBERT ROMINGER, MARK HALL and BILL WINTERS. Commissioner TERRY CAYWOOD is absent. There is a quorum present and Chairman Louie Alford calls the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Connie Kennard leads in the invocation.

Commissioner Johnny Mull moves that the Minutes of the January 17th, 2017, REGULAR SESSION be approved; Commissioner Jeff Yarber seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Hughes, aye; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Yarber, aye; Rawls, aye; Rominger, aye; Hall, aye; and Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 13; OPPOSES: NONE; ABSENT: 1. The motion passes

Commissioner Thomas Crye moves to approve the Consent Agenda less **Item 20 Election Commission request to dispose of computer server**; Commissioner Jeff Yarber seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Hughes, aye; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Yarber, aye; Rawls, aye; Rominger, aye; Hall, aye; and Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 13; OPPOSES: NONE; ABSENT: 1. The motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

RESOLUTION 2017-04

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BRADLEY COUNTY MAYOR TO MOVE FORWARD WITH OBTAINING THE FUNDING SOURCE FOR BRADLEY COUNTY'S PORTION OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION TO DEVELOP THE SPRING BRANCH PROPERTY AS A PUBLIC INDUSTRIAL PARK OF APPROXIMATELY THREE MILLION DOLLARS (\$3,000,000.00)

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2011, the Bradley County Commission approved Resolution 2011-39 supporting the allocation of funds for an industrial park in Bradley County; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2012, the Industrial Development Board, with partial funding from Bradley County, acquired a three hundred and thirty point six (330.6) acre parcel known as Spring Branch Industrial Park; and

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2016, the Bradley County Commission approved Resolution 2016-29 authorizing an application for a Certificate of Public Purpose and Necessity for the Spring Branch Industrial Park; and

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RESOLUTION 2017-04 CONTINUES

WHEREAS, Bradley County agreed to share equally in the cost of construction to develop the industrial park by installing roadways, street lighting, waterlines, sanitary sewer, entranceways, signage, stormwater management systems, stream or wetland impact mitigation measures and other public improvements for an amount not to exceed three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the Bradley County Commission finds that it is advantageous to the County to authorize the Mayor to move forward with obtaining the best funding source for Bradley County's portion of the construction costs; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of *Tenn. Code Ann. 9-21-408(b)*, Bradley County is authorized to make interfund loans from all funds derived from the sale of Bradley Memorial Hospital in accordance with procedures for issuance of notes set forth in *Tenn. Code Ann. 9-21-604(b)*; and

WHEREAS, Bradley County agrees to pledge the full faith and credit of the County for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of principal and interest on any notes or bonds issued, whether through an interfund loan or bond issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bradley County Legislative Body meeting in regular session at Cleveland, Tennessee, on this 6th day of February, 2017, that the Bradley

County Mayor is authorized to move forward with obtaining the funding source for Bradley County's portion of the cost of construction to develop the Spring Branch property as a public industrial park of approximately three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00).

FURTHER, be it resolved that the Mayor is authorized to determine and present to the County Commission either an interfund loan on behalf of the County for this Project from the funds derived from the sale of Bradley County Memorial Hospital or a public bond market issue for the cost of the Project.

Commissioner Milan Blake puts in the form of a motion the adoption of Resolution 2017-04 which gives the Chamber of Commerce what is needed to obtain the Certificates they need to develop Spring Branch [Industrial Park]; Commissioner Jeff Yarber seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Hughes, aye; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Yarber, aye; Rawls, aye; Rominger, aye; Hall, aye; and Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 13; OPPOSES: NONE; ABSENT: 1. The motion passes.

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RESOLUTION 2017-03

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BRADLEY COUNTY MAYOR TO SEND A LETTER TO THE TENNESSEE COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY REQUESTING COMPTROLLER APPROVAL FOR BRADLEY COUNTY TO CONTRACT WITH THE FIRM OF HENDERSON, HUTCHERSON & MCCULLOUGH, PLLC TO PROVIDE AUDIT SERVICES FOR BRADLEY COUNTY UPON RECEIPT OF APPROVAL FROM THE COMPTROLLER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR WITH HENDERSON, HUTCHERSON &

**MCCULLOUGH, PLLC FOR THE PROVISION OF AUDIT SERVICES FOR A LUMP SUM AMOUNT OF
FORTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS
(\$42,500.00)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated 9-3-211*, Bradley County must be audited on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the State Comptroller of the Treasury through the Division of County Audit is given the authority to establish accounting standards; and

WHEREAS, the County may contract with a certified public accountant or the State Division of Audit to perform the annual audit services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated 4-3-304(4)(A)*, the County must receive approval of a private auditor from the State Comptroller of the Treasury prior to contracting with said auditor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bradley County Legislative Body meeting in regular session at Cleveland, Tennessee, on this 6th day of February, 2017, that:

SECTION 1. Bradley County Mayor be and is hereby authorized to draft and send a letter to the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury requesting the Comptroller's approval for Bradley County to contract with the firm of Henderson, Hutcherson & McCullough, PLLC to provide audit services for Bradley County.

SECTION 2. Upon receipt of approval from the Comptroller, Bradley County Mayor be and is hereby authorized following successful negotiation to enter into a contract for a term of one (1) year with Henderson, Hutcherson & McCullough, PLLC for the provision of audit services for a lump sum amount of forty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$42,500.00).

Commissioner Milan Blake puts in the form of a motion the adoption of Resolution 2017-03; Commissioner Mike Hughes seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Hughes, aye; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Yarber, aye; Rawls, aye; Rominger, aye; Hall, aye; and Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 13; OPPOSES: NONE; ABSENT: 1. The motion passes

**LETTER FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR TO THE COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY AS AUTHORIZED
IN RESOLUTION 2017-03 RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT**

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Commissioner Bill Winters moves for the approval of the Meeting Agenda; Commissioner Dan Rawls seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Hughes, aye; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Yarber, aye; Rawls, aye; Rominger, aye; Hall, aye; and Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 13; OPPOSES: NONE; ABSENT: 1. The motion passes

MEETING AGENDA RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

RESOLUTION 2017-02

RESOLUTION DECLARING APPROXIMATELY 7.35 ACRES OF BRADLEY COUNTY PROPERTY LOCATED ON KINSER ROAD, KNOWN AS PRIMITIVE SETTLEMENT, MAP AND PARCEL NUMBER 067 052.00, AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO OFFER FOR SALE OR TRADE THIS PROPERTY, NOT INCLUDING THE POST OFFICE STRUCTURE LOCATED ON THE SOUTH END OF THE PROPERTY OR THE LOG HOUSE LOCATED ON THE NORTHERN MOST END OF THE PROPERTY, BY PUBLIC BID

WHEREAS, the Bradley County Commission voted to accept from a private donor certain property, formerly Primitive Settlement, Map and Parcel Number 067 052.00; and

WHEREAS, Bradley County has determined that it has no current use for said property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bradley County Legislative Body meeting in regular session at Cleveland, Tennessee, on this 6th day of February, 2017, that approximately 7.35 acres of property owned by Bradley County, formerly Primitive Settlement, Map and Parcel Number 067 052.00, is declared surplus property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bradley County Mayor is authorized to offer this property, not including the post office structure located on the south end of the property or the log house located on the northern most end of the property, for sale or trade, by public bid pursuant to all property asset disposal requirements.

Commissioner Charlotte Peak puts in the form of a motion the adoption of Resolution 2017-02; Commissioner Howard Thompson seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Hughes, aye; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Yarber, aye; Rawls, aye; Rominger, aye; Hall, aye; and Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 13; OPPOSES: NONE; ABSENT: 1. The motion passes.

STATEMENT BY COMMISSIONER MILAN BLAKE, FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

"This evening we will start the 2017-2018 budget process by adopting the Budget Calendar. It pretty much follows the same timeline with set milestones as previous years with 1 or 2 minor adjustments.

As everyone is aware, we are required by law to prepare and ultimately vote in a balanced budget. In short, expenses cannot exceed revenue between July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.

Each budget has common challenges as past budgets as well as unique ones. And the 17-18 Budget will be no different.

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This year will have new obligations and ongoing, both statutory as well as contractually.

We will be budgeting approximately 1.2 M dollars in principal/interest payments 'til 2037 for the Lake Forest Project.

We voted to increase the contributed amount to the Cleveland/Bradley Co. 911 Center to 200K annually.

In August, we will open the Brian K. Smith Work Release Center. We've been told that it should be filled within weeks if not days. This is what they call a "good problem". Good because we want it to pay for itself, but we also know it will not have a year's time of revenue before the first payment on the loan is due. Full occupancy also means it must be fully staffed. This is an example of what I mean by the 17-18 presenting unique challenges. It will eventually iron itself out in the following years, and the Brian K Smith Work Release Center will be a valuable asset to Bradley County.

Tonight we started the process of borrowing for the Spring Branch Industrial Park. As you know we are obligated by Resolution to contribute 3 million dollars. This will also happen in the 17-18 budget. The good news here is that the hotel/motel increase appears to be in line with what was projected. Due to the change in the tax rate for overnight stay, however, it is still an initial investment that will take a few years to see any return on investment.

As we saw a few months ago, health insurance costs for Bradley County employees continues to be the number one percentage increase and second only to wages/withholding in actual dollars. Even though we have a new President and Congress, I don't see that changing anytime soon, or at least for the 17-18 budget.

To the elected officials and department heads who are responsible for their respective budgets. If I may speak on behalf of the Finance Committee, we look forward to working with you and your staff in the coming months."

Commissioner Milan Blake puts in the form of a motion the acceptance of the 2017-2018 Budget Preparation Calendar; Commissioner Thomas Crye seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Hughes, aye; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Yarber, aye; Rawls, aye; Rominger, aye; Hall, aye; and Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 13; OPPOSES: NONE; ABSENT: 1. The motion passes.

2017/2018 BUDGET PREPARATION CALENDAR RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

There is no further business to come before the Commission and on a motion by Commissioner Jeff Yarber, the Commission adjourns at 7:25 P.M. EST.

Louie Alford, Chairman
Bradley County Commission

Donna A. Simpson
Bradley County Clerk

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