

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

JULY 26th, 2019

The Bradley County Commission meets in a SPECIAL CALLED MEETING at 9:00 A.M. EDST on July 26th, 2019, at the Courthouse in Cleveland, Tennessee. Donna A. Simpson, County Clerk; and Crystal Freiberg, County Attorney are present. County Mayor D. Gary Davis is absent. On roll call the following Commissioners are present: DENNIS EPPERSON, MIKE HUGHES, LOUIE ALFORD, THOMAS L. CRYE, MILAN M. BLAKE, JOHNNY MULL, CHARLOTTE PEAK, HOWARD LEWIS THOMPSON, BOBBY GOINS, JEFF YARBER, TIM MASON, ERICA DAVIS, KEVIN RAPER and BILL WINTERS. TOTAL PRESENT: 14; ABSENT: NONE. There is a quorum present and Chairman Johnny Mull calls the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Commissioner Bill Winters leads in the invocation.

Commissioner Jeff Yarber moves that the Special Called Meeting Agenda be approved; Commissioner Bobby Goins seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Epperson, aye; Hughes, aye; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Yarber, aye; Mason, aye; Davis, aye; Raper, aye; and Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 14; OPPOSES: NONE. The motion passes.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

STATEMENT AND MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MILAN BLAKE

"AGENDA ITEM A - - MR. CHAIRMAN, BEFORE YOU IS RESOLUTION 2019-20 FIXING THE TAX LEVY BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019. IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH, YOU WILL NOTICE A COUPLE OF WORDS AND A TYPO ARE SCRATCHED THROUGH. PLEASE CHANGE THAT TO THE WORD "OF". ALSO, ON THE BOTTOM OF THE RESOLUTION, PLEASE CHANGE, "PASSED THIS 15TH DAY OF JULY, 2019" TO "PASSED THIS 26TH DAY OF JULY, 2019". MR. CHAIRMAN, I PUT THIS RESOLUTION WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED CHANGES IN THE FORM OF A MOTION". Commissioner Thomas Crye seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Epperson, aye; *Hughes, nay; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, nay; Thompson, nay; Goins, nay; Yarber, aye; Mason, nay; Davis, aye; Raper, aye; and Winters, aye. The Clerk asks if anyone would like to change their vote. TOTAL FOR: 9; OPPOSES: 5. The motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2019-20 RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

*Prior to voting Commissioner Mike Hughes reads the following statement:

"Because I am an employee of the Bradley County Sheriff's Department I have a conflict of interest in the proposal about to be voted on. However, I declare that my argument and my vote answer only to my conscience and to my obligation to my constituents and the citizens this Body represents."

Commissioner Milan Blake puts in the form of a motion the adoption of Resolution 2019-21 [Resolution Fixing The Tax Levy Of The County Fire District]; Commissioner Bill Winters seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Epperson, aye; Hughes nay; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Yarber, aye; Mason, nay; Davis, aye; Raper, aye; and Winters, aye. The Clerk asks if anyone would like to change their vote. TOTAL FOR: 12; OPPOSES: 2. The motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2019-21 RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

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Commissioner Milan Blake puts in the form of a motion Resolution 2019-22 [A Resolution Making Appropriations For The Various Funds, Departments, Institutions, Offices And Agencies Of Bradley County]; Commissioner Thomas Crye seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Epperson, aye; Hughes, nay; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; *Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Yarber, aye; Mason, nay; Davis, aye; *Raper, aye; and Winters, aye. The Clerk asks if anyone would like to change their vote. TOTAL FOR: 12; OPPOSES: 2. The motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2019-22 RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

*Prior to voting Commissioner Johnny Mull reads the following statement:

"Because I am an employee of the Bradley County School System I have a conflict of interest in the proposal about to be voted on. However, I declare that my argument and my vote answer only to my conscience and to my obligation to my constituents and the citizens this Body represents."

*Prior to voting Commissioner Kevin Raper reads the following statement:

"Because I am an employee of the Bradley County School System I have a conflict of interest in the proposal about to be voted on. However, I declare that my argument and my vote answer only to my conscience and to my obligation to my constituents and the citizens this Body represents."

Commissioner Milan Blake puts in the form of a motion the adoption of Resolution 2019-23 [Resolution Making Appropriations To Non-Profit Charitable Organizations]; Commissioner Bill Winters seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Epperson, aye; Hughes, aye; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Yarber, aye; Mason, aye; Davis, aye; Raper, aye; and Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 14; OPPOSES: NONE. The motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2019-23 RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

BRADLEY COUNTY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

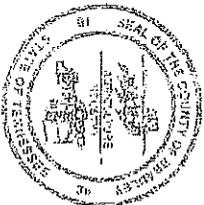
CHAIRMAN JOHNNY MULL READS COMMISSION REBUTTAL AND REQUESTS IT BE ENTERED INTO THE COMMISSION MINUTES. THIS IS RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT.

There is no further business to come before the Commission and on a motion by Commissioner Jeff Yarber, the Commission adjourns at 9:38 A.M. EDST.

Johnny Mull, Chairman
Bradley County Commission

Donna A. Simpson
Bradley County Clerk

07/26/2019



Bradley County Commission
Johnny Mull, Chairman
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA
July 26, 2019, at 9:00p.m.
Bradley County Courthouse

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation – Commissioner Bill Winters
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Agenda Items
 - A. Resolution 2019-20 fixing the tax levy Bradley County, Tennessee, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 (see page 2) – Commissioner Milan Blake
 - B. Resolution 2019-21 fixing the tax levy of the county fire district Bradley County, Tennessee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 (see page 3) – Commissioner Milan Blake
 - C. Resolution 2019-22 making appropriations for the various funds, departments, institutions, offices and agencies of Bradley County, Tennessee, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 (see pages 4-9) – Commissioner Milan Blake
 - D. Resolution 2019-20 making appropriations to non-profit charitable organizations of Bradley County, Tennessee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 (see pages 10-11) – Commissioner Milan Blake
7. Communication from the audience
8. Adjourn

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RESOLUTION 2019-20

RESOLUTION FIXING THE TAX LEVY
BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Bradley County, Tennessee, assembled in SPECIAL CALLED SESSION on this 26th day of July, 2019, that the combined property tax rate for Bradley County, Tennessee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 shall be the State of Tennessee certified tax rate of \$ 1.7821 on each \$100.00 of taxable property, which is to provide revenue for each of the following funds and otherwise conform to the following levies:

<u>FUND</u>	
County General	\$ 0.4993
Public Library	0.0278
Pike Road	0.1135
General Purpose Schools - County & City	0.7738
Other Capital Projects	0.0478
Debt Service - General Debt	0.3199
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1.7821</u>

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby levied a gross receipts tax as provided by law. The proceeds of the gross receipts tax herein levied shall accrue to the County General Fund.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners of Bradley County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution take effect as of July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it, and that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the County Commission.

SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Trustee shall reflect the property tax rate upon the receipts used in collecting property taxes.

Passed this 26th day of July, 2019.

SEAL

Johnny McAll, Chairman

Donna Simpson, County Clerk

D. Gary Davis, County Mayor



RESOLUTION 2019-21

RESOLUTION FIXING THE TAX LEVY OF THE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT
BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by The County Commission of Bradley County, Tennessee, assembled in SPECIAL CALLED SESSION on this 26th day of July, 2019 that, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 5-17-106, this County Commission hereby levies an annual fire tax upon the property owners of the Fire District 2 (Rural) in the amount of point four four zero zero cents (\$.4400) on each \$100.00 of taxable property located within the County but outside of the Fire District 1 (Fringe) point four four zero zero cents (\$.4400) on each \$100.00 of taxable property located within the Fire District 1 (Fringe), for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, which is deemed by this Commission to pay the budget of the County Fire District;

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 5-17-107, the Fire Tax levied by this Resolution shall be assessed in the same manner as the County Property Tax and collected as an addition thereto, and shall in all ways be treated as a part of the County Property Tax;

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as provided by Tennessee Code Annotated Section 5-17-108, this Resolution and nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit in any way the fire departments of any municipality providing fire service, but authorizes this Commission, in its capacity as the County Fire Department, if it so desires, to contract with municipalities in order to coordinate fire service county-wide;

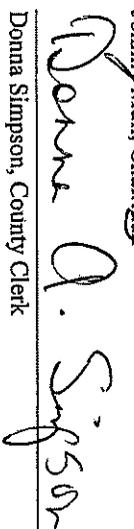
SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners of Bradley County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution take effect as of July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it, and that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the County Commission.

Passed this 26th day of July, 2019.

SEAL


Johnny Mull, Chairman


Donna Simpson, County Clerk

D. Gary Davis, County Mayor



RESOLUTION 2019-22

A RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS,
DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, OFFICES AND AGENCIES OF
BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED By the Board of County Commissioners of Bradley County, Tennessee, assembled in SPECIAL CALLED session on the 26th day of July, 2019, that the amounts hereafter set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various funds, departments, institutions, offices and agencies of Bradley County, Tennessee, for the capital outlay, and for meeting the payment of principal and interest on the County's debt maturing during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 according to the following schedule:

COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$
County Commission	600,514
Board Of Equalization	2,365
Beer Board	3,197
Other Boards And Committees - Archives	38,537
County Mayor	289,649
Personnel Office	174,839
County Attorney	219,620
Election Commission	294,286
Register Of Deeds	84,659
Engineering/Planning/Building Inspection	274,189
Development (G.I.S.)	215,203
Courthouse, Agriculture & Annex Bldg.	430,733
TN Vocational Building	30,000
Accounting And Budgeting	213,797
Property Assessor's Office	865,199
Reappraisal Program	170,300
County Trustee's Office	166,417
County Clerk's Office	272,048
Data Processing	135,250
Circuit Court Clerk	1,550,500
General Sessions Judge - Randolph	264,807
General Sessions Judge - Swafford	0
Drug Court	70,000
Chancery Court	63,704
Juvenile Court	751,116
General Sessions Judge - Swafford	326,326
Polk County Probation Contract	38,241
Judicial Commissioners	35,000
Other Administration Of Justice	132,390
Probation Services	373,335
SAMHSA Grant	0
Sheriff's Department	8,824,727
Traffic Safety Grant	0
Traffic Control	33,600
Justice Center	8,002,181
Workhouse	818,713
Juvenile Center	1,438,469
Juvenile Services - BUG Grant Program	66,580
Juvenile Services - JJS Grant Program	0

COUNTY GENERAL FUND - (Continued)

SE TN Community Corrections	346,010
Civil Defense - EMA	491,261
Homeland Security	50,561
Inspection and Regulation	169,972
County Coroner/Medical Examiner	204,216
Juvenile Services - JJS Grant Program	9,000
Other Public Safety	650,000
Local Health Center	396,397
Rabies and Animal Control	199,000
Emergency Medical Services	6,367,986
Juvenile Drug Court	50,000
Health Services - State	1,518,552
Other Local Welfare Services	100,804
Car Seat Grant	10,000
Adult Activities	9,000
Senior Citizens Assistance	103,000
Tournaments - Recreation	35,827
Other Social, Cultural And Recreation	1,059,419
Agricultural Extension Service	352,260
Soil Conservation	54,455
Storm Water Program	132,546
Tourism Development	285,000
Industrial Development	285,000
Economic Development (Greenway	10,000
Public Transportation	42,000
Veterans' Services	142,820
Other Charges	460,000
Contributions To Other Agencies	87,192
Tobacco Grant	0
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 40,892,811

PIKE ROAD FUND

Administration	\$ 785,605
Highway And Bridge Maintenance	3,433,367
Operation And Maint. Of Equipment	658,155
Quarry Operations	2,000
Liter And Trash Collection	0
Other Charges	195,909
Employee Benefits	1,040,062
Capital Outlay	1,912,282
Bridge Renovations/Replacements	769,616
TOTAL PIKE ROAD FUND	\$ 8,796,996

PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

Library-Cleveland Public Library	\$ 667,380
Other Charges	15,000
TOTAL LIBRARY FUND	\$ 682,380

GENERAL DEBT SERVICE FUND

Other Charges \$ 167,500
 General Government Debt Service 2,389,632
 Education Debt Service 6,660,169

TOTAL GENERAL DEBT SERVICE FUND \$ 9,217,301

LAW LIBRARY

Libraries \$ 13,600
 Other Charges 150

TOTAL LAW LIBRARY FUND \$ 13,750

FIRE DISTRICT FUND

Fire Prevention and Control \$ 5,303,800
 Transfer to Debt Service 214,013
 Other Charges 100,000

TOTAL COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT FUND \$ 5,617,813

SHERIFF'S DRUG FUND

Sheriff's Department \$ 18,000
 Drug Enforcement 63,500
 Alcohol and Drug Programs 6,100
 Other Charges 1,500

TOTAL SHERIFF'S DRUG FUND \$ 89,100

SOLID WASTE / SANITATION FUND

Landfill Operations & Maintenance \$ 65,000
 Recycling 112,784
 Contributions to Other Agencies (Keep America Beautiful) 28,000
 Other Charges 700

TOTAL SOLID WASTE / SANITATION FUND \$ 206,484

AGRICENTER FUND

Other Social, Cultural, and Recreational \$ 272,294
 Other Charges 2,754

TOTAL AGRICENTER FUND \$ 275,048

OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS

Capital Projects \$ 3,309,944
 Other Charges 20,000

TOTAL EDUCATION CAPITAL PROJECTS \$ 3,329,944

COUNTY SCHOOLS

	General Purpose School Budget	Central Cafeteria Fund Budget	Central Federal Funds Budget
Instruction			
Regular Instruction Program	\$ 42,742,635	\$	1,192,373
Special Education Program	5,150,857		1,299,181
Vocational Education Program	3,447,683		105,703
Adult Education Program	0		0
Support Services			
Students	5,022,139		688,074
Instructional Staff	4,868,398		919,315
General Administration	1,311,268		658,179
School Admin. - Office of Principal	4,469,361		0
Business Administration	630,662		0
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	7,155,914		0
Student Transportation	2,599,090		228,000
Other Support Services -			
Central and Other	0		0
Operation of Non-Instruction Services			
Food Service	109,216	6,334,000	0
Regular Capital Outlay	2,000,000		0
Operating Transfers	0		48,466

TOTAL SCHOOL FUNDS

\$ 79,507,223

\$ 6,334,000

\$ 5,139,291

HEALTH, WELLNESS & QUALITY OF LIFE CAPITAL PROJECTS

Other Public Health & Welfare

\$ 160,394

TOTAL HWQ FUND

\$ 160,394

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Industrial Development

\$ 573,728

Other Charges

4,000

TOTAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

\$ 577,728

COUNTY SCHOOLS-EDUCATION CAPITAL PROJECTS

Capital Projects

\$ 3,780,267

TOTAL COUNTY SCHOOLS-CAPITAL PROJECTS

\$ 3,780,267

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bradley County School Federal Projects Fund for the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and Carl Perkins Vocational projects shall be in the budget approved for the separate projects within the fund by the Bradley County Board of Education and the Tennessee Department of Education.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there are also hereby appropriated certain portions of the commissions and fees for collecting taxes and licenses and for administering other funds which the Trustee, County Clerk, Circuit Court Clerk, Register, Sheriff and the Clerk and Master and their officially authorized deputies and assistants may severally be entitled to receive under State laws heretofore or hereafter enacted. Expenditures out of commissions and/or fees collected by the Trustee, County Clerk, Circuit Court Clerk, Clerk and Master, Register and the Sheriff may be made for such purposes and in such amounts as may be authorized by existing law or by valid order of any court having power to make such appropriations. Any excess commission and/or fees collected over and above the expenditures duly and conclusively authorized shall be paid over to the Trustee and converted into the County General Fund as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any fee officials, as enumerated in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-22-101 operate under provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-22-104, provisions of the preceding paragraph shall not apply to those particular officials.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the need shall arise, the Finance Committee may, with the approval of any official head of any department or division which may be affected, transfer any amount within any major appropriation category; however, for transfers between major appropriation categories within the same fund, the approval of the Board of County Commissioners must be obtained. The School Superintendent must obtain the approval of the Board of Education for all school department transfers.

One copy of such authorization shall be filed with the County Clerk, one copy with the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and one with each divisional or departmental head concerned. Aforesaid authorization shall clearly state the reasons for the transfer, but this provision shall in no case whatsoever be construed as authorizing transfer from one fund to another, but shall apply solely to transfers within a certain fund.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any appropriation made by this Resolution which covers the same purpose for which a specific appropriation is made by statute is made in lieu of but not in addition to said statutory appropriation. The salary, wages, or remuneration of each officer, employee, or agent of the County, shall not be in excess of the amounts authorized by existing law or as set forth in the estimate of expenditures which accompanies this resolution. Provided, however, that appropriations for such salaries, wages, or other remuneration hereby authorized shall in no case be construed as permitting expenditures for an office, agency, institution, division or department of the County in excess of the appropriation made herein for such office, agency, institution, division or department of the County. Such appropriation shall constitute the limit to the expenditures of any office, agency, institution, division or department for the year ending June 30, 2020. The aggregate expenditures for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any Resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the fiscal year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation. Said appropriating Resolution shall be submitted to and approved by the State Director of Local Finance after its adoption as provided by Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 9-11-101 through 9-11-119.

SECTION 6. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certain school funds which function as clearing accounts have been included in the revenue and appropriations for the year ending June 30, 2020 as a memorandum only. It is expressly understood that the County Board of Education may not create or incur expenditures from these funds above actual revenue of such funds. It is further directed that no transfers may be effected between these clearing accounts and the operating school funds accounts.

SECTION 7. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Mayor, and County Clerk are hereby authorized to borrow money on revenue anticipation notes; provided such notes are first approved by the Director of Local Finance, to pay for the expenses herein authorized until the taxes and other revenue for the fiscal year 2019-2020 have been collected, not exceeding 60% of the appropriations of each individual fund. The proceeds of loans for each individual fund shall be used only to pay the expenses and other requirements of the fund for which the loan is made and the loan shall be paid out of revenue of the fund for which money is borrowed. The notes evidencing the loans authorized under this section shall be issued under the authority of Title IX, Chapter 21, inclusive, Tennessee Code Annotated. Said notes shall be signed by the County Mayor and countersigned by the County Clerk and shall mature and be paid in full without renewal not later than June 30, 2020. As a courtesy, the County Commission shall be notified if borrowing occurs.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2018 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2020 shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivisions of the tax levy for the year 2018. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 9. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall lapse and be of no further effect at the end of the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2020.

SECTION 10. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any Resolution or part of the Resolution which has hereto been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict with any provision in this Resolution shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 11. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provision shall be in force from and after July 1, 2019. This Resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 12. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that new major purchases or capital purchases approved under this budget or with prior year P. O.'s should be delayed until after January 1, 2020, except for emergency repair or replacement, due to the timing of revenue collections and to help with the cash flow of the County.

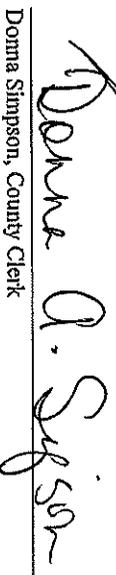
SECTION 13. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any percentage salary increases intended for all full-time Bradley County employees, include the General Officers of Bradley County not already budgeted under this Resolution to comply with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-24-102.

Passed this 26th day of July, 2019.

SEAL



Johnny Marshall, Chairman



Donna Q. Simpson
Donna Simpson, County Clerk

D. Gary Davis, County Mayor



RESOLUTION 2019-23

A RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO NON-PROFIT
CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS OF BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

WHEREAS, subject to compliance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-9-109, authorizes the County Legislative Body to make appropriations to non-profit charitable organizations; and,

WHEREAS, the Bradley County Legislative Body recognizes the various non-profit charitable organizations located in Bradley County have great need of funds to carry on their non-profit charitable work,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradley County, on this 26th day of July, 2019, as follows:

SECTION 1. That six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000) be appropriated to the Bradley County E-911 Emergency Communications District to fund the County's share of county dispatching for emergency services and to promote the welfare and safety of the citizens of Bradley County. (Fund 101)

SECTION 2. That forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000) be appropriated to Southeast Tennessee Resource Agency to promote public transportation in Bradley County. (Fund 101)

SECTION 3. That five thousand dollars (\$5,000) be appropriated to The Boys & Girls Club of The Ocoee Region to promote the health and welfare of disadvantaged youth in Bradley County. (Fund 101)

SECTION 4. That one hundred thousand eight hundred and four dollars (\$100,804) be appropriated to the Tennessee Vocational Training Center to promote vocational rehabilitation in Bradley County. (Fund 101)

SECTION 5. That nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) be appropriated to the Life Bridges, Inc. to promote the health and mental welfare in Bradley County. (Fund 101)

SECTION 6. That ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be appropriated to the Bradley/Cleveland Greenway Project to promote the general welfare of the residents of Bradley County. (Fund 101)

SECTION 7. That one hundred and three thousand dollars (\$103,000) be appropriated to the Bradley/Cleveland Community Service Agency to promote economic welfare in Bradley County. (Fund 101)

SECTION 8. That fifty four thousand four hundred fifty five dollars (\$54,455) be appropriated to the Soil Conservation District for the environmental welfare of the citizens of Bradley County. (Fund 101)

SECTION 9. That ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be appropriated to the Fort Hill Cemetery Association for the maintenance of Bradley County's portion of the Fort Hill Cemetery to promote the beauty of Bradley County. (Fund 101)

SECTION 10. That twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) be appropriated to the Mainstreet Cleveland Organization for the community welfare of Bradley County. (Fund 101)

SECTION 11. That nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$9,500) be appropriated to the Southeast Tennessee Resource Agency to promote human relations in Bradley County. (Fund 101)

SECTION 12. That twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000) be appropriated to the Keep America Beautiful organization to promote the conservation and beauty of Bradley County. (Fund 116)

SECTION 13. That two hundred eighty five thousand dollars (\$285,000) be appropriated to the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce to promote tourism development in Bradley County. (Fund 101)

SECTION 14. That two hundred eighty five thousand dollars (\$285,000) be appropriated to the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce to promote industrial development in Bradley County. (Fund 101)

SECTION 15. That one hundred ninety nine thousand dollars (\$199,000) be appropriated to the SPCA of Bradley County to assist in providing an animal shelter for county residents. (Fund 101)

SECTION 16. That sixteen thousand and five hundred dollars (\$16,500) be appropriated to the Cleveland/Bradley Regional Museum to promote the general welfare and tourism in Bradley County. (Fund 101)

SECTION 17. That eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) be appropriated to Cleveland State Community College to promote the general welfare in Bradley County. (Fund 172)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appropriations enumerated in Sections 1 through 17 above are made subject to the following conditions:

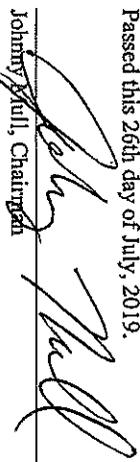
1. That the non-profit charitable organization to which funds are appropriated shall file with the County Clerk and the disbursing official a copy of an annual report of its business affairs and transactions and the proposed use of the county's funds in accordance with rules promulgated by the Comptroller of the Treasury, Chapter 0380-2-7. Such annual report shall either be prepared by an independent Certified Public Accountant or certified by the chief financial officer of such non-profit organization in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-9-109(c).
2. That said funds must only be used by the named non-profit charitable organization in furtherance of their non-profit charitable purposes benefiting the general welfare of the residents of the county.
3. That it is the expressed interest of the County Commission of Bradley County in providing these funds to the above named non-profit charitable organizations to be fully in compliance with Chapter 0390-2-7 of the Rules of the Comptroller of the Treasury, and Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-9-109 and any and all other laws which may apply to county appropriations to non-profit organizations and so this appropriation is made subject to compliance with any and all of these laws and regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. This Resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Passed this 26th day of July, 2019.

SEAL

Johnny Mull, Chairman



Donna A. Simpson

Donna Simpson, County Clerk

D. Gary Davis, County Mayor

Commission Rebuttal

On Wednesday, July 24, 2019, I received notification from County Mayor Gary Davis informing the Bradley County Commission that he had vetoed Resolutions 2019-20; 2019-21; 2019-22; and 2019-23, the entire 2019-2020 budget.

While I am not surprised, I must say I am disappointed.

Although I am disappointed, I actually pondered or questioned, is the mayor's budget about the current and future needs of Bradley County or his own legacy? The truth is, while we enjoy a vibrant and growing national and state economy, our county's financial future state hangs in the balance.

The Mayor would like for you to believe that the actions of this commission, and the vote to raise taxes has placed the county in this position, or worse for the future. But the truth is, the fund balance has been decreasing for the last three years under the mayor's own budget proposals. He has not been presenting a balanced budget and did so again this year. The Commission's approved budget begins to stop that bleeding.

The mayor has shown an inability to make difficult choices when it comes to the financial health of Bradley County's future. So today, we have taken the reigns and made those decisions for him. We cannot continue to kick the can of our problems down the road, without it costing us much more later. I don't know anyone who wants to see that happen.

No one up here, wants to see higher taxes unless they are absolutely necessary.

Commissioners make \$800 a month, as chair I make \$1,200.

No one is here to get rich.

No one has been dishonest.

No one has been bribed or bought.

No one has been blackmailed.

No one has forsaken the conservative values and ideology we each ran on.

What we have done, is come to the table, dissect complex issues and information, and then made the decision that he or she felt was right.

To suggest anything otherwise is disingenuous to the truth.

A growing community such as ours requires long range planning for growth, and a vision for the future. On two occasions, July 1st, and July 3rd of this year, the Commission has asked the mayor for his long-term plan, one that he has mentioned many times. To date, he has yet to provide a copy of that plan. If it does exist, the mayor appears unwilling to share it, or even discuss it with this Commission. Perhaps it is because it paints the dire picture our future holds.

The mayor's unbalanced budget only addressed a handful of the growing needs we face. Unfortunately, it did not do enough.

The approved budget passed by this Commission seeks to address the main pillars of any community. Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Infrastructure, and Education. We have an obligation to the citizens of Bradley County to address the needs in each of these areas.

This Commission budget contains a number of critical needs the Mayor failed to address.

- 15 brand new patrol vehicles for the Sheriff's Office, to replace aging and unreliable vehicles currently in service.
- Required Computer & Server upgrades for the Sheriff's Office, because they are out of date and place the Sheriff's Office in the vulnerable position of facing a cyber-attack.
- An additional court clerk, for the new state-mandated Mental Health Court.
- A sewer feasibility study, which is the first step in exploring how to develop this needed infrastructure in the county to not only enhance growth opportunities, but to help many citizen's failing septic systems.
- Salary money for our Emergency Services employees, making their salaries more competitive and in line with the work they do.
- Demolition of the old McDonald and Waterville schools, and the remaining aging Lake Forest Middle School pod buildings.
- Full funding for the needed projects at Black Fox Elementary, and North Lee Elementary, where we will be able to move kids out of closets and into actual classrooms. These projects are estimated to cost close to \$1.5 million, for which the mayor's budget only offered \$300,000.
- Additional salary money for juvenile corrections officers who were only making \$20,000 a year before this vote, and will now be making \$27,000 a year.

All of these were items this Commission addressed, that the mayor's budget did not.

The approved budget required a 5.378 cent tax increase to meet these needs.

An additional 2.0 cent tax increase to the general fund was requested by the Mayor to offset future reoccurring costs associated with salaries/benefits of new hires.

Therefore the overall property tax increase was set at 7.378 cents.

This approve budget also included combining and increasing the fire tax rate. This increase will allow the Bradley County Fire & Rescue Department to hire 8-10 new firefighters and prevent our firestations from being staffed by just two-man crews.

The mayor is proud of the fact he was able to provide a 2% raise increase to all county employees, as well as a higher percentage increase to Jail Corrections Officers, EMS, Juvenile Corrections Officers, and the Circuit Court Clerks office, all without a tax increase. What he doesn't want to highlight is the monet for these increases came from cutting other needed line items within those department budgets, along with dipping into the fund balance. Meet a need over here, while creating another need over there.

This Commission showed a willingness to compromise, by removing the funding for the PIE Center from this budget. After discussions with Bradley County Schools concerning the timeline for construction and development, it was decided they could go ahead with the plans and initial buildout of the PIE Center, and the Commission could bond the \$12.1 million in October of 2020. Still meeting the expected timeline for completion of the project. This was a good compromise, and one that showed a willingness to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars.

This commission has shown great leadership and vision, while staring out on a difficult, financial landscape covered with mounting needs.

I've heard the accusations. We aren't behaving like conservatives and the mayor is the only one being "fiscally responsible." I would draw your attention to ne word, "responsible." It seems to me that ignoring the glaring needs we face, balancing the budget on the backs of our employees, and bringing us to the edge of a financial cliff, does NOT show responsible leadership. We can certainly be proud of 20 years without a tax increase. But when the time comes, when the needs are great, when waiting will do more harm than good, we must be RESPONSIBLE enough to lead. We are here today, not because the 9 commissioners who voted yes wanted to be, but because of a lack of vision and responsible leadership.

I've also heard the accusations that we think we are smarter than the average citizen voter. You only have to hang around a few of us to realize that isn't the case! I do believe however, that we have been exposed to more information. Don't take the mayor's word for it. Don't even take my word, or any of the commissioners' word up here. There is no conspiracy to hide the truth. Find the information for yourself. It's all public record, and any of us on this Commission will be glad to share it with you. We are not smarter than anyone else. Anyone with the time, and an open mind will come to the same logical conclusions that this commission has. Something must be done.

This commission owes the taxpayers of Bradley County a budget that not only meets the needs and concerns of the community, but also builds a vision for the future. We ARE the envy of many counties in our state, and certainly in our country TODAY. But what about tomorrow? What about three years from now?

We are not out of the woods. Our county will continue to face challenges, even with the passing of this budget. In the coming weeks and months, I hope that we will be able to look deeper at

the many needs we are facing, and work TOGETHER to come up with solutions for how to address them.

I believe this commission has the vision, and a hope for a better future for Bradley County. I am proud of the work this commission has done, and I am proud to serve as its' Chairman.

May God continue to bless Bradley County, and provide the leadership it needs for our future!

Sincerely,



Johnny Mull
Chairman
Bradley County Commission