



Bradley County Commission
Johnny Mull, Chairman
WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 27, 2020, at 7:00p.m.
Bradley County Courthouse

Members present: Louie Alford, Milan Blake, Vice Chairman Thomas Crye, Erica Davis, Dennis Epperson, Bobby Goins, Mike Hughes, Tim Mason, Chairman Johnny Mull, Charlotte Peak, Kevin Raper, Cindy Slater, Howard Thompson, Bill Winters

Members absent: None

Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Charlotte Peak, Oak Grove Baptist Church Pastor Johnathan Powell prayed the invocation.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

There was no report from the County Mayor.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

7th District

Commissioner Bill Winters had no report.

Commissioner Kevin Raper placed on the February 3, 2020, voting session agenda a request for correction of the road list for Old Georgetown Trail as presented.

6th District

Commissioners Erica Davis and Tim Mason had no report.

5th District

Commissioners Cindy Slater and Bobby Goins had no report.

4th District

Commissioner Howard Thompson had no report.

Commissioner Charlotte Peak announced the Building and Land Committee will meet at 6:00p.m. on February 3, 2020, in the Commission conference room.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake placed on the February 3, 2020, voting session agenda a motion to approve the HCI Committee funding recommendation.

2nd District

Vice Chairman Thomas Crye and Commissioner Louie Alford had no report.

1st District

Commissioner Mike Hughes had no report.

Commissioner Dennis Epperson reported the Drinking Water and Waste Water Treatment Services Ad Hoc Committee met and reviewed a draft of a Request for Qualifications for Master Plan for Water and Sewer Services. Epperson placed on the February 10, 2020, work session agenda consideration of the ad hoc committee recommendation to approve the request for qualifications document.

AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Davis recognized Sheriff Steve Lawson and Bradley County Deputy Dewayne Scoggins to discuss software for the department. Sheriff Lawson stated his commitment to improve the department as we go and introduced Scoggins to explain the change. Scoggins presented to the Commission a records management system upgrade proposal. PROPOSAL RECORDED AS ATTACHMENT. Scoggins stated the current software, purchased in 1998, is expensive to maintain, obsolete and does not meet current needs for record keeping. Scoggins explained the new software will meet current needs, will not require redundant data entry thereby saving time, will be leased and not purchased thereby saving money, includes server hardware and round the clock support, and the yearly cost of no more than \$102,000.00 will be paid from the current budget. Scoggins explained the improved work flow resulting from the change in software. Commissioner Crye requested confirmation from the County Attorney that a bid is not required for this expenditure as sole source letters have been obtained. Sheriff Lawson confirmed the cost will not exceed \$102,000.00.

Commissioner Davis placed on the February 3, 2020, voting session agenda a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Bradley County Mayor to negotiate and enter into an agreement with _____ for the purchase of a law enforcement and jail records management software system for use by the Bradley County Sheriff's Office for an amount not to exceed \$102,000.00.

Chairman Johnny Mull welcomed Professor Lyons' Lee University journalism class to the meeting.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Steve Pass, 165 Woody Drive, expressed concerns with the air quality near the landfill. Mr. Pass provided to the Commission correspondence with the state. CORRESPONDENCE RECORDED AS ATTACHMENT.

Dewey Davis, 4565 Mouse Creek Road, opined the Bradley County Ambulance situation is deplorable. Mr. Davis stated the department, dealing with hour cut backs and reduced numbers of ambulances, is covering the county with four or five ambulances, but need eight ambulances.

Elizabeth Burson, 188 Palmer Drive, told Commissioners the [landfill] smell is making her sick. Burson reported plants and trees on her property are dying and birds have left the area. Burson requested help.

Edward Harris, 194 Thomas Road, stated he moved from what had been his home since 1983 because of the air quality at his property. Harris expressed concern for his mother and daughter still living near the landfill. Harris asked for help.

Commissioner Hughes communicated his understanding of the situation as he previously lived in the area and has family living there now. Commissioners Hughes noted the county does not run the landfill and suggested submitting concerns to Santek.

Commissioner Epperson reported recently being on site at the business of Elmer Earls and experiencing eye irritation. Commissioner Epperson said he is glad to be the voice of the group.

Donnie Lynn, 131 Taylor Drive, asked for help with resolving the odor at the landfill.

Elmer Earls attributed the issue to out of county waste at the landfill. Earls asked what is being dumped at the landfill?

Ray Tallant, 184 Thomas Road, expressed his satisfaction with the efforts of Santek to mitigate the odor. Thomas suggested the odor may be from burning at 193 Thomas Road.

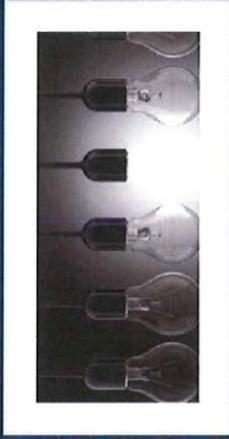
An unidentified gentleman reported living in the area since 1977 with the odor worsening. The gentleman said the county does not care about them.

Santek representative Aaron Elledge said Santek hears the concerns and they are investing in the best technologies to resolve the odor. Elledge reported there were “no issues” in the last landfill inspection on December 9, 2019. Elledge reported Santek voluntarily installed odor controlling systems in 2017 and 2019. Elledge noted the landfill only accepts municipal solid waste, construction waste or approved special waste. Chairman Mull committed to more discussion of the issue by the Commission. Commissioner Epperson requested documentation confirming the wells are burning off ammonia and hydrogen sulfide.

Jack Keith asked the Commission for assistance with a run down house off of Dixie Drive, owned by Wade Williams, with old tires in the backyard. Mr. Keith suggested the home is used as a meth house. Mr. Keith reported three aggressive dogs are at a nearby property that regularly get loose. Mr. Keith also opined the December high speed chase resulting in an accident on Dalton Pike could have been prevented if the culprit had been incarcerated appropriately for his previous crimes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Next meeting is a voting session, February 3, 7:00p.m.
- *Chamber Annual Meeting, tomorrow, 6:30p.m., Life Care Professional Development Center
- *Law Enforcement Committee, January 31, noon, Sheriff's Department
- *Finance Committee, February 3, 11:30a.m., Commission conference room
- *Building and Land Committee, February 3, 6:00p.m., Commission conference room



BRADLEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM UPGRADE

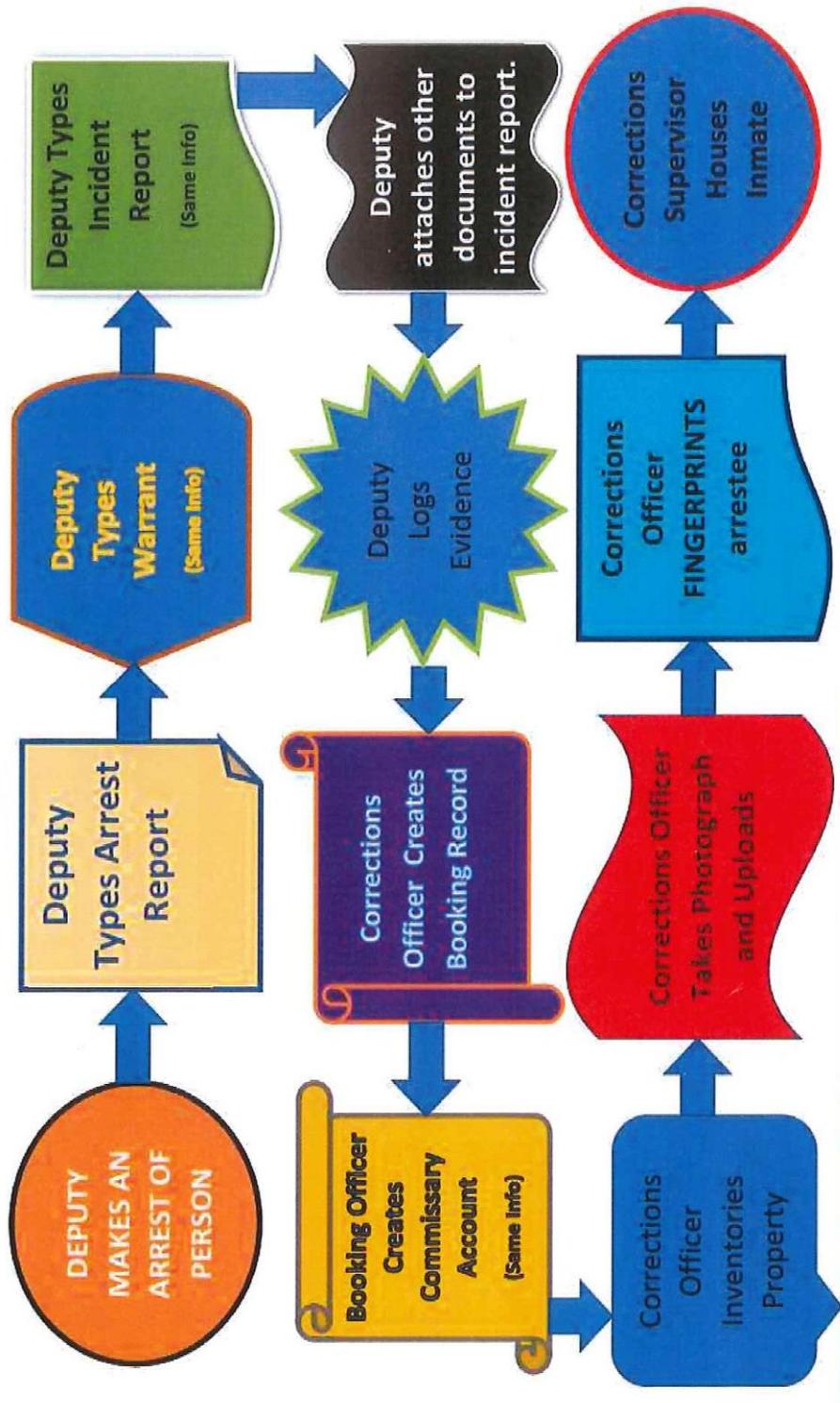
CURRENT VISIONS SOFTWARE IS OBSELETE

- **PURCHASED IN 1998**
- **DOES NOT MEET CURRENT NEEDS FOR RECORDS KEEPING**
- **REQUIRES REDUNDENT DATA ENTRY WHICH IS TIME CONSUMING**
- **YEARLY SUPPORT IS EXPENSIVE**
- **INTERFACES WITH OTHER VENDOR SOFTWARE COST OVER \$25,000**
- **TO UPGRADE TO NEW VERSION IT WOULD COST OVER \$700,000**

NEW SOFTWARE

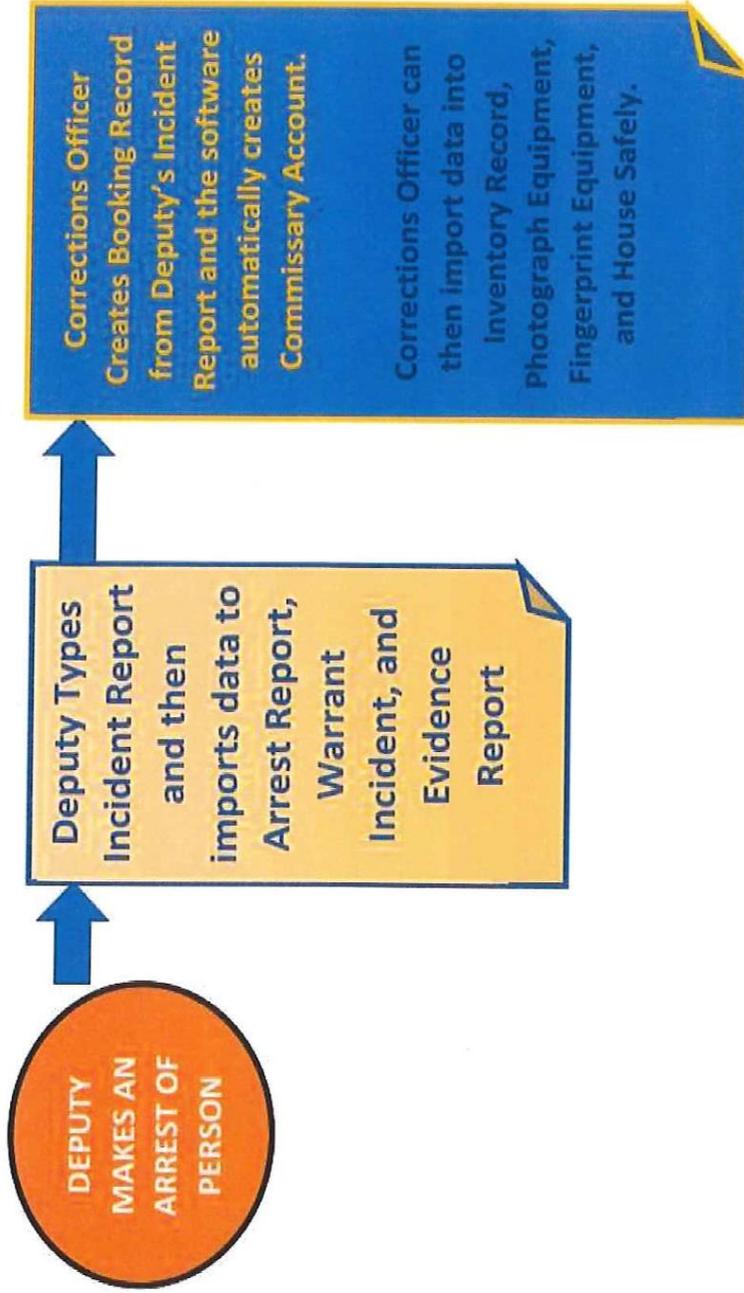
- **WILL MEET CURRENT NEEDS**
- **WILL NOT REQUIRE REDUNDANT DATA ENTRY (SAVING TIME)**
- **WILL NOT BE PURCHASED BUT LEASED INSTEAD (SAVING MONEY)**
- **INCLUDES SERVER HARDWARE, AND 24/7 SUPPORT**
- **YEARLY COST WILL NO MORE THAN \$102,000 FROM CURRENT BUDGET (We currently pay \$51,000 in maintenance agreements and support)**

WORK FLOW CURRENT SOFTWARE



All reports must be filled out independently re-typing all Biographical Information about the arrestee

WORK FLOW NEW SOFTWARE



One report will allow import of data into additional reports.

Jan. 27, 2020

Commissioners,

Amelia Poe contacted me after I left a message saying I wanted to file a complaint on the Bradley County Land Bill. She said I had to submit in writing to William R. Snodgrass to request air monitors. We need more than air monitors so I did as I was told to do. I then wrote Gov. Bill Lee and explained our problem, I enclosed my request to Snodgrass. Gov. Lee sent me a letter and I would think that Bradley would try to help us with this problem. I can not emphasize enough the testing we need done in our neighborhood. We need someone investigating what is going into the land bill. Thank you for your time, Copies of letters to Snodgrass, Gov. Lee and Gov. Lee's response.

Janeai Pass

Jan. 13, 2020

William R. Snodgrass,

I am submitting in writing a request for air monitors for the neighborhood adjoining Santele property that is the Bradley County Landfill. Emissions from this property are causing headaches and other unknown health conditions. For four years they are emitting something at night, it starts about 5 pm in the evening and it is not every nite. We need our air, water and soil checked in this neighborhood and no one will help us. Santele denies a problem and no one will come out to even see what the problem is. I have lived here for over 30 years, I know the landfill ^{odors} ~~odors~~. This is not an odor problem, something is harming this neighborhood and everyone in it. I will be sending a copy of this request to Gov. Lee as I will be asking for his help in this matter.

Thank you,
Janice Pass

Janice Pass
165 Woody Dr
McDonald, TN. 37353

return mail at

Janice Pass
PO Box 155
McDonald, TN. 37353

Email JKpass28@outlook.com
(Lower case)

Jan. 13, 2020

Dear Governor Lee,

I am writing this letter to you request your help. We are a small neighborhood of about 30 homes or more adjoining the Bradley County Landfill owned and run by Santeek. For about 4 years the landfill has been emitting something other than regular odors and methane gas. This emission causes headaches and we do not know the other health problems it is causing. I have lived here for 30 years, I know methane gas and regular landfill odors. This started about 4 years ago, it is only at night. It starts around 5 pm and is real strong for about 4 to 6 hours. Santeek denies a problem, county says they can't do anything, environmental office in Chattanooga says they can't do anything. I am enclosing a request I made for air monitoring, but have already been told it will not be done at night. We need someone who will come at night or put a 24 hour monitor. We need an investigation into what is being dumped at the landfill. We need help.

Janeen Pass
165 Woody Dr
McDonald, TN. 37353
recuni mail at
Janeen Pass
PO Box 155
McDonald, TN. 37353

Thank you,
Janeen Pass



BILL LEE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF TENNESSEE

January 24, 2020

Ms. Janice Pass
165 Woody Drive
Mc Donald, Tennessee 37353-6035

Dear Janice:

Thank you for writing to me and sharing your concerns. Listening to and learning from Tennesseans is very important to me, and I appreciate hearing from you.

After careful review of your letter, I have determined that the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation is the appropriate agency to address this type of inquiry, and therefore have forwarded your letter to Commissioner David Salyers office for consideration.

My administration is committed to providing effective and efficient service. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact my office at 615-253-7730.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write. I look forward to working with you and all Tennesseans to make our great state an even better place to live, work and raise a family.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Lee".

Bill Lee

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