



Bradley County Commission
Johnny Mull, Chairman
WORK SESSION MINUTES
November 12, 2019, at noon
Bradley County Commission Room

Members present: Louie Alford, 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, and non voting Ex Officio member D. Gary Davis

Members absent: Milan Blake

Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Howard Thompson, South Cleveland Church of God Pastor Edwin Lipsey prayed the invocation.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis announced employee health insurance enrollments will be held later this week at a number of locations and encouraged employees to attend to learn about medical benefit improvements for 2020.

Mayor Davis announced a settlement has been reached with Wacker Polysilicon North America, LLC regarding their tax assessments and related issues. Mayor Davis asked the Commission for their support of the agreement.

Mayor Davis welcomed Mayor for the Day Clay Smith. Smith, a Michigan Avenue Elementary School fourth grade student, reported recent improvements to the courthouse square and thanked Commissioners Mike Hughes and Tim Mason for their assistance in painting the gazebo and Bryant Garden Center for the assistance with the landscaping.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

7th District

Commissioner Bill Winters thanked Pastor Lipsey for the prayer and welcomed Mayor Smith.

Winters placed on the November 18, 2019, voting session agenda a motion to request the county attorney to opine on the HCI Committee reconsidering some applications that were eliminated for technical reasons.

Commissioner Kevin Raper thanked Commissioners Blake, Crye, and Thompson for their service to our country.

Raper thanked Prospect Elementary School for the opportunity to participate in the recent reading initiative.

6th District

Commissioner Erica Davis announced SPCA will meet Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at 6:00p.m. at the Bradley County Juvenile Center.

Davis invited everyone to support and attend SPCA Paws 'n Pints on Saturday at 6:00p.m. at the Southern Charm venue.

Commissioner Tim Mason thanked Sheriff Steve Lawson for allowing his department to participate in special community projects. Mason reported his department recently worked at Veterans Cemetery at Fort Hill and at the PIE Center.

5th District

Commissioner Cindy Slater invited everyone to 5th District Meet and Greet at 8:30a.m. on November 23, 2019, at Hardees on Blue Springs Road and at 6:00p.m. on November 25, 2019, at the old Blythe Elementary School.

Commissioner Bobby Goins had no report.

4th District

Commissioner Howard Thompson thanked Commissioner Raper for his remarks to our veterans.

Thompson thanked Mayor Smith for serving today.

Commissioner Charlotte Peak thanked veterans for their service to our country.

Peak thanked Mayor Smith for serving today.

Peak thanked Commissioner Mason for assistance in clearing a burned house on Bates Pike.

2nd District

Vice Chairman Thomas Crye thanked Black Fox Elementary for the opportunity to participate in the recent reading initiative.

Vice Chairman Crye thanked everyone for their kind words on his military service.

Commissioner Louie Alford congratulated Mayor Smith on serving for the day.

Alford thanked all veterans for their service to our country.

Alford reported a stretch along Michigan Avenue Road sorely needs repair.

1st District

Commissioner Mike Hughes thanked Mayor Smith for serving today.

Hughes thanked Sheriff Lawson for support of his department in participating in community events.

Hughes announced the Emergency Services Committee will meet at noon tomorrow in the Commission conference room.

Hughes placed on the November 18, 2019, voting session agenda a resolution authorizing the Mayor, Trustee, and Assessor of Property to sign a settlement agreement for resolution of appeal of tax assessments and related issues with Wacker Polysilicon North America, LLC.

Commissioner Dennis Epperson thanked veterans for their service to our country.

Epperson thanked Mayor Smith for an excellent report on the courthouse square project.

Epperson applauded the Cleveland Daily Banner for recent articles regarding infrastructure in Bradley County.

AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Davis reported the Finance Committee met last week and voted to recommend in-house ankle monitoring for qualifying offenders to be administered by the Bradley County Misdemeanor and Probation Office. Kyle Chapin, Buddi Company representative, presented the monitoring system to the Commission. Chapin explained the lease includes equipment and monitoring at a daily cost of \$3.80 for the waterproof, cut resistant bracelets. Mayor Davis confirmed the daily price for the lease is less than the current company servicing the county. Commissioner Davis, on behalf of Finance Chairman Milan Blake, placed on the November 18, 2019, voting session agenda a resolution to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Buddi Company to provide ankle monitoring services to Bradley County.

Commissioner Davis placed on the November 18, 2019, a resolution to rezone from Forestry/Agricultural/Residential (FAR) district to General Industrial (I1) district property located at Old Chattanooga Pike SW and identified by tax map 065 parcel 059.02.

Commissioner Davis explained state statute requires the Sheriff to handle mental health transports or to designate a secondary transport agent to transport mental health patients. Commissioner Davis welcomed Amerimed representative Tracy Day, who outlined a behavioral health transport model. Day explained the county has no financial responsibility or liability with this model. EMS Director Shawn Fairbanks supported the plan, but asked the Commission to consider asking the hospitals to contact Amerimed or the Sheriff directly without including 911. Sheriff Lawson reported the Sheriff's department has transported 343 patients year to date and has incurred overtime, mileage, and vehicle maintenance costs as a result. Sheriff Lawson suggested a 90 day trial with Amerimed with the option of a one year contract. Commissioner Davis placed on the November 18, 2019, voting session agenda a resolution authorizing the Bradley County Sheriff to negotiate and enter into a letter of agreement designating Amerimed Emergency Medical Services as a secondary transportation agency to provide ambulance transport of involuntary and voluntary psychiatric patients.

Mayor Davis introduced Southeast Tennessee Development District representative Jillian Hale for a fair housing equal opportunity for all presentation.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no communication from the audience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The next meeting will be a voting session on November 18, 2019, at noon in the Commission room.

*Emergency Services Committee, November 13, noon, Commission conference room

*Education Committee, November 13, 1:30p.m., Commission conference room

*WTCI Government Relations Day, November 14, 9:00a.m., WTCI Station

*Paws n Pints, November 16, 5:00p.m., Southern Charm venue

*Broadband Initiative ad hoc, November 19, noon, Commission conference room

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.