



Bradley County Commission
Johnny Mull, Chairman
WORK SESSION MINUTES
February 25, 2019, at 7:00p.m.
Bradley County Courthouse

Members present: Louie Alford, Milan Blake, Thomas Crye, Erica Davis, Dennis Epperson, Bobby Goins, Mike Hughes, Tim Mason, Chairman Johnny Mull, Charlotte Peak, Kevin Raper, Howard Thompson, Bill Winters, Vice Chairman Jeff Yarber, and non voting Ex Officio member D. Gary Davis

Members absent: None

Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice Chairman Jeff Yarber, Larry Cockerham prayed the invocation.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis had no report.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

7th District

Commissioner Bill Winters had no report.

Commissioner Kevin Raper had no report.

6th District

Commissioner Erica Davis, referring to the January 22, 2019, Commission decision to make county employee salaries in the 2019-2020 budget, stated the need to develop a plan to implement salaries as a priority. Davis suggested addressing the lower paying positions to resolve turn over issues and to give other employees a cost of living increase.

Commissioner Tim Mason announced a Tennessee Department of Transportation and Keep America Beautiful event at the landfill on Saturday, March 2, from 9:00a.m. until 12p.m.

5th District

Commissioner Bobby Goins had no report.

Vice Chairman Yarber apologized for recent absences due to training with a new professional position.

Vice Chairman Yarber reported a retirement issue with a Sheriff Department employee and asked for input to resolve the issue.

Vice Chairman Yarber announced the Law Enforcement Committee will meet Friday, March 8 at noon at the Sheriff's Department to discuss the drug fund and telephone contract.

Vice Chairman Yarber requested estimated impact of the Tennova tax assessment refund. Commissioner Milan Blake announced the issue is on the March 7 Finance Committee agenda.

4th District

Commissioner Howard Thompson had no report.

Commissioner Charlotte Peak thanked Mason for the work of his team in Bradley County.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake had no report.

2nd District

Commissioner Thomas Crye reported the ad hoc committee tasked with considering issues at the Veterans Cemetery at Fort Hill Cemetery met and voted to recommend a policy to mirror the National Cemetery. Crye placed the recommendation on the March 11, 2019, work session agenda.

Commissioner Louie Alford announced the Audit Committee met and reviewed the audit for year ended June 30, 2018. Alford reported the committee agreed the audit document was satisfactory with reasonable explanations. Alford added the committee voted to not schedule a meeting with the auditors.

1st District

Commissioner Mike Hughes had no report.

Commissioner Dennis Epperson announced his top priority for the Commission is infrastructure including roads, utilities, water, sewer, and broadband.

Epperson announced his plan to meet with state legislators to discuss the need to expand Interstate 75 from Exit 20 to Exit 32.

Epperson announced the drinking and waste water ad hoc committee will meet Friday, March 15, at 10:30a.m. in the County Commission conference room.

AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Peak stated the septic permit office is still an issue for the county. Peak announced the state will attend the March 11, work session to discuss the issues. Commissioner Winters asked Mayor Davis and County Planner Bently Thomas to look at the concerns of the builders regarding this office. Commissioner Raper requested the cost for this position should it be made a county position.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIECNE

John Thomason thanked the Veterans Cemetery ad hoc committee for their work. Thomason announced the Veterans Cemetery was recently approved for Wreaths Across America.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting – Voting Session, Monday, March 4, at 7:00p.m.

Drinking and Waste Water ad hoc, March 15, 10:30a.m., County Commission Office

Law Enforcement Committee, March 8, noon, Sheriff's Department

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.