



*Bradley County Commission*  
**Johnny Mull, Chairman**  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
April 22, 2019, at 7:00p.m.  
Bradley County Courthouse

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

Members absent: Mike Hughes, Charlotte Peak

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Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Howard Thompson, Candies Creek Baptist Associate Pastor Todd Colbert prayed the invocation.

#### REPORT FROM COUTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis introduced Red Clay State Park Manager Erin Medley who provided the Commission with an update on park maintenance and park activity. Medley invited Commissioners to a private showing of the film premier directed by Ron Gilbert on May 14, 2019, at 2:00p.m. in the Red Clay Visitors Center.

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

##### 7<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioner Bill Winters reported a productive 7<sup>th</sup> district community meeting.

Commissioner Raper reported two areas of concern arose from the community meeting: gap between lowest to highest salary and concern for infrastructure.

##### 6<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioner Erica Davis announced SPCA will meet at 6:00p.m. on April 24, 2019, at the Juvenile Center.

Commissioner Tim Mason thanked Jackie Evans Trucking for a recent donation of mulch for the Justice Center and Courts building.

##### 5<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioner Bobby Goins reported a productive 5<sup>th</sup> district community meeting.

Vice Chairman Jeff Yarber had no report.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioner Thompson thanked the Sheriff's Department and SPCA for responding to a dog situation involving his grandchild.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> District

Commissioner Milan Blake invited Commissioners to budget hearings tomorrow at 1:00p.m.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Commissioner Thomas Crye reported the Education Committee met and referred to Finance Committee the 2017 taxes on the PIE Center building. Crye reported the committee also discussed the need to move forward with the PIE Center. Director of Bradley County Schools Dr. Linda Cash underscored the need for the PIE Center to prepare students for the workforce and to provide a skilled pipe line to our area industries. Cleveland Bradley Chamber of Commerce Vice President of Economic Development Doug Berry reported the availability of skilled labor is the number one concern for industries interested in locating to the area. Vice President Wacker Polysilicon Division Mary Beth Hudson confirmed the availability of trainable workforce drove their decision to locate in Bradley County. Hudson expressed support for the PIE Center and noted the center addresses transportation and liability concerns.

Commissioner Louie Alford had no report.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> District

Commissioner Dennis Epperson had no report.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

There were no agenda items.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Dan Rawls opined the school system should focus on the basics of education including reading, writing, and arithmetic. Rawls questioned why the PIE Center agreement changed from the county purchasing the building to purchase and renovate.

Troy Weathers confirmed his support of the PIE Center and stated it is the most important thing we will do. Weathers stated the PIE Center will change lives.

John Thomason thanked the Road Department for removing trees from the right-of-way along Fort Hill Cemetery.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \*Next meeting is a voting session on May 6, at 7:00p.m. in the Courthouse.
- \*Finance Committee budget hearings, tomorrow, 1:00p.m., in the Courthouse.
- \*Mainstreet-Cleveland meeting, April 25, 5:30p.m., Museum Center at Five Points
- \*Project Free2Fly celebration, April 26, 6:00p.m., 283 North Ocoee Street
- \*Finance Committee, May 6, 11:30a.m., Commission office
- \*SPCA, April 24, 6:00p.m., Juvenile Center

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.