



Bradley County Commission
Johnny Mull, Chairman
WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 24, 2018, at 7:00p.m.
Bradley County Schools Central Office

Members present: Thomas Crye, Erica Davis, Dennis Epperson, Bobby Goins, Tim Mason, Chairman Johnny Mull, Charlotte Peak, Kevin Raper, Howard Thompson, Bill Winters, and non voting Ex Officio member County Mayor D. Gary Davis

Members absent: Louie Alford, Milan Blake, Mike Hughes, Vice Chairman Jeff Yarber

Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Thomas Crye, Pastor Jon Franklin prayed the invocation.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis announced flu shots will be available to county employees October 4 from 9:00a.m. until noon in the Mayor's conference room.

Mayor Davis reported the courthouse project continues to progress with ceiling, doors, frames, and locks next up on the list.

Mayor Davis requested an Insurance Committee meeting to discuss employee health insurance.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS AND/OR DISTRICTS

7th District

Commissioner Bill Winters reported Cleveland State Community College recently hosted a donor reception and recognized the leadership and commitment of the County in their campaign to revitalize Cleveland State for the next fifty years.

Winters reported the Chamber Food for Thought luncheon featuring Tennessee Department of Transportation regional director Joe Deering provided updates on Bradley County projects – bridge projects on Brymer Creek Road, Black and Fox Creek; Corridor K expansion; Highway 60 construction slated for August 2019; North Lee Highway paving; and I75 expansion construction scheduled for 2023.

Commissioner Kevin Raper placed on the October 1, 2018, voting session agenda a motion to enter into the minutes the designation of interim successor form into the minutes.

6th District

Commissioner Erica Davis reported SPCA recently announced Kelley Alexander as Director of Operations. Davis noted the board voted to partner with the Community Foundation and Bradley County Work Based Learning program to assist with updating the website.

Davis also reported attending the annual Cleveland 100 event honoring our true heroes.

Commissioner Tim Mason reported the Sheriff's Department litter crew collected 2,960 pounds of litter.

Mason thanked the Road Department for assistance with 6th district issues in the past week.

Mason announced the Insurance Committee will meet on October 3 at noon in the Mayor's conference room.

5th District

Commissioner Bobby Goins had no report.

4th District

Commissioner Howard Thompson had no report.

Commissioner Charlotte Peak thanked Commissioner Mason and the Sheriff's Department litter crew for their work on our roadways.

Peak voiced her displeasure in the comments made during September 18, 2018, voting session by constituents against the volunteers serving on the Bradley County Planning Commission. Peak thanked the Planning Commission for their service.

Peak opined the argument of the opposition to the September 24, 2018, rezoning issue was flawed. Peak clarified the rezoned parcel is not considered a flag lot when it is developed as a subdivision.

Peak announced the Building and Land Committee will meet on Monday, October 1, at 6:15p.m. at the Central Office to discuss the Lake Forest Middle School buildings.

Peak announced the septic permit office position is vacant and urged anyone seeking a septic permit to make an appointment.

2nd District

Commissioner Thomas Crye announced the Education Committee will meet October 17, at noon in the Planning Office conference room.

Crye requested the Road Committee meet and provide a recommendation on a resolution governing the use of the county right-of-way. Crye placed on the October 8, 2018, work session agenda a resolution governing the use of the county right-of-way.

1st District

Commissioner Dennis Epperson echoed Winters' comments on the Chamber Food for Thought luncheon.

AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Thomas Crye introduced Volunteer Electric Cooperative (VEC) Vice President of Marketing and Economic Development David Murphy. Murphy explained VEC recently installed fiber optics service in parts of Bradley County to provide service to unserved pockets. Murphy stated the hope is to expand broadband options into the county. Murphy noted the significant cost of installation forced VEC to pursue outside funding through state and federal grants. Murphy explained grant applications are weighted more favorably for projects involving counties designated as broadband ready by the State of Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. Murphy requested the commission consider initiating the process to submit application for this status. Davis placed on the October 1, 2018, voting session agenda a motion to create an ad hoc committee to explore the feasibility of Bradley County applying for broadband ready community designation and to recommend policies and procedures for permitting the projects.

Chairman Mull rolled to the October 8, 2018, work session agenda the resolution amending the Bradley County Commission Rules of Procedure Rule 12J regarding the consent agenda.

Peak placed on the October 1, 2018, voting session agenda a motion to request the Mayor complete the proper documentation required by the City of Cleveland to request annexation of the parcel located at the Senior Center and ballpark into the City of Cleveland and to request the city pay half of the utility bill in question. Parks and Recreation Director Andy Lockhart reported significant septic issues with the bathroom at the baseball field. Lockhart requested permission from the City of Cleveland to tap onto the sewer line which runs through the park property. Lockhart noted there has not yet been a response.

Epperson placed on the October 1, 2018, voting session agenda a resolution requesting the Tennessee Department of Transportation increase from four lanes to six lanes Interstate 75 from Exit 20 to Exit 27.

Chairman Mull announced it is the responsibility of the Commission to fill the House 24th district vacancy as expeditiously as possible. Crye placed on the October 1, 2018, voting session agenda a motion to appoint Mark Hall to fill unexpired term of the 24th House vacancy.

Raper placed on the October 1, 2018, voting session agenda a resolution requesting the Tennessee Department of Transportation and the Governor's Office of the State of Tennessee to fund, design, and construct an exit at Harrison Pike in Bradley County.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no communication from the audience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Next meeting, voting session, October 1, 7:00p.m., Bradley County Schools Central Office
- *Law Enforcement Committee, September 26, noon, Bradley County Sheriff's Department
- *Finance Committee, October 1, 11:30a.m., Bradley County Mayor's conference room
- *Building and Land Committee, October 1, 6:15p.m., Bradley County Schools Central Office
- *TCCA regional meeting, October 8, 6:00p.m., Elks Lodge
- *Insurance Committee, October 3, noon, Mayor's conference room
- *Education Committee, October 17, noon, Bradley County Planning Department conference room

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.