



Bradley County Commission
Johnny Mull, Chairman
WORK SESSION MINUTES
October 8, 2018, at noon
Bradley County Schools Central Office

Members present: Louie Alford, Thomas Crye, Dennis Epperson, Mike Hughes, Tim Mason, Chairman Johnny Mull, Charlotte Peak, Howard Thompson, Bill Winters, Vice Chairman Jeff Yarber, and non voting Ex Officio Mayor D. Gary Davis

Members absent: Milan Blake, Erica Davis, Bobby Goins, Kevin Raper

Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Howard Thompson, Living Word Church Pastor Evan Cockerham prayed the invocation.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis had no report.

COMMITTEE AND/OR DISTRICT REPORTS

7th District

Commissioner Bill Winters reported the work of the Homeless Coalition and noted the need to care for our less fortunate members of the community. Commissioner Peak suggested the coalition consider the vacant building across from the homeless shelter as potential option for services.

6th District

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

5th District

Vice Chairman Jeff Yarber had no report.

4th District

Commissioner Howard Thompson had no report.

Commissioner Charlotte Peak placed the Commission meeting calendar on the October 22, 2018, work session agenda.

2nd District

Commissioners Thomas Crye and Louie Alford had no report.

1st District

Commissioner Mike Hughes had no report.

Commissioner Dennis Epperson opined after touring Lake Forest buildings and Waterville archive building that Lake Forest building 7 has potential while the archives must be moved Waterville as soon as possible. Epperson reported the Road Committee met and requested more information on a resolution governing the use of the right-of-ways. Epperson announced a McDonald community meeting on October 27, 2018, at 6:00p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Peak asked Commissioners to opine on whether or not to request permission for the Urbane Road ball park bathrooms to tap onto sewer or to vote to allow the City of Cleveland to annex the park. Crye, after providing background information on the senior center project, voiced support for annexation if the ballpark bathrooms are allowed to tap onto sewer. Chairman Mull agreed to submit a letter to the City of Cleveland requesting the City consider waiving the sewer tap fee for the ballpark should the Commission vote to request annexation.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Dan Rawls voiced his opposition to the appointment of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. Rawls expressed disappointment with the discourse of the appointment hearings and urged the County Commission to always allow opinions to be spoken.

Doug Berry announced a \$140,000,000 Mars expansion which will create seventy-nine (79) new positions by the end of 2019. Berry added the First Alert Committee recommended a PILOT requiring 62.5% of normal tax rate.

Shawn Fairbanks reported an issue with a person advertising tires for projects that dumps hundreds and thousands of tires on the requester without permission. Fairbanks stated an investigation is underway.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting, voting session, Monday, October 15, noon, Bradley County Schools Central Office

*TCCA regional meeting, tonight, 5:30p.m., Elks Lodge

*Chamber Coffee, tomorrow, 8:30a.m., Elliotts Boots

*Insurance Committee, October 17, 12:30p.m., Mayor's conference room

*Ad hoc Commission rules of procedure, November 13, 11:00a.m., Central Office

*McDonald Community meeting, October 27, 6:00p.m., McDonald Ruritan

Chairman Mull appointed Erica Davis to chair the ad hoc committee tasked with exploring the feasibility of Bradley County applying for broadband ready community designation and to recommend policies and procedures for permitting the projects. Mull announced joining Davis on the ad hoc committee will be Thomas Crye, Bobby Goins, Mike Hughes, and Tim Mason.

Chairman Mull appointed Louie Alford to the ad hoc committee on Commission Policies and Procedures.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.