



Bradley County Commission
Johnny Mull, Chairman
WORK SESSION MINUTES
November 26, 2018, at 7:00p.m.
Bradley County Courthouse

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

Members absent: Mike Hughes, Chairman Johnny Mull

Vice Chairman Jeff Yarber called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Milan Blake, Commissioner Tim Mason prayed the invocation.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis welcomed everyone to the courthouse. The Mayor highlighted the improvements to the facility.

Mayor Davis thanked Broad Street United Methodist Church and Andrew Johnson Bank for providing office space to several of our county offices at no cost over the last fourteen months.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

1st District

Commissioner Dennis Epperson had no report.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford had no report.

Commissioner Thomas Crye placed on the December 3, 2018, voting session agenda a motion to appoint an ad hoc committee to consider the issues facing the Veterans Cemetery at Fort Hill Cemetery.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake placed on the December 17, 2018, voting session agenda a motion to cancel the December 24, 2018, work session.

Blake announced the Lee University girls soccer team will face Grand Valley State on November 29, 2018, at 8:00p.m. in the Division Two Final Four game. Blake added a win on Thursday would advance the team into the Division 2 national championship game on December 1.

4th District

Commissioner Charlotte Peak announced the Building and Land Committee will meet on December 10, 2018, at 11:00a.m. in the Commission conference room. Peak asked Courthouse project manager Troy Spence for estimates to replace the Commission room counter top.

Commissioner Howard Thompson had no report.

5th District

Commissioner Bobby Goins had no report.

6th District

Commissioner Tim Mason reported the Sheriff's litter collected 1,680 pounds of litter in three days last week.

Commissioner Erica Davis reported Cleveland City Council passed a resolution regarding the illegal dumping of tires in our community.

7th District

Commissioner Kevin Raper had no report.

Commissioner Bill Winters complimented the students of Bradley County on their performance at the state Beta Club convention last week.

AGENDA ITEMS

Raper reported the Road Committee recently heard concerns from Chestnut Grove residents regarding the deterioration of a retaining wall compromising the stability of utility equipment. Raper reported the Road Superintendent confirmed the deteriorating wall is not a road department issue. Raper offered three options: owners may provide more of their property to increase the right-of-way which would allow the county to repair the deteriorating wall, owners may file a legal complaint with the county insurance company, or the county may wait and watch the wall for further deterioration. Peak stated the development was signed off on by both the County Engineer and Road Superintendent in 2001 even though the cross tie retaining wall violated subdivision regulations. Property owners Danny Britt, Daniel Cross, and Spencer Smith asked the Commission for assistance with the matter. Epperson suggested replacing the improperly sized culvert, replacing the ties in the header wall with concrete as per our subdivision regulations at an estimated cost of \$15,000. Peak placed on the December 17, 2018, voting session agenda a motion to ask the Road Superintendent to fix this (retaining wall) out of their own budget to corrected size tile up to \$15,000.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ed Elkins notified the Commission of a storm water run off issue at his property on Highway 60 which has caused the head walls to wash out and the tiles to sink into the mud. Elkins reported the state cannot resolve the issue until they get environmental approval to do so since it is a wet land. Elkins noted the wet land was caused by the run off resulting from lack of maintenance. Epperson and Mason agreed to meet with Elkins and Tennessee Department of Transportation to consider all options.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Next meeting – voting session, Monday, December 3, 7:00p.m., Courthouse

*Carols in the city and community tree lighting, November 30, 6:00p.m., Annex building

*Christmas Parade, December 1, 6:00p.m., downtown Cleveland

*Finance Committee, December 3, 11:30a.m., Commission conference room

- *Ad hoc drinking and waste water, December 3, 6:00p.m., Commission conference room
- *Commission group photo, December 3, following voting session
- *Building and Land Committee, December 10, 11:00a.m., Commission conference room

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.