REGULAR SESSION **DECEMBER 3rd, 2018**

The Bradley County Commission meets in REGULAR SESSION at the Courthouse on December 3rd, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. EST. D. Gary Davis, County Mayor; Donna A. Simpson, County Clerk; and Crystal Freiberg, County Attorney are present. On roll call the following Commissioners are present: DENNIS EPPERSON, MIKE HUGHES, LOUIE ALFORD, THOMAS L. CRYE; MILAN M. BLAKE, JOHNNY MULL, CHARLOTTE PEAK, HOWARD LEWIS THOMPSON, BOBBY GOINS, JEFF YARBER, TIM MASON, ERICA DAVIS, KEVIN RAPER and BILL WINTERS. TOTAL PRESENT: 14; ABSENT: NONE. There is a quorum present and Chairman Johnny Mull calls the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Wayne Finnell with Westwood Baptist Church leads in the invocation.

Commissioner Jeff Yarber moves that the Minutes of the November 19th, 2018, REGULAR SESSION be approved; Commissioner Mike Hughes seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Epperson, aye; Hughes, aye; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Yarber, aye; Mason, aye; Davis, aye; Raper, aye; and Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 14; OPPOSES: NONE. The motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2018-51
TO URGE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO SUPPORT
RESTORATION OF REGISTERS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Registers of Deeds were entitled to retain a five percent (5%) commission for collecting state taxes levied under T.C.A. 67-4-409 prior to 2006; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, T.C.A. 67-4-409 was amended by Public Chapter 989 to provide that fifty-two percent (52%) of the Registers' commission was to be retained by the State and credited to the State General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the County Officials Association of Tennessee will seek legislation to restore the entire five percent (5%) commission to the Registers of Deeds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislative Body of Bradley County, meeting in Regular Session on this 3rd day of December, 2018, that the Tennessee General Assembly is strongly urged to support this legislation restoring the full five percent (5%) commission to the Register of Deeds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall mail certified copies of the Resolution to the members of the Tennessee General Assembly representing the people of Bradley County and send a copy to the Executive Director of the County Officials Association of Tennessee.

Commissioner Thomas Crye makes the motion to approve Resolution 2018-51; Commissioner Louie Alford seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Epperson, aye; Hughes, aye; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Yarber, aye; Mason, aye; Davis, aye; Raper, aye; and Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 14; OPPOSES: NONE. The motion passes

Commissioner Jeff Yarber moves that the Consent Agenda be approved; Commissioner Bill Winters seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Epperson, aye; Hughes, aye; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Yarber, aye; Mason, aye; Davis, aye; Raper, aye; and Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 14; OPPOSES: NONE. The motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

Commissioner Jeff Yarber moves that [Deputy] Mike Boggess [who is retiring after more than twenty (20) years with the Sheriff's Department] be awarded his service weapon [Glock 22-Serial Number KAM576]; Commissioner Bobby Goins seconds the motion. It is established before voting that ten (10) votes are required since this is not an Agenda Item. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Epperson, aye; Hughes, aye; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Yarber, aye; Mason, aye; Davis, aye; Raper, aye; and Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 14; OPPOSES: NONE. The motion passes.

Chairman Johnny Mull asks Vice Chairman Jeff Yarber to preside in order that he may offer a motion.

STATEMENT AND MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOHNNY MULL

"We recently presented our former Chairman Louie Alford with a gavel recognizing him as the longest serving Bradley County Commission Chairman. During his tenure as Chairman, Louie continuously sought ways to improve services for our residents, support for our employees, guidance to each of us and efficiency for our government.

Almost two years ago, Louie learned the Veterans Services Department planned to move into the space to be vacated by Misdemeanor And Probations at the completion of the Workhouse and Administrative Offices. Ever the visionary, Louie quietly spoke to the Mayor about an idea to expand the Commission space to include a conference room for committee meetings. Louie then presented a plan to rework the space to the Building and Land Committee. The Commission confirmed the Committee recommendation to move forward with the plan.

Today, the Finance Committee met in the Conference Room. I proudly make a motion that the Conference Room be known as The Louie Alford Conference Room. I know each of you have watched, just as I have, the Chairman's dedication to our community and trust you will join me in this request. Thus, I took the liberty of ordering a plaque to commemorate this dedication."

Commissioner Thomas Crye seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Epperson, aye; Hughes, aye; Alford, pass; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Yarber, aye; Mason, aye; Davis, aye; Raper, aye; and Winters, aye. The Clerk asks if anyone would like to change their vote. TOTAL FOR: 13; OPPOSES: NONE; PASSES: 1; ABSENT: NONE. The motion passes.

Chairman Johnny Mull presides for the remainder of the meeting.

Commissioner Jeff Yarber moves that the Meeting Agenda be approved; Commissioner Bobby Goins seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Epperson, aye; Hughes, aye; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Yarber, aye; Mason, aye; Davis, aye; Raper, aye; and Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 14; OPPOSES: NONE. The motion passes.

MEETING AGENDA RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

Commissioner Thomas Crye makes a motion that the [Commission] Chairman appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to consider issues facing the Veterans Cemetery at Fort Hill Cemetery with members of this Committee being some of our veterans; Commissioner Milan Blake seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Epperson, aye; Hughes, aye; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Yarber, aye; Mason, aye; Davis, aye; Raper, aye; and Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 14; OPPOSES: NONE. The motion passes.

Commissioner Milan Blake moves to cancel the December 24th, 2018, Work Session; Commissioner Charlotte Peak seconds the motion. On roll call the Commissioners vote as follows: Epperson, aye; Hughes, aye; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Yarber, aye; Mason, aye; Davis, aye; Raper, aye; and Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 14; OPPOSES: NONE. The motion passes.

Commissioner Charlotte Peak makes a motion to fix the end tiles [Chestnut Grove retaining wall] to correct size and fix the headwalls out of whatever the engineer thinks it needs to be and ask the Road Superintendent to find in their [Road Department] budget the money to fix it correctly; Commissioner Howard Thompson seconds the motion.

Commissioner Kevin Raper offers a substitute motion to include members of this neighborhood [Chestnut Grove], and possibly someone from Cleveland Utilities and Ms. Knight [Road Superintendent] and put this issue back to the Road Committee to see if there can be found some ways to compromise on this issue and also find some ways to budget the money; so for both clarity and compromise this will be the substitute motion; Commissioner Mike Hughes seconds the substitute motion.

Voting on the substitute motion the Commissioners vote as follows: Epperson, aye; Hughes, aye; Alford, aye; Crye, aye; Blake, aye; Mull, aye; Peak, aye; Thompson, aye; Goins, aye; Yarber, aye; Mason, aye; Davis, aye; Raper, aye; and Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 14; OPPOSES: NONE. The substitute motion passes, therefore no vote required on the original motion.

There is no further business to come before the Commission, and on a motion by Commissioner Jeff Yarber, the Commission adjourns at 8:00 P.M. EST.

Johnny Mull, Chairman
Bradley County Commission

Donna A. Simpson
Bradley County Clerk