



Bradley County Commission
Johnny Mull, Chairman
WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 14, 2019, at noon
Bradley County Courthouse

Members present: Louie Alford, Mike Blake, Thomas Crye, Erica Davis, Dennis Epperson, Bobby Goins, Mike Hughes, Tim Mason, Chairman Johnny Mull, 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: None

Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Thomas Crye, Joe Tanner prayed the invocation.

REPORT FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

Mayor D. Gary Davis presented to the Commission a resolution authorizing the Bradley County Mayor to execute a non-exclusive railroad spur track easement to JLK Properties, LLC regarding a railroad line spur lead-in track located on map and parcel 042 017.00 owned by Bradley County. Vice Chairman Yarber placed the aforementioned resolution on the January 22, 2019, voting session agenda.

Mayor D. Gary Davis presented to the Commission a resolution authorizing Bradley County 2019 Community Development Block Grant application. Commissioner Peak placed the aforementioned resolution on the January 22, 2019, voting session agenda.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

7th District

Commissioner Bill Winters had no report.

Commissioner Kevin Raper announced the Road Committee will meet tomorrow at 10:00a.m. in the Commission conference room.

Raper announced SPCA board will meet January 14, 2019, at 6:00p.m. at the Juvenile Center.

6th District

Commissioner Erica Davis had no report.

Commissioner Tim Mason reported the Sheriff's litter crew collected 4,640 pounds of litter.

5th District

Commissioner Bobby Goins had no report.

Vice Chairman Jeff Yarber announced the Law Enforcement Committee will meet January 17, 2019, at 1:00p.m. at the Sheriff's Department.

4th District

Commissioner Howard Thompson thanked Commissioner Mason for assistance with some environmental issues.

Commissioner Charlotte Peak requested the commissary and inmate phone calls be included on the Law Enforcement Committee agenda.

Peak presented an issue with chicken houses located on a fifty acre track of land on Branham Lane off of Bates Pike. Peak noted the property is zoned Forestry/Agricultural/Residential and there are no violations. However, the neighbors have grievances with sound.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake had no report.

2nd District

Commissioner Thomas Crye had no report.

Commissioner Louie Alford requested assistance with an environmental issue on Sheffey Lane. Mason confirmed the issue was addressed earlier on January 14, 2019.

Alford requested an update from Mason on the Smith property located on Tasso Road.

1st District

Commissioner Mike Hughes thanked the Road Department for quick response and resolve to a 1st District.

Commissioner Dennis Epperson also thanked the Road Department for help with an issue at 330 Mt. Zion Road.

Epperson reported the Drinking and Waste Water ad hoc committee met and decided to requests the County Attorney review documents creating a utilities commission and a utilities district.

AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Raper placed on the January 22, 2019, voting session agenda a motion to approve the 2019 Bradley County Road List.

Commissioner Peak placed on the January 22, 2019, voting session agenda a motion to find the money to pay for it [Chestnut Grove retaining wall] and get it fixed now. County Attorney Crystal Freiberg provided the Commission with the CTAS opinion on the Chestnut Grove issue: The County may not with proper permission of the landowners go on private property and fix the drainage issue; the county may not with proper permission from the landowners use money from the General Fund to bid out and repair this drainage issue; and the County may not use money from the General Fund to pay a settlement amount to the property owners for any "responsibility" the county has in approving the subdivision unless a court orders the county to pay (or it's a settlement form a lawsuit). Vice Chairman Yarber suggested the motion to resolve the issue violates state law and should not be considered by the Commission. Freiberg recommended the motion not be placed on the [January 22, 2019] as it would violate state law.

Commissioner Peak pulled from the January 22, 2019, voting session agenda a motion to find the money to pay for it [Chestnut Grove retaining wall] and get it fixed now.

Commissioner Blake placed on the January 22, 2019, voting session agenda a motion to approve the 2019-2020 budget calendar as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Commissioner Blake placed on the January 22, 2019, voting session agenda a motion to approve the Finance Committee recommendation to establish county employee salaries as a priority in the 2019-2020 budget.

Commissioner Blake placed on the January 22, 2019, voting session agenda a motion to approve the Finance Committee recommendation to table the Chestnut Grove issue until an opinion is received from the Attorney General.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no communication from the audience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Next meeting – voting session, January 22, 2019, Commission room

*SPCA board meeting, tonight, 6:00p.m., Juvenile Center

*Road Committee, tomorrow, 10:00a.m., Commission conference room

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.