



*Bradley County Commission*  
**Johnny Mull, Chairman**  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
January 28, 2019, at 7:00p.m.  
Bradley County Courthouse

Members present: Louie Alford, Milan Blake, Thomas Crye, Erica Davis, Dennis Epperson, Mike Hughes, Tim Mason, Chairman Johnny Mull, Charlotte Peak, Kevin Raper, Howard Thompson, Bill Winters, and non voting Ex Officio member D. Gary Davis

Members absent: Bobby Goins, Vice Chairman Jeff Yarber

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Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Howard Thompson, Gary Dennis prayed the invocation.

**REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR**

County Mayor D. Gary Davis had no report.

**REPORT FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS**

**1<sup>st</sup> District**

Commissioner Dennis Epperson had no report.

Commissioner Mike Hughes requested prayers for the first responders that will work during the impending weather.

**2<sup>nd</sup> District**

Commissioner Louie Alford referred to Finance Committee the purchase of a defibrillator for the Senior Center. Alford suggested sharing the cost of the device with the City of Cleveland.

Commissioner Thomas Crye had no report.

**3<sup>rd</sup> District**

Commissioner Milan Blake had no report.

**4<sup>th</sup> District**

Commissioner Charlotte Peak responded to an opinion letter recently published by the Cleveland Daily Banner. Peak confirmed the county always has a revenue source to pay back loans. Peak stated there is a need in the county for sewer now with our current rate of growth and projected growth combined with failing septic systems.

Commissioner Howard Thompson asked the Road Committee to consider issues at 136 Virgil Rymer Road regarding a ditch.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> District

Chairman Johnny Mull, in the absence of and for Vice Chairman Jeff Yarber, placed on the February 4, 2019, voting session agenda a resolution requesting the Governor Bill Lee, the Bradley County Legislative Delegation, and the Tennessee General Assembly revise laws pertaining to the transport of mental health patients.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioners Tim Mason and Erica Davis had no report.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioner Kevin Raper expressed confidence in the Road Department and their readiness for the impending weather.

Commissioner Bill Winters reported the Law Enforcement Committee discussed the transportation of mental health patients to facilities and the burden it poses to the Sheriff's Department.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Peak reported the Septic Permit Office employee vacated the office on September 15, 2018, and the position has yet to be filled by the State. Commissioner Peak recognized ORBA President Blake Allison who reported issues in dealing with the office since 2009. Allison said the issues include staff not available in the office, no communication with the office, significantly delayed turn around time for permits, and questionable measuring of lots. Allison urged the Commission to consider moving the office from the State to the County to streamline the process. Commissioner Thompson noted the septic permit fees were increased 300% in just the last few years. Commissioner Thompson requested the amount of permit revenue generated in Bradley County. Commissioner Peak recognized Lake Mantooth who described issues pertaining to questionable measuring of lots. Commissioner Peak recognized Charles Brown who opined the online permit process is not efficient. Commissioner Peak placed on the February 11, 2019, work session agenda septic permits. Commissioner Winters suggested liability should also be considered with this office. Commissioner Peak recognized Dustin Wong who reported being unable to use obtained permits, because the State emailed corrupted documents to him.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

James Teague asked the Commission why the county paved Teague Road up to 140 feet short of his driveway. Chairman Mull referred the question to the Road Committee.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*The next meeting of the Commission is a voting session on February 4, 2019, at 7:00p.m. in the Courthouse

\*Finance Committee, February 4, 11:30a.m., County Commission conference room

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.