



Bradley County Commission

Louie Alford, Chairman

WORK SESSION MINUTES

June 11, 2018, at noon

Bradley County Schools Central Office

Members present: Chairman Louie Alford, Milan Blake, Terry Caywood, Thomas Crye, Bobby Goins, Mike Hughes, Johnny Mull, Charlotte Peak, Dan Rawls, Robert Rominger, Howard Thompson, Bill Winters, and Ex Officio Non Voting Member D. Gary Davis

Members absent: Mark Hall, Vice Chairman Jeff Yarber

Chairman Louie Alford called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Johnny Mull, North Cleveland Baptist Church Pastor Jay McCluskey prayed the invocation.

Chairman Alford recognized attorney James F. Logan, Jr. Logan updated the Commission on two pending cases: the case against County Clerk Donna Alley Simpson regarding the issuance of marriage licenses for same-sex couples and the consumption on the premises liquor tax.

REPORT FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis recognized EMS Director Shawn Fairbanks. Fairbanks introduced to the Commission Sophie Blankenship and her mother. Shawn explained Sophie was born prematurely at home on March 18, 2017, still born. The paramedics arrived and immediately began CPR. Fairbanks announced Sophie and her first responders, Drew Ingram, Shane Ware, Bryan Bird, Josh Van Dusen, Autumn Tift, Ronnie Goss, Howard Millsaps, and Christian Prince, won the District 3 State Award for Star of Life.

Mayor Davis presented David McElhaney and Keith Roberts with proclamations for their work with the children of our community and their contributions to the recreation department.

Mayor Davis presented to the Commission three resolutions for consideration. Commissioner Crye placed on the June 18, 2018, voting session agenda the Bradley County budget continuation resolution, resolution to require county board of equalization members and county board hearing officers to complete continuing education, and a resolution to adopt the 2017 updated Bradley County natural hazard mitigation plan.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

1st District

Commissioners Terry Caywood and Mike Hughes had no report.

2nd District

Commissioner Thomas Crye had no report.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake placed on the June 18, 2018, voting session agenda a resolution to create a reserve fund for the penny charged on gasoline sales for the maintenance of the gas pumps at the Sheriff's Department.

Blake placed on the June 18, 2018, voting session agenda a resolution to contribute \$250,000 over three years to Cleveland State Community College (CSCC) as a part of their match requirement for the \$25 million state grant. Blake noted CSCC agreed to assign a County Commissioner to the project board. CSCC Board of Trustees Member Jeff Morelock explained the \$25 million grant requires a \$2.5 million match. Morelock announced they have already raised approximately \$2 million privately. Morelock added they are asking both the city and the county to commit \$250,000 to the project. Rick Platz, Cleveland State Foundation Board Member, urged the Commission to consider funding as the buildings are in dire need of upgrades. Tennessee State Representative Kevin Brooks and CSCC Foundation Executive Director Cindy Harris Dawson agreed with Platz and asked for consideration.

Commissioner Johnny Mull had no report.

4th District

Commissioner Charlotte Peak announced the Building and Land Committee will meet Monday, June 18, at 9:00a.m. at Lake Forest Middle School.

Peak requested a June meeting date for the ad hoc committee meeting. Chairman Alford again asked Commissioners to submit their issues to Legislative Administrator Lorri Moultrie to determine meeting need.

Commissioner Howard Thompson had no report.

5th District

Commissioner Bobby Goins had no report.

6th District

Commissioner Dan Rawls voiced his opinion on a local newspaper covering the removal or

Commissioner Robert Rominger welcomed former Commissioner Jeff Morelock.

7th District

Commissioner Bill Winters had no report.

AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Caywood recognized Melvin Holmes with Volunteer Electric Cooperative (VEC). Holmes explained VEC, to be more transparent to customers, is undergoing a billing change that will itemize the amount due to VEC and the amount due to TVA per billing cycle. Holmes also detailed proposed TVA rate increases and asked the Commission to consider submitting a letter to TVA in opposition of the increases.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no communication from the audience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting is a voting session on Monday, June 18 at noon at Bradley County Schools Central Office.

Chamber Coffee, tomorrow, 8:30am, Lee U School of Business

Building and Land Committee, Monday, June 18, 9:00a.m., Lake Forest Middle School

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.