



*Bradley County Commission*  
**Johnny Mull, Chairman**  
VOTING SESSION AGENDA  
February 7, 2022, at 7:00p.m.  
Bradley County Courthouse

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation – Iris Ray, Cry Out America Ministries
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Report from County Mayor
7. Consent Agenda (see page 3)
8. Reports from Committees and/or Districts
9. Unfinished Business
10. Approval of Agenda
11. Agenda Items
  - A. Resolution supporting House Bill 1646 known as Joker’s law to amend Tennessee Code Annotated Section 37-1-134, Title 39, Chapter 14 relative to criminal offenses against an animal (see page 4) – Commissioner Louie Alford
  - B. Resolution supporting House Bill 1833/Senate Bill 2012 amending Tennessee Code Annotated Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 5; Title 55 and Title 68, Chapter 211 relative to littering to expanding the penalty for dumping tires on public or private property without permission and classifying aggravated criminal littering as a class A misdemeanor for dumping up to three tires and a class E felony for dumping more than three tires (see page 5) – Commissioner Milan Blake
  - C. Motion to send a letter of support for the Volunteer Energy Cooperative eighteen million three hundred sixty-six thousand dollars and fifty-one cents (\$18,366.275.51) grant application to expand broadband into unserved pockets of Bradley County and

to commit, if awarded, ten percent (10%) matching funds for the grant (see page 6) – Commissioner Erica Davis

D. Motion to appoint Bartlee Norton to fill the unexpired term of J. Adam Lowe on the Bradley County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board term expiring November 2025 (see pages 7-9) – Commissioner Charlotte Peak

E. Motion to approve the 2022 Bradley County Road list as presented (see attached Road List) – Commissioner Tim Mason

12. Communication from the audience

13. Announcements

14. Adjourn

Next meeting: Work Session –Monday, February 14, at 12:00p.m., Bradley County Courthouse

Upcoming Events



*Bradley County Commission*

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

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NOTARIES PUBLIC

1. Notaries public (will be presented at the meeting)



**RESOLUTION 2022-  
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 1646 ALSO KNOWN AS JOKER'S LAW TO  
AMEND TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 37-1-134, TITLE 39, CHAPTER 14,  
RELATIVE TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES AGAINST AN ANIMAL**

**Whereas**, the Bradley County Commission recognizes the critical role of K9 Officers in the Bradley County Sheriff's Department by assisting deputies and other law enforcement personnel; and

**Whereas**, K9 Officer Joker was shot in the line of duty by juveniles who were engaged in the commission of crimes in Bradley County, TN; and

**Whereas**, on September the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:40 a.m. Joker was responding with Deputy Eduardo Choate to an auto theft burglary in Bradley County, TN. Law Enforcement found the stolen vehicle at which time Joker was released by his handler for the purpose of locating the suspects who were involved in the commission of crimes in Bradley County, TN; and

**Whereas**, after Joker found one of the suspects, Joker was shot multiple times. The gun shots were heard by Deputies, who found Joker in a thickly wooded area; and

**Whereas**, Tennessee House Bill 1646 seeks to strengthen the punishment in Tennessee for knowingly and unlawfully causing serious bodily injury or killing a police dog.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bradley County Legislative Body meeting in regular session on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022, supports House Bill 1646 known as Joker's Law to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-134, Title 39, Chapter 14 relative to criminal offenses against an animal to strengthen the punishment in Tennessee for knowingly and unlawfully causing serious bodily injury or killing a police dog.

ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.

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Johnny Mull, Chairman

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Donna A. Simpson, County Clerk

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D. Gary Davis, County Mayor



**RESOLUTION 2022-**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 1833/SENATE BILL 2012 AMENDING TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, TITLE 39, CHAPTER 14, PART 5; TITLE 55 AND TITLE 68, CHAPTER 211 RELATIVE TO LITTERING TO EXPAND THE PENALTY FOR DUMPING TIRES ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT PERMISSION AND CLASSIFYING AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL LITTERING AS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR FOR DUMPING UP TO THREE (3) TIRES AND A CLASS E FELONY FOR DUMPING MORE THAN THREE (3) TIRES**

**WHEREAS**, Bradley County is the beautiful home to more than one hundred ten thousand (110,000) residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bradley County Commission has received complaints on the excessive dumping of scrap tires on public and private property within our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bradley County Commission recognizes illegally dumped tires have negative environmental effects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bradley County Commission believes that the Tennessee General Assembly should review and amend state law to increase the criminal fines for the illegal dumping of tires and increase the classification of the crime; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Bradley County Legislative Body meeting in regular session on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022, that the Bradley County Commission supports House Bill 1833/Senate Bill 2012 amending Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 5; Title 55 and Title 68, Chapter 211 relative to littering to expand the penalty or dumping tires on public or private property without permission and classifying aggravated criminal littering as a Class A misdemeanor for dumping up to three (3) tires and a Class E felony for dumping more than three (3) tires.

ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

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Johnny Mull, Chairman

APPROVE/VETO:

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Donna A. Simpson, County Clerk

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D. Gary Davis, County Mayor



## OFFICE OF THE BRADLEY COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

February 8, 2022

Mr. David Murphy  
Volunteer Energy Cooperative  
5335 Georgetown Road NW  
Cleveland, TN 37312

Dear Mr. Murphy:

The Bradley County Commission fully supports the efforts of Volunteer Energy Cooperative to provide broadband internet service to unserved portions of Bradley County. Currently, there are few high speed internet options available in our county, but the coverage of those options is sparse. Further complicating the matter is spotty cell phone service in much of our county which leaves most rural areas digitally unconnected.

The Bradley County Commission routinely hears from Bradley County residents about their lack of broadband access and the constant negative impact it has on their lives. Lack of broadband disadvantages these residents by limiting their access to telemedicine, impairing the ability of students to learn, and the preventing many from working from home. The need for broadband is overwhelming in Bradley County.

We, the Bradley County Commission, support Volunteer Energy in their efforts to provide us with the access we so desperately need. Broadband is not a modern luxury, but is absolutely essential. To demonstrate our support, we commit to funding to the proposed approximately \$18,000,000.00 Volunteer Energy project, if awarded, with ten percent (10%) matching funds. We believe all residents of Bradley County should have access to this necessity.

Sincerely,

Johnny Mull

P.O. Box 1167, Cleveland, TN 37364-1167

Charlotte & Howard,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the county recreational board. In the past year, we have made some good policy changes that will hopefully prevent many future occurrences of confusion or unfairness.

With regret, I must resign from this committee effective January 1, 2022. I have relocated my family outside of the 4th District of Bradley County and feel that representation on this committee should come from someone continuing to live in the district. My children are still involved in 4th District schools and athletics and I never like to leave a role or position without a solid plan of continuance. I very much endorse Bartlee Norton to succeed me in this role. He and I have worked closely over the years through Bradley Allstars and have coached alongside one another as we raise our children in the 4th District. He is caring and capable.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to work with something I love and believe in. County rec athletics matters in this community and I hope to continue to see it restored to what it once was.

Dr. J. Adam Lowe

# Bartlee E. Norton, LNHA

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## Nursing Home Administrator Key Qualities

Survey Preparedness Training & Development	Strategic Marketing Public Relations	Policy Creation Financial Management	Staff Coaching Problem Solver
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## WORK HISTORY

### Etowah Health Care Center (Etowah TN)

**August 2010-November 2013**

*Dually Certified 120 bed nursing home and rehabilitation facility dealing with VA, Medicare & Medicaid, Private Insurance and Private payer sources with over 120 staff members.*

### Licensed Nursing Home Administrator

- Developed Marketing campaign to include revised website, facility video, and new network email system
- Implemented new security camera system
- Lead process for getting building dually certified
- Excellent survey results
- Maintained steady census and stayed above budgeted yearly expectations
- Developed and Implemented a Co-Op Internship with local community college

### Carestone Assisted Living (Brentwood & Chattanooga TN)

**August 2009-August 2010**

*Brentwood was an Assisted Living licensed for 118 total beds with 16 of those being a specialty dementia care locked unit. Chattanooga site licensed for 89 total beds with 20 of those being a specialty dementia care locked unit.*

### Executive Director

- Managed daily operations
- Completed move in paperwork with residents and their loved ones
- Marketed to local hospitals and re-established a broken relationship with a local hospital.
- Review and completion of facility contracts
- Managed both facilities for a time.

### Life Care Corporate/Red Bank (Cleveland & Red Bank TN)

**September 2005 -August 2009**

*One of the nation's largest privately held skilled nursing care providers with over 40,000 associates in 222 locations in 28 states. Red Bank is a licensed 148 bed nursing home and rehabilitation facility.*

- **AIT**-Completed the Administrator In Training program at Life Care of Red Bank
- **Director of Community Relations**- Developed marketing program and materials, set up contract marketing with advertisement in Billboards and radio. Set up routine marketing schedule and trained new admissions director.
- **Executive Assistant to the VP of Corporate and Community Relations**

## Education, Volunteer and Leadership Experience

Bachelors in Business Administration from Lee University  
Served as a board member and President on the Red Bank Chamber of Commerce (2009)  
Ambassador for the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce  
Committee member for the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk



Served as Operations Director for local *Operation Christmas Child* charity (2005)  
Voted President of the Etowah Rotary Club (2012-2013)  
Served as Secretary for the Chattanooga Health Care Association and voted President (2012)  
Served on the Public Relations Committee for Tennessee Health Care Assoc. (2010-2013)  
Travel Baseball Coach with Tennessee Force for 2 years to Current (Ages 8-9)  
Basketball Coach for Taylor Elementary For 4 Years to Current (Grades 2nd-5<sup>th</sup>)  
Selected as a representative for the McMinn County 20 under 40 2013 class as one of the top 20 successful business leaders in the county under the age of 40.