

The Bradley County Commission meets in **Regular Session on February 7, 2022** at the Bradley County Courthouse in Cleveland, Tennessee 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, AYE; MIKE HUGHES, AYE; LOUIS ALFORD, AYE; THOMAS L. CRYE, AYE; MILAN M. BLAKE, AYE; JOHNNY MULL, AYE; CHARLOTTE PEAK, AYE; HOWARD LEWIS THOMPSON, AYE; CINDY SLATER, AYE; TIM MASON, AYE; KEVIN RAPER, AYE; and BILL WINTERS, AYE. TOTAL PRESENT: 12; ABSENT: 2. There is a quorum present and Chairman Johnny Mull calls the meeting to order.

Commissioner Milan M. Blake leads the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation given by Iris Ray with Cry Out America Ministries.

Commissioner M. Hughes makes a motion to approve the **Minutes for January 18, 2022 Regular Session**; Commissioner H. Thompson seconds the motion. On roll call the Commission votes as follows: D. Epperson, aye; M. Hughes, aye; L. Alford, aye; T. Crye, aye; M. Blake, aye; J. Mull, aye; C. Peak, aye; H. Thompson, aye; C. Slater, aye; T. Mason, aye; K. Raper, aye; and B. Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 12; OPPOSED: NONE; ABSENT: 2. **The motion passes.**

Commissioner M. Hughes makes a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda for February 7, 2022**; Commissioner B. Winters seconds the motion. On roll call the Commission votes as follows: D. Epperson, aye; M. Hughes, aye; L. Alford, aye; T. Crye, aye; M. Blake, aye; J. Mull, aye; C. Peak, aye; H. Thompson, aye; C. Slater, aye; T. Mason, aye; K. Raper, aye; and B. Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 12; OPPOSED: NONE; ABSENT: 2. **The motion passes.**

CONSENT AGENDA RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

Commissioner M. Hughes states: Mr. Chairman, the Emergency Services and Law Enforcement Committees met jointly last week to discuss mental health transports. You will recall **Amerimed** has been providing mental health transports to the county since 2019. We were just recently notified by the State Emergency Services Board that Amerimed must cease operating in Bradley County until they obtain a brick and mortar location in the county and county licensure which is in progress. To satisfy the brick and mortar location, the committees voted unanimously to recommend authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with Amerimed for one of the bays located at the Medical Examiner's Office which would be a one year renewable agreement.

Mr. Chairman, I put this recommendation in the form of a motion; Commissioner T. Crye seconds the motion. On roll call the Commission votes as follows: D. Epperson, aye; M. Hughes, aye; L. Alford, aye; T. Crye, aye; M. Blake, aye; J. Mull, aye; C. Peak, aye; H. Thompson, aye; C. Slater, aye; T. Mason, aye; K. Raper, aye; and B. Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 12; OPPOSED: NONE; ABSENT: 2. **The motion passes.**

COMMISSIONER MIKE HUGHES (AMERIMED) STATEMENT RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

Commissioner M. Blake makes a motion to approve the **Budget Amendment for Finance Department for Federal Mandated Refund from Cigna in the amount of Two Hundred Sixty Six Thousand One Hundred Forty Three Dollars and Fifty Seven Cents (\$266,143.57)**; Commissioner L. Alford seconds the motion. On roll call the Commission votes as follows: D. Epperson, aye; M. Hughes, aye; L. Alford, aye; T. Crye, aye; M. Blake, aye; J. Mull, aye; C. Peak, aye; H. Thompson, aye; C. Slater, aye; T. Mason, aye; K. Raper, aye; and B. Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 12; OPPOSED: NONE; ABSENT: 2. **The motion passes.**

BUDGET AMENDMENT (FINANCE DEPARTMENT) RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

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Commissioner M. Blake makes a motion to approve the **Budget Amendment for Finance Department for ARPA GRANT** in the amount of Nine Hundred Thousand (\$900,000.00); Commissioner L. Alford seconds the motion. On roll call the Commission votes as follows: D. Epperson, aye; M. Hughes, aye; L. Alford, aye; T. Crye, aye; M. Blake, aye; J. Mull, aye; C. Peak, aye; H. Thompson, aye; C. Slater, aye; T. Mason, aye; K. Raper, aye; and B. Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 12; OPPOSED: NONE; ABSENT: 2. **The motion passes.**

BUDGET AMENDMENT (FINANCE DEPARTMENT) RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

Commissioner M. Blake makes a motion to approve the **Bradley County, Tennessee 2022/2023 Budget Preparation Calendar**; Commissioner C. Slater seconds the motion. On roll call the Commission votes as follows: D. Epperson, aye; M. Hughes, aye; L. Alford, aye; T. Crye, aye; M. Blake, aye; J. Mull, aye; C. Peak, aye; H. Thompson, aye; C. Slater, aye; T. Mason, aye; K. Raper, aye; and B. Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 12; OPPOSED: NONE; ABSENT: 2. **The motion passes.**

BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE 2022/2023 BUDGET PREPARATION CALENDAR RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

Commissioner M. Hughes makes a motion to approve **RESOLUTION 2022-04 AUTHORIZING BRADLEY COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A ONE (1) YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH AMERIMED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR USE OF ONE (1) AMBULANCE BAY LOCATED A THE WORKHOUSE ADDITION TO BRADLEY COUNTY JUDICIAL COMPLEX TO PROVIDE TRANSPORT OF MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS AT A RATE OF FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$5,760.00) PER YEAR**; Commissioner H. Thompson seconds the motion. On roll call the Commission votes as follows: D. Epperson, aye; M. Hughes, aye; L. Alford, aye; T. Crye, aye; M. Blake, aye; J. Mull, aye; C. Peak, aye; H. Thompson, aye; C. Slater, aye; T. Mason, aye; K. Raper, aye; and B. Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 12; OPPOSED: NONE; ABSENT: 2. **The motion passes.**

RESOLUTION 2022-04 RECORDES AS AN ATTACHMENT

Commissioner B. Winters makes a motion to approve the **Voting Session (Meeting) Agenda for February 7, 2022**; Commissioner C. Peak seconds the motion. On roll call the Commission votes as follows: D. Epperson, aye; M. Hughes, aye; L. Alford, aye; T. Crye, aye; M. Blake, aye; J. Mull, aye; C. Peak, aye; H. Thompson, aye; C. Slater, aye; T. Mason, aye; K. Raper, aye; and B. Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 12; OPPOSED: NONE; ABSENT: 2. **The motion passes.**

VOTING SESSION (MEETING) AGENDA RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

Commissioner L. Alford makes a motion to approve **Resolution 2022-05 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**; Commissioner M. Hughes seconds the motion. On roll call the Commission votes as follows: D. Epperson, aye; M. Hughes, aye; L. Alford, aye; T. Crye, aye; M. Blake, aye; J. Mull, aye; C. Peak, aye; H. Thompson, aye; C. Slater, aye; T. Mason, aye; K. Raper, aye; and B. Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 12; OPPOSED: NONE; ABSENT: 2. **The motion passes.**

RESOLUTION 2022-05 RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

Commissioner M. Blake makes a motion to approve **Resolution 2022-06** 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; Commissioner B. Winters seconds the motion. On roll call the Commission votes as follows: D. Epperson, aye; M. Hughes, aye; L. Alford, aye; T. Crye, aye; M. Blake, aye; J. Mull, aye; C. Peak, aye; H. Thompson, aye; C. Slater, aye; T. Mason, aye; K. Raper, aye; and B. Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 12; OPPOSED: NONE; ABSENT: 2. **The motion passes.**

RESOLUTION 2022-06 RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

Commissioner C. Slater makes a motion to Send **A Letter Of Support For The Volunteer Energy Cooperative** Eighteen Million Three Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Five 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; Commissioner T. Crye seconds the motion. On roll call the Commission votes as follows: D. Epperson, aye; M. Hughes, aye; L. Alford, aye; T. Crye, aye; M. Blake, aye; J. Mull, aye; C. Peak, aye; H. Thompson, aye; C. Slater, aye; T. Mason, aye; K. Raper, aye; and B. Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 12; OPPOSED: NONE; ABSENT: 2. **The motion passes.**

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE VOLUNTEER ENERGY COOPERATIVE (BROADBAND) RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

Commissioner C. Peak makes a motion to **Appoint Bartley Norton** to fill the unexpired term of J. Adam Lowe on the **Bradley County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** term expiring November 2025; Commissioner H. Thompson seconds the motion. On roll call the Commission votes as follows: D. Epperson, aye; M. Hughes, aye; L. Alford, aye; T. Crye, aye; M. Blake, aye; J. Mull, aye; C. Peak, aye; H. Thompson, aye; C. Slater, aye; T. Mason, aye; K. Raper, aye; and B. Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 12; OPPOSED: NONE; ABSENT: 2. **The motion passes.**

BARTLEY E. NORTON RESUME' RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

Commissioner T. Mason makes a motion to **Approve the 2022 Bradley County Road List**; Commissioner C. Slater seconds the motion. On roll call the Commission votes as follows: D. Epperson, aye; M. Hughes, aye; L. Alford, aye; T. Crye, aye; M. Blake, aye; J. Mull, aye; C. Peak, aye; H. Thompson, aye; C. Slater, aye; T. Mason, aye; K. Raper, aye; and B. Winters, aye. TOTAL FOR: 12; OPPOSED: NONE; ABSENT: 2. **The motion passes.**

2022 ROAD LIST RECORDED ON THE 01/18/2022 REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

There is no further business to come before the Commission and Chairman Johnny Mull motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 P.M. EST.

Johnny Mull, Chairman

Donna A. Simpson, County Clerk

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

NOTARIES PUBLIC

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

BRADLEY COUNTY CLERK
DONNA A. SIMPSON COUNTY CLERK
PO BOX 46
CLEVELAND TN 37364
Telephone 423-728-7226
Fax 423-478-8845

Notaries to be elected February 07, 2022

STEVEN DALE BANKS JR
CARMELETA MARIA CARR
DEBRA HALL CHOAT
AMANDA COFFEY
NIKKI CROUCH
LARA DAVIDSON
GAYLA DAVIS
ROBIN DAVIS
C DAWN DIXON
GAYLE E ELLIS
JASON L. ESLINGER
SAVANNA GAINNEY
CHARITY J GARRISON
NATASHA R HOLMES

AVERY JAMES LADD JR
JAYLENE LONAS
KRISTINA LUTSENKO
SAVANNA L MCCLAIN
JENNIFER LYNNE MILES
HEMI PATEL
SHARM B PERRY
ELISA PHIROPOULOS
DEEANN PULLEN
DEE SEAY
CONNIE SMITH
LEANN WEIR

PERSONAL SURETY

MIKE HUGHES, 1ST DISTRICT
February 7, 2022

Committee/District Report

1) Mr. Chairman, the Emergency Services and Law Enforcement Committees met jointly last week to discuss mental health transports. You will recall Amerimed has been providing mental health transports to the county since 2019. We were just recently notified by the state Emergency Services Board that Amerimed must cease operating in Bradley County until they obtain a brick and mortar location in the county and county licensure which is in progress. To satisfy the brick and mortar location, the committees voted unanimously to recommend authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with Amerimed for one of the bays located at the Medical Examiner's Office which would be a one year renewable agreement. Mr. Chairman, I put this recommendation in the form of a motion.

BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORM

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Date: 19-Jan-22

Requestor: Finance Department-Rena Samples Sub Fund: _____
(if applicable)

INCREASE / DECREASE (circle one)	Amount: <u>266,143.57</u>
Type: <u>Reserve</u> <small>(Revenue, Expense, Fund Balance, Reserve)</small>	
Account (fund, number, name) <u>101 34515</u>	<u>Restricted for Finance</u>
Line item (number & name) _____	

INCREASE / DECREASE (circle one)	Amount: <u>266,143.57</u>
Type: <u>Expense</u> <small>(Revenue, Expense, Fund Balance, Reserve)</small>	
Account (fund, number, name) <u>101 58600</u>	<u>Employee Benefits</u>
Line item (number & name) <u>207</u> <u>Medical Insurance</u>	

Description of amendment (be specific):
Federal Mandated refund from Cigna. This money can only be used for medical insurance. The expense is to offset the premium for the month of January's billing.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Approved: ✓ Denied: _____ Date: 2/17/2022

**BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
BUDGET AMENDMENT FORM**

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Date: 21-Dec-21

Requestor: Finance Department-Rona Samples

Side Print: _____

INCREASE / DECREASE (circle one) Amount: 900,000.00

Type: Expense
(Revenue, Expense, Fund Balance, Reserve)

Account (fund, number, name) 128 58834 American Rescue Plan act Grant # 4

Line item (number & name) 706 Building Contrusion

INCREASE / DECREASE (circle one) Amount: 900,000.00

Type: Expense
(Revenue, Expense, Fund Balance, Reserve)

Account (fund, number, name) 128 58834 American Rescue Plan act Grant # 4

Line item (number & name)	707	790	724	791	Amount
Building Improvements (United Way)					100,000.00
Other Equipment (Caring Place)					100,000.00
Site Development (Tablan)					300,000.00
Other Construction (City Fields)					400,000.00

Description of amendment (be specific):
The budget for minimal Housing project this will break out the \$1,000,000 into separate lines to track the expenditures for each project

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
 Approved: _____ Denied: _____ Date: 2/7/2022

Form 1

BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
2022/2023 BUDGET PREPARATION CALENDAR



<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
2/24/2022 Th	2:00 PM
MEETING IN COMMISSION ROOM WITH ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS/BOOKKEEPERS TO EXPLAIN BUDGET PROCESS AND DISTRIBUTE BUDGET WORK PAPERS TO BE COMPLETED BY DEPARTMENTS.	
3/17/2022 Th	12:00 PM
BUDGET REQUEST DOCUMENTS DUE FROM ALL DEPARTMENTS. BRING TO COUNTY MAYOR'S OFFICE NO LATER THAN:	
3/21/2022 M	7:00 PM
BUDGET REQUEST DOCUMENTS E-MAILED BY COUNTY MAYOR'S OFFICE TO COUNTY COMMISSION ASSISTANT	
4/4/2022 M	11:30 A.M.
FINANCE COMMITTEE TO MEET AND GO OVER BUDGET REQUESTS AND SCHEDULE DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR BUDGET HEARING.	
4/19/2022 T	1:00 P.M.
BUDGET HEARINGS - DEPARTMENT HEADS, AS SCHEDULED (SPECIFIC TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED) PRESENT & EXPLAIN BUDGET REQUESTS TO FINANCE COMMITTEE. FULL COMMISSION & PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.	
4/21/2022 Th	2:00 PM
CONTINUED (IF NEEDED)	
5/13/2022 F	3:00 P.M.
COPIES OF SCHOOL SYSTEMS PRELIMINARY BUDGET REQUESTS FORWARDED BY DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL'S OFFICE TO COUNTY MAYOR'S OFFICE.	
5/16/2022 M	12:00 NOON
School Budget Hearing	
5/24/2022 T	9:00 A.M.
COUNTY FINANCE DIRECTOR AND COUNTY MAYOR BEGIN TO PREPARE REVENUE PROJECTIONS	
6/6/2022 M	7:00 P.M.
COUNTY MAYOR PRESENTS BUDGET PROPOSAL TO FULL COMMISSION	
6/8/2022 W	4:30 P.M.
FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO FINANCE COMMITTEE ELECTRONICALLY	
6/9/2022 Th	9:00 AM
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING TO REVIEW COUNTY MAYOR BUDGET	
6/10/2022 F	9:00 AM
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING TO APPROVE FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR 2021-2022	
6/13/2022 M	12:00 NOON
COPIES OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISTRIBUTED TO COUNTY COMMISSION IN REGULAR SESSION	
6/20/2022 M	12:00 NOON
COUNTY COMMISSION, IN REGULAR SESSION, TO APPROVE 2021-2022 BUDGET AMENDMENTS, REVIEW 2022-2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET DOCUMENT, AND HEAR ANY DEPARTMENT APPEALS. COUNTY COMMISSION VOTES ON CONTINUING BUDGET RESOLUTION	
6/22/2022 W	
COPIES OF PROPOSED BUDGET GIVEN TO COMMISSION- IF CHANGES	
6/23/2022 Th	
PUBLISH PROPOSED BUDGET IN NEWSPAPER.	
7/5/2022 T	7:00 PM
COUNTY COMMISSION VOTES TO APPROVE THE 2021/2022 BUDGET DOCUMENT & TO SET THE NEW TAX RATE	

Bradley County, Tennessee

Budget Preparations

2022-2023

- 1 Please check to make sure you have:
 - a. Budget Worksheet
 - b. Copy of Budget Calendar
 - c. Copy of Budget Request Detail Sheet
- 2 Please check worksheet totals Actual YTD and remember to subtract one-time expenses that will not be repeated in the coming year.
- 3 For now use current salaries (unless you are adjusting base salaries or adding new employees). Also, use current benefit percentage or dollar amounts. Any benefit increases will be adjusted after salaries have been set. If you are requesting a new position not previously budgeted or requesting an additional increase in salary, please detail this information by position.
If you are asking for a major change, please submit current structure and new structure separately.

4 **NEW** Attach a list of terminated employees from your department for the timeframe 7-1-2021 through 2-28-2022. Please note on the spreadsheet why the employee left. Did they quit and give a reason, retire, fired etc.

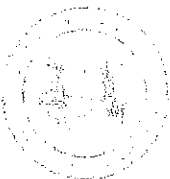
5 **NEW** Please list each employee by position and account numbers. Be sure to note if any position is currently open. See Example - Attachment A. The total of each line item of budget should match employee list totals. Show Years of service.
SHOW HIRE DATE, List annual salary, and if position is vacant how long has position been vacant

6 One time Capital requests must be detailed as the line item is zeroed after each year end. **This will be zeroed if not done!**
{Building Improvements (707); Data Processing (709); Food Service Equipment (710); Furniture & Fixtures (711); Law Enforcement Equipment (716); Office Equipment (719); Other Equipment (790); and Capital Outlay (799)}. These line items, as well as any other line items in the 700 range for which you are requesting increases, must be justified beginning with the first dollar. (Justification is not that you spent it this year, but why you need it next year). Do not use request for 709 Data Processing if you have a Reserve for Data Processing line.

7 Please submit any **long-term Capital Projects** you wish the Commission to consider with as much detail as you can. (Type of Project, Cost, Time Frame, etc.)

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- 8 **Requests for all increases need to be itemized and prioritized.** (You may use the attached Attachment B - or itemize per account line item on your own spreadsheet. Please type or print neatly). **Also, be prepared to discuss increases with the Finance Committee during Budget hearings.** (Please remember that the seven hundred line items are for Asset purchases only. Maintenance and supplies should not be expensed from these items. Ask for the correct line item). Budgets submitted without supporting documentation may line items zeroed out.
- 9 If you are a fee producing department, please submit updated Revenue Projections for current year & Projections for 2022-2023
- 10 If you have written Goals & Objectives and/or any Performance Measures, please update and submit these as well.
- 11 If you need help, please contact Rena' Samples at 728-7144.
- 12 Please have the Budget Worksheets approved and signed by the Department Head or Elected Official and forwarded to the County Mayor's Office, Attn: Rena' Samples, **no later than 12:00 pm on Thursday March 17, 2022**
- 13 **Request must be typed no handwritten request will be accepted.**



RESOLUTION 2022-04

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BRADLEY COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A ONE (1) YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH AMERIMED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR USE OF ONE (1) AMBULANCE BAY LOCATED AT THE WORKHOUSE ADDITION TO THE BRADLEY COUNTY JUDICIAL COMPLEX TO PROVIDE TRANSPORT OF MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS AT A RATE OF FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$5,760.00) PER YEAR

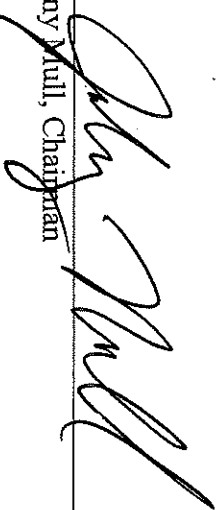
WHEREAS, Bradley County is the owner of the Medical Examiner Office space located at the Workhouse addition to the Bradley County Judicial Complex; and

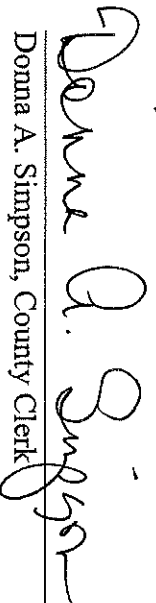
WHEREAS, the Bradley County Office of the Medical Examiner agrees to lease one (1) ambulance bay approximately 15' wide and 32' in length (totaling approximately 480 square feet) to Amerimed Emergency Medical Services for the exclusive purpose of providing transport of mental health patients as the Bradley County Sheriff's designated ambulance provider; and

WHEREAS, Bradley County and Amerimed Emergency Medical Services desire to enter into a lease arrangement of the leased premises.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bradley County Legislative Body meeting in regular session at Cleveland, Tennessee, on this 7th day of February, 2022, that the Bradley County Mayor be and is hereby authorized upon successful negotiation to enter into a one (1) year lease agreement with Amerimed Emergency Medical Services for use of one (1) ambulance bay in the Office of the Medical Examiner approximately 15' wide and 32' in length (totaling approximately 480 square feet) for the exclusive purpose of providing transport of mental health patients as the Bradley County Sheriff's designated ambulance provider at a rate of five thousand seven hundred sixty dollars (\$5,760.00) per year.

ADOPTED this 7th day of February, 2022.


Johnny Mull, Chairman


Donna A. Simpson, County Clerk

APPROVE/VETO:


D. Gary Davis, County Mayor



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 Milian 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

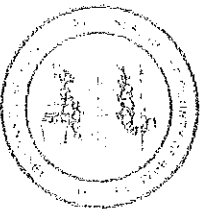
D. Motion to appoint Bartlee Norton to fill the unexpired term of J. Adam Lowe on the
Bradley County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board term expiring November 2025
(see pages 7-9) – Commissioner Charlotte Peak

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
Counthouse

Upcoming Events



RESOLUTION 2022-05
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

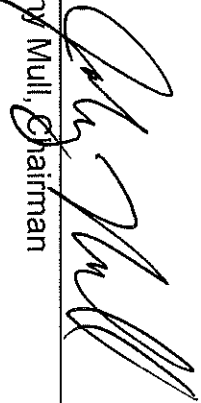
Whereas, on September the 22nd at 1:40 a.m. Joker was responding with Deputy Eduardo Choate to an auto theft burglary in Bradley County, TN. Law Enforcement found the stolen vehicle at which time Joker was released by his handler for the purpose of locating the suspects who were involved in the commission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

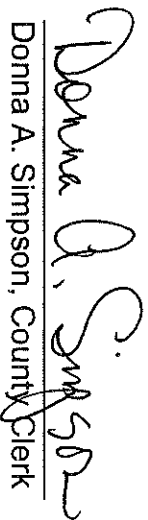
Whereas, Tennessee House Bill 1646 seeks to strengthen the punishment in Tennessee for knowingly and unlawfully causing serious bodily injury or killing a police dog.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bradley County Legislative Body meeting in regular session on this 7th 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 7th day of February 2022.



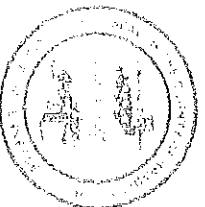
Johnny Mull, Chairman



Donna A. Simpson, County Clerk



D. Gary Davis, County Mayor



RESOLUTION 2022-06

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

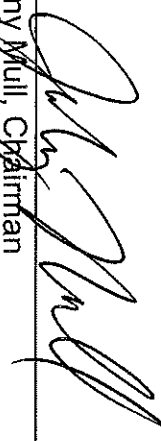
WHEREAS, the Bradley County Commission has received complaints on the excessive dumping of scrap tires on public and private property within our community; and

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 7th 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 7th day of February, 2022.



Johnny Mull, Chairman

APPROVE/VETO:



Donna A. Simpson, County Clerk



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

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Bartlee E. Norton, LNHA

1013 Horton Road Cleveland, TN 37323
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Nursing Home Administrator Key Qualities

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

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-5th)
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.

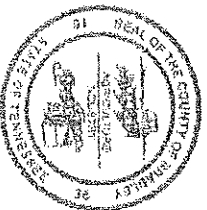
Charlotte & Howard,

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



*Joint Meeting of Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Committees
Erica Davis and Mike Hughes, Chairpersons*

MINUTES
February 4, 2022, at 10:00a.m.
Bradley County Sheriff's Office

Members present: Louie Alford, Thomas Crye, Chairperson Erica Davis, Chairperson Mike Hughes, Tim Mason, Kevin Raper, Cindy Slater, Howard Thompson, Bill Winters, and non-voting Ex Officio member D. Gary Davis

Members absent: Charlotte Peak

Others present: Milian Blake, Michael Blevins, Jon Collins, Tracey Day, Shawn Fairbanks, Steve Lawson, Allen Mincey, Lorri Moultrie, Zach Pike, Miranda Wallace, Laura Wittmaier

Chairperson Erica Davis called the meeting to order and welcomed committee members and guests.

Sheriff Steve Lawson reminded committee members that state law charges the county sheriff with the responsibility of transporting mental health patients and recounted the 2019 decision by the Commission to contract with Amerimed to provide the transport service to the county. Lawson explained the State EMS Board recently notified him that Amerimed would not be allowed to continue providing mental health transports for Bradley County without county licensure and a brick and mortar location within Bradley County. Lawson and EMS Director Shawn Fairbanks agreed their departments could not handle the responsibility of transporting these patients. Amerimed representative Miranda Wallace confirmed their county license application is in progress. Mayor D. Gary Davis suggested a lease agreement with Amerimed for space located in the County Medical Examiner space for one dollar (\$1.00) per square foot or four hundred eighty dollars (\$480.00) per month to satisfy the brick and mortar requirement.

Thomas Crye seconded a motion by Louie Alford to recommend accepting the lease agreement with Amerimed proposal. Motion passed 9-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Bradley County Commission
Johnny Mull, Chairman
WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
Bradley County Courthouse

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

Members absent: None

Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice Chairman Thomas Crye, Westmore Church of God Associate Pastor Ginger Robinson prayed the invocation.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis reported the hospital intensive care units are at capacity and Bradley County EMS ambulance call volume is exceptionally high in the midst of this pandemic.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

1st District

Commissioners Dennis Epperson and Mike Hughes had no report.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford place on the February 7, 2022, a resolution supporting Joker's law.

Vice Chairman Thomas Crye reported complaints regarding the condition of Mouse Creek Road. Vice Chairman Crye noted the roadway lies within the city limits to the soccer complex.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake thanked River Valley Ag Credit for their recent eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500.00) donation to the Bradley Central High School Future Farmers of America program.

Commissioner Blake placed on the February 7, 2022, voting session agenda a resolution supporting the legislation proposed by Tennessee House Representative Mark Hall that strengthens existing laws regarding the illegal dumping of tires on public and private property.

4th District

Commissioner Charlotte Peak expressed opposition to a proposed bill that would authorize county legislative bodies to impose an impact fee on residential development in the county.

Commissioner Howard Thompson had no report.

5th District
Commissioner Bobby Goins had no report.

Commissioner Cindy Slater announced a tire clean up on Saturday, January 29, 2022, at Hillcrest Cemetery.

6th District
Commissioner Tim Mason had no report.

Commissioner Erica Davis placed on the February 7, voting session agenda a 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.

7th District
Commissioner Kevin Raper encouraged Commissioners to pay attention to a bill proposed by Tennessee State Senator Mike Bell.

Commissioner Bill Winters remembered Sam Ledford who died recently. Winters said Ledford served as principal, coach, and was community leader.

Commissioner Winters requested prayers for the family of Dr. Lindsay Hathcock as their family fights Covid-19.

EXIT COMMISSIONER THOMPSON.

AGENDA ITEMS

AD Engineering President Adam Driver and CTI Engineers Executive Vice President Gary Cosby presented to the Commission the Water and Sewer Master Plan for Bradley County.

Commissioner Peak placed on the February 7, 2022, voting session agenda a 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.

Commissioner Mason placed on the February 7, 2022, voting session agenda a motion to approve the 2022 Bradley County Road list as presented.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no communication from the audience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Next meeting – Voting Session, February 7, 2022, at 7:00p.m., Courthouse

*Finance Committee – February 7, 2022, at 11:30a.m., Courthouse

*Greenway bridge ribbon cutting – January 27, 2022, at 11:50a.m., Westmore Church of God

*Check presentation to City Fields/Habitat for Humanity – January 27, 2022, at 3:00p.m., Avery Johnson Park

*Tire Clean Up – January 29, 2022, at 9:00a.m., Hillcrest Cemetery

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.