



*Bradley County Commission*  
**Johnny Mull, Chairman**  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
March 28, 2022, at 7:00p.m.  
Bradley County Courthouse

Members present: Louie Alford, Milan Blake, 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: Vice Chairman Thomas Crye

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Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Milan Blake, Elkmont Baptist Church Pastor Tim Brown prayed the invocation.

#### REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis provided a brief overview of the hospital sale proceeds for the Commission. Mayor Davis explained the Bradley Memorial Hospital Board and Bradley County agreed to split the proceeds equally between the United Way and Bradley County after all hospital liabilities were satisfied. The County Commission voted to set aside in a separate fund the approximately fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000.00), and voted to never spend the principal. Mayor Davis explained the Healthy Community Initiative, known as the HCI Committee, was created to spend the interest minus fifteen percent (15%), which would be reinvested into the corpus of the fund, to fund capital projects to improve the health, wellness, and quality of life for Bradley County.

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

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

Commissioner Bill Winters had no report.

Commissioner Kevin Raper asked if the City of Cleveland has responded to the contingency of resolution 2022-15 requiring the City to allocate an equal amount of funds to the emergency shelter. Mayor Davis explained the City Council meeting schedule is behind our schedule, but noted the City has unofficially indicated they would match the funds.

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

Commissioner Erica Davis announced the SPCA Board will meet on March 30, 2022, at noon in the Louie Alford conference room.

Commissioner Tim Mason had no report.

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

Commissioner Cindy Slater reported a successful tire clean-up at Exit 20 organized by Keep America Beautiful. Commissioner Slater thanked the Bradley Central High School Football team for assistance with disposing of over nine hundred (900) tires. Commissioner Slater announced more than two thousand seven hundred (2,700) tires have been removed from Exit 20 and over four thousand seven hundred (4,700) to date.

Commissioner Bobby Goins had no report.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioner Howard Thompson had no report.

Commissioner Charlotte Peak reported the Solid Waste/Landfill Committee met with Republic representatives and citizens. Commissioner Peak reported Republic will get back to the committee regarding questions that arose from the meeting, and invited Commissioners to submit any concerns or questions they have to her or the Commission Office.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> District

Commissioner Milan Blake confirmed the McDonald Community has benefited from the revenue of the landfill.

Commissioner Blake shared with the Commission a Digitech invoice for EMS billing services and asked if the number on the invoice is the number provided by EMS to be billed.

Commissioner Blake cautioned the Emergency Services Committee and the Commission to carefully consider the direction of billing for the department.

Commissioner Blake encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming May 3, 2022, election.

Commissioner Blake invited Commissioners to attend the Keep America Beautiful Great American breakfast on April 1, 2022, at 7:30a.m.

Commissioner Blake announced the Finance Committee will not meet on June 9, 2022, at 9:00a.m. as originally scheduled. The meeting will be moved to June 10, 2022, at 9:00a.m. in the Commission room.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Commissioner Louie Alford complimented the Airport Authority for resolving the beaver issue.

Commissioner Alford reported a truck recently drove onto county ball fields and caused damage. Commissioner Alford suggested the County investigate options for security at the parks.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> District

Commissioner Mike Hughes recognized Bradley County Road Superintendent Sandra Knight who provided a report on the monitoring of the perimeter of the landfill. Knight asked Commissioners to review the reports and notify her if they have a preference on how the reports are presented.

Commissioner Epperson reported a number of phone calls from constituents concerned about the proposed liquid solidification proposal.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Mason placed on the April 4, 2022, voting session agenda a motion to approve a petition to close and abandon a portion of right-of-way known as Old Upper River Road.

Commissioner Mason noted the Road Committee voted unanimously to recommend approving the petition.

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Commissioner Mason noted the Road Committee voted unanimously to recommend approving the petition.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Sarah Brune reminded Commissioners the deadline to submit information for the Bradley County Voter Guide is April 2, 2022.

Dan Rawls urged the Audit Committee to meet prior to early voting to discuss the audit and the findings.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \*Next meeting – Voting Session, April 4, at 7:00p.m., Commission room
- \*SPCA Board, March 30, at noon, Commission conference room
- \*Keep America Beautiful breakfast, April 1, at 7:30a.m., Museum Center at Five Points
- \*The Forum Judicial, 4:00p.m., tomorrow, Chamber of Commerce
- \*The Forum City School, 4:00p.m., March 31, Chamber of Commerce
- \*Keep America Beautiful breakfast (with RSVP), April 1, 7:00a.m., Museum
- \*Finance Committee, April 4, 11:30a.m., Commission room

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.