



*Bradley County Commission*  
**Johnny Mull, Chairman**  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
January 13, 2020, at noon  
Bradley County Courthouse

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

Members absent: Dennis Epperson

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Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice Chairman Thomas Crye, First Presbyterian Church Pastor Kyle Schmidt prayed the invocation.

#### REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis presented to the committee for consideration a resolution authorizing Bradley County Mayor to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Willoughby Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc. to provide roofing services at the Bradley County Court/Juvenile Detention Center for an amount of fifty thousand four hundred ninety-two dollars (\$50,492.00) and at the Bradley County Courthouse for an amount of one hundred sixty-three thousand nine hundred eight dollars (\$163,908.00). Commissioner Milan Blake placed the resolution as presented on the January 21, 2020, voting session agenda.

County Mayor D. Gary Davis presented to the committee for consideration a resolution authorizing Bradley County Mayor to negotiate and enter into a contract with Thomas Reuters regarding subscription services for the product "West Proflex" for use by the Bradley County Attorney's Office for legal research for a period of three (3) years for a monthly amount of two hundred seventy-two dollars (\$272.00) per month. Commissioner Milan Blake placed the resolution as presented on the January 21, 2020, voting session agenda.

County Mayor D. Gary Davis presented to the committee for consideration a resolution authorizing Bradley County Mayor to negotiate and enter into a four (4) year lease agreement with the Bancorp Bank to lease fifteen (15) vehicles for an annual payment of one hundred fifty thousand seven hundred twenty-seven dollars and thirty seven cents (\$153,727.37). Commissioner Milan Blake placed the resolution as presented on the January 21, 2020, voting session agenda.

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

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

Commissioner Bill Winters applauded the Bradley County Schools for collaborating with other organizations to offer Escape the Vape program over the weekend to help combat the semi epidemic occurring with our youth.

Commissioner Winters announced the Juvenile Committee will meet at 11:30a.m. January 17, 2020, at the Juvenile Center to discuss upcoming budget needs.

Commissioner Kevin Raper placed on the January 21, 2020, voting session agenda a Road Committee recommendation to approve the 2020 Bradley County Road List.

Commissioner Kevin Raper placed on the January 21, 2020, voting session agenda a Road Committee recommendation to approve Ridgedale Forest Drive in Hidden Ridges Subdivision.

Commissioner Kevin Raper placed on the January 21, 2020, voting session agenda a Road Committee recommendation to approve Opal Trail in Hidden Ridges Subdivision.

Commissioner Raper placed on the January 21, 2020, voting session agenda a Road Committee recommendation to approve Eastview Cove Drive in Eastview Cove Subdivision.

Commissioner Raper placed on the January 21, 2020, voting session agenda a motion to enter into the Bradley County Commission minutes the Bradley County Road Department Personnel Handbook.

Commissioner Raper requested prayer for former 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner Jeff Morelock.

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

Commissioner Erica Davis announced the SPCA Board will meet at 6:00p.m. on January 15, 2020, at the Bradley County Juvenile Center.

Commissioner Davis announced the Law Enforcement Committee will meet at noon on January 31, 2020, at the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Tim Mason reported Superintendent Sandra Knight is assisting with some reported road issues in the 6<sup>th</sup> District.

Commissioner Mason thanked County Mayor D. Gary Davis for assisting with funding for new carpeting at the General Session Court to be installed Friday, January 17, 2020.

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

Commissioner Cindy Slater requested assistance with a litter issue at 1900 Falcon Drive.

Commissioner Bobby Goins had no report.

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

Commissioner Howard Thompson requested the Road Committee to assess the Shady Hollow Road tile. Commissioner Thompson reported the recent black topping of Casteel Road, but questioned why the same maintenance had not been performed on Shady Hollow Road.

Commissioner Thompson introduced Pastor Gary Guinn. Pastor Guinn commended the Bradley County Sheriff's Department and the Honor Guard for their participation in the funeral of Officer Brent Myers.

Commissioner Charlotte Peak asked the Road Committee to assess a hole in roadway at the corner of Tasso Road and Old Tasso Place.

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

Commissioner Milan Blake placed on the January 21, 2020, voting session agenda a motion to approve the Finance Committee recommendation to approve a budget amendment submitted by the Mayor moving one hundred sixty-four thousand one hundred twenty-two dollars and ninety cents (\$164,122.90) from reserve funds into the County Buildings Improvements line item to cover the cost of replacing the courthouse roof. Commissioner Blake requested this item be placed on the agenda ahead of the resolution authorizing Bradley County Mayor to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Willoughby Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc. to provide roofing services at the Bradley County Court/Juvenile Detention Center for an amount of fifty thousand four hundred ninety-two dollars (\$50,492.00) and at the Bradley County Courthouse for an amount of one hundred sixty-three thousand nine hundred eight dollars (\$163,908.00).

Commissioner Blake placed on the January 21, 2020, voting session agenda a motion to approve the Finance Committee recommendation to adopt the Purchasing Procedures changes.

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

Vice Chairman Thomas Crye opined Governor Bill Lee's stance on refugees is legal and a continuation of an existing policy. Vice Chairman Crye reminded the Commissioners increased refugee numbers are dealt with at the county level with programs including English as a Second Language programs which require space to provide the programs. Commissioner Thompson noted there are concerns with the refugee policy.

Commissioner Louie Alford announced the Audit Committee will meet at 9:00a.m. on January 16, 2020, in the Commission conference room to review the Bradley County audit of fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

Commissioner Alford praised the demolition and removal of the old McDonald School buildings and thanked the nine Commissioners that voted to fund the project. Commissioner Alford asked Building and Land Committee to assess the site and to offer a recommendation for the remaining two portable classrooms. Commissioner Alford also asked the committee to consider removing the propane tank remaining on the site. Commissioner Thompson noted five Commissioners voted against the tax increase, but the demolition project would have occurred without the tax increase by the Mayor's proposed budget.

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

Commissioner Mike Hughes had no report.

### AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Davis reported the Broadband Initiative Ad Hoc Committee met and discussed accessibility of broadband internet throughout Bradley County. Commissioner Davis introduced Volunteer Electric Cooperative (VEC) Vice President of Marketing and Economic Development David Murphy. Murphy reported the 2017 VEC project provided broadband internet access to six hundred sixteen (616) of their members in the Hopewell and Georgetown communities. Murphy reported one hundred seventy (170) of those members subscribed to the fiber optic to the home internet service provided by the 2017 project. Murphy noted the service offered is the fastest possibly achievable reaching speeds up to 10 gigabits per second. Murphy provided a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) map of Bradley County indicating most of Bradley County is not eligible for broadband grants as the FCC determined these areas have a minimum of 10:1 internet. MAP RECORDED AS ATTACHMENT. Murphy explained the first step in the grant process is to contest the FCC map and prove the inaccuracy of it. Murphy asked the Commission to direct VEC to the areas of the county without access. Murphy announced there are three upcoming grant opportunities in 2020: USDA Reconnect grant opening within two weeks, a summer opportunity for larger projects, and a state grant in the fall. Murphy noted grants demonstrating local government partnerships are more favorably viewed by the award committees. Murphy explained McMinn County demonstrated their commitment by partnering with VEC to contribute one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per household for the \$2.6 million project which cost McMinn County a total of one hundred seven thousand dollars (\$107,000.00).

Commissioner Davis presented to the Commission a speed test recently conducted by University of Tennessee Assistant Professor Sreedhar Upendram. SPEED TEST RECORDED AS ATTACHMENT. Commissioner Davis asked the Finance Committee to consider at their March meeting allocating twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to be used in the pursuit of grants in partnership with VEC to demonstrate our commitment to deploying broadband internet infrastructure throughout our county and thereby improving the quality of life for our residents.

Commissioner Peak introduced Director of Bradley County Schools Dr. Linda Cash. Dr. Cash thanked the Commission for the opportunity to present a PIE Center update. Dr. Cash introduced PIE Center project manager Kyle Page who shared renderings of the PIE Center and reported working in the final stages of due diligence and schematic design. Mr. Page estimated a ceremonial groundbreaking in late May with construction to begin July 1, 2020. Mr. Page reported meeting with potential tenants to discuss needs and estimated tenant contracts to be forthcoming in late March/early April. When asked, Mr. Page announced there are nine verbal anchor tenant commitments. Dr. Cash reported there are three grant applications out and three grants to be written and submitted this year.

Commissioner Raper pulled from the agenda the Veterans Cemetery.

Commissioner Raper asked Lorri Moultrie to distribute to the Commission the 2003 transportation plan. Commissioner Raper requested a joint meeting with the City Council to discuss roads and expansion of roads. Commissioner Peak requested the Road Committee obtain a report of the number of miles paved in 2019 versus prior year.

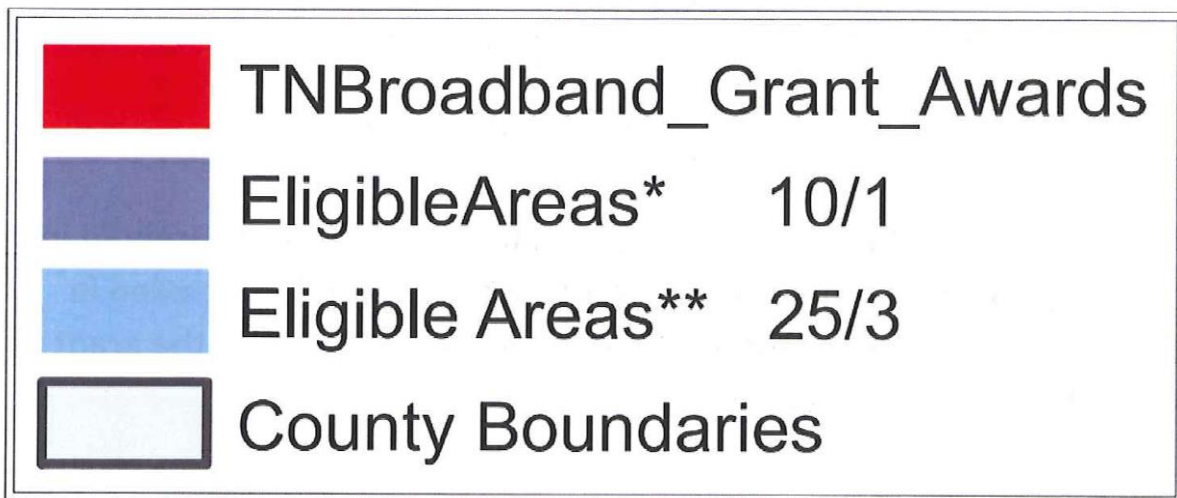
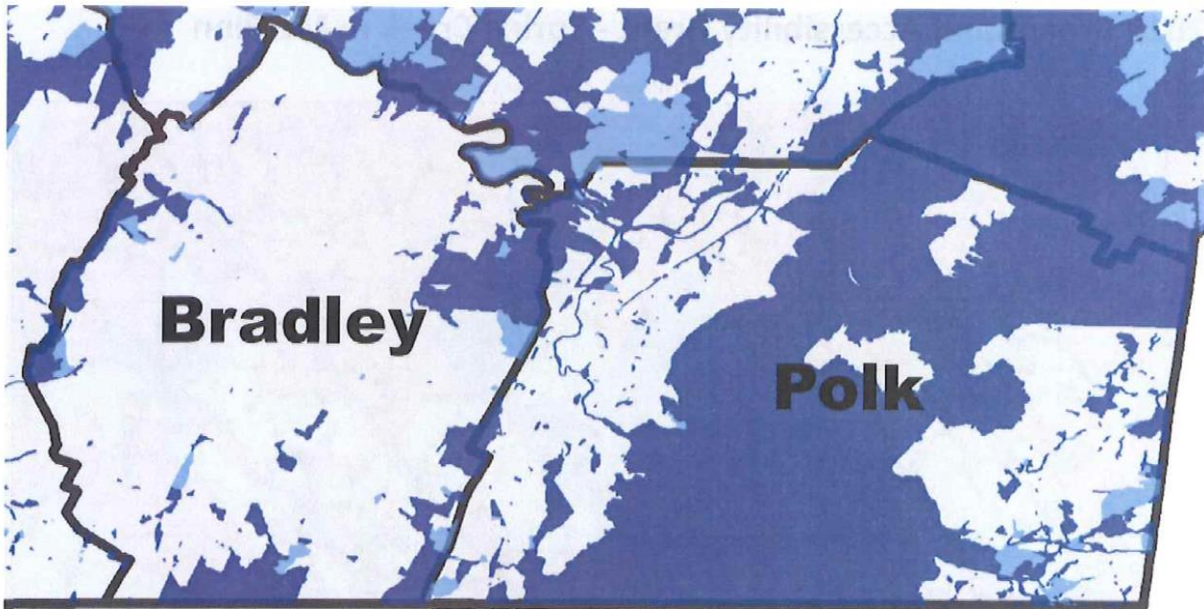
#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Christy Kessler, 816 Jenkins Road, reported major drainage issues at her property. Ms. Kessler explained the Quail Run water is running onto her property causing significant erosion. Ms. Kessler reported installing a 24 inch tile that has since started washing. Ms. Kessler requested the Road Department cease drainage work in Quail Run to prevent mud washing onto her property. Commissioner Peak suggested the Road Department utilize stormwater controls to mitigate these issues.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \*Next meeting, Tuesday, January 21, at noon
- \*County Office closed January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- \*SPCA Board meeting, January 15, at 6:00p.m., Juvenile Center
- \*Audit Committee, January 16, 9:00a.m., Commission conference room
- \*Juvenile Committee, January 17, at 11:30a.m., Juvenile Center
- \*Law Enforcement Committee, January 31, noon, Sheriff's Department

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



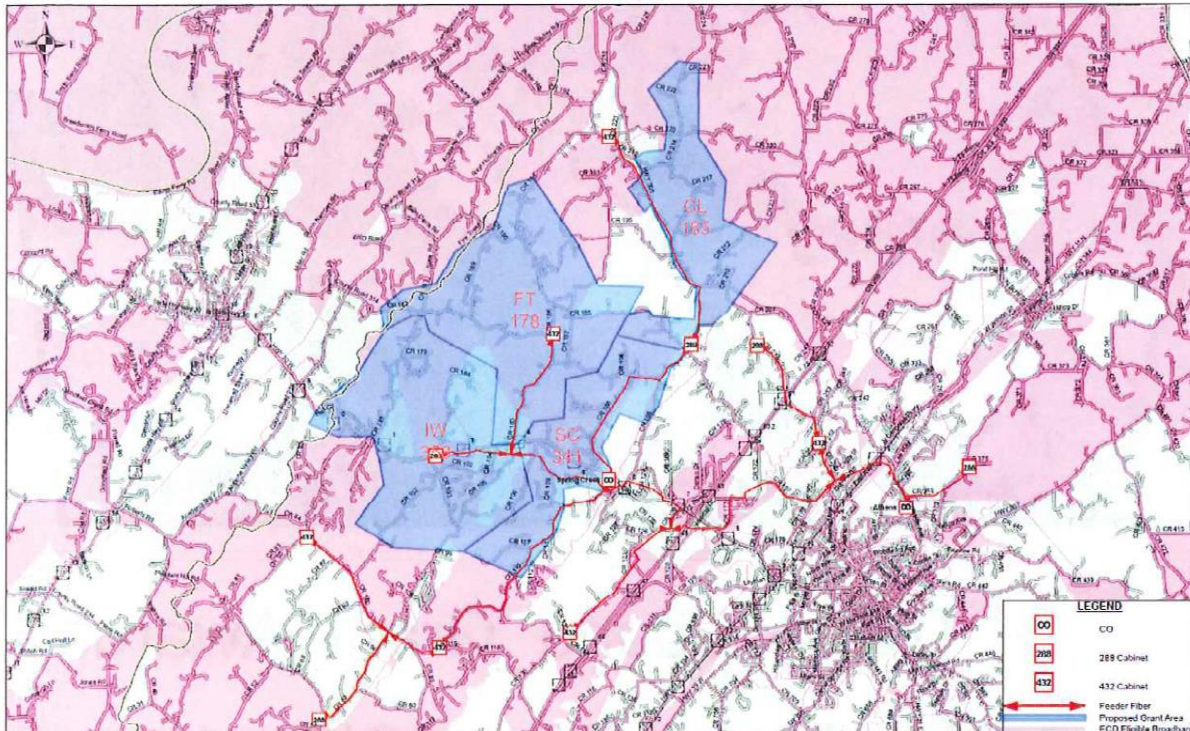
**2020 Grant Calendar**

- 2019 Broadband Accessibility Grant Awarded – Late March
- 2020 USDA Reconnect – January 31 – March 16
- RDOF Reverse Auction – Summer 2020
- 2020 Broadband Accessibility Grant – Fall 2020 (Oct – Nov)

## 2018 Broadband Accessibility Grant - Spring Creek in McMinn

VEC

FTTH Grant - Spring Creek Sub (McMinn)



The McMinn County Commission agreed to pay \$100 per household in their proposed grant area. There were 1,070 households included in the initial fiber design. McMinn will contribute \$107,000 to the grant project budget (\$2.6M total).

In 2019, the Meigs County Commission agreed to pay a \$10,000 lump sum toward their grant proposal, and the Roane County Commission agreed to pay a \$20,000 lump sum toward their grant proposal. The two counties were combined into a single \$4.7M application. If awarded, this application will provide access to 625 homes in Meigs County and 921 homes in Roane County (1,546 total homes).

Location	AT&T		Verizon		District
	Download	Upload	Download	Upload	
	(mbps)	(mbps)	(mbps)	(mbps)	
1 Paul Huff Parkway/Mouse Creek Rd NW	35.6	4.56	13	13.1	District 7
2 North Lee Hwy US-11 and Tasso Lane NE	51.4	15.4	10.2	6.45	District 2
3 Cleveland TN Regional Airport - Tasso Lane NE and Dry Valley Road NE	53.2	14.9	17.2	3.01	
4 Water treatment plant - Michigan Ave Rd NE and Benton Pike NE	23.2	7.23	10.3	4.88	
5 Tasso Rd NE and Little Chatata Creek	49.4	9.09	11.9	8.01	
6 Tasso Lane/Lewis	-	-	-	-	
7 Tasso Rd NE and Chatata Valley Rd NE	-	0.75	0.75	1.27	
8 Chatata Valley Rd NE /Old Bacon Rd NE	0.17	0.58	2.44	-	
9 Chatata Valley and Upper River Rd NE	1.17	0.32	0.54	0.24	District 4
10 Chatata Valley Rd NE/Old River Dr	3.39	0.86	1.21	1.22	
11 Dry Valley Rd NE/Rail Road Street	52.8	6.97	0.76	0.62	
12 Lee Hwy US-11 and Worth Ln NW	22.8	0.34	34.6	7.58	
13 Lee Hwy US-11/Billingsley St NW	16.1	1.34	12.7	8.03	
14 Lauderdale memorial Hwy/Walker Valley High School	50	17.3	12.6	15.5	
15 Mouse Creek Road NW and Lauderdale Memorial Hwy	39.7	8.84	6.87	19.7	
16 Old Lower River Road/Maddux Road NW	7.75	2.68	50.7	7.57	
17 Eureka Road/ Morgan Road	1.16	0.06	3.7	0.18	
18 Eureka Road NW/Moore	-	-	2.77	0.73	
19 Eureka Road NW/Davis Trail	1.7	1.08	9.23	1.4	
20 Hwy 60/Hwy 306	20.2	1.27	11.5	3.65	
21 Freewill Rd NW/Princeton Hill Cir NW	47.8	6.64	9.38	3.02	
22 Fire Station No.5 - Old Freewill Rd/Freewill Rd NW	-	-	14.75	20.2	
23 W Harrison Pike/Harris Creek Trail SW	51.4	3.86	29.7	0.93	
24 Temple Baptist Church - Harrison Pike and Quill Drive NW	49.4	4.09	27.3	0.93	
25 Old Harrison Lane/Harris Creek Trail SW	26.6	5.66	34.6	3.54	
26 Laurel Bluff and Harrison Pike	17.5	1.06	35.6	21.4	
27 Harris Creek Rd SW and SW Pleasant Grove	43.7	4.49	55.1	4.99	
28 Bypass 64 and US 11	41.9	29.8	51.1	32.5	
29 Lee Hwy US -11 and Linda	30	5.58	62.6	28.2	
30 Bridgewater/ S Lee Hwy	12.4	5.51	25.5	1.64	
31 Clark Electric Co./Lee/Lance Hall	44.6	17.9	3.78	0.26	District 1

32 Bypass/Bluesprings Road Co-op	40.2	7.13	24.8	17.3 District 5
33 Maranatha Baptist church/Bluesprings Road	2.81 -		67.7	18.2 District 6
34 John Smith/Lead Mine Road	18.2	8.13	18	0.48 District 6
35 Autumn Wind Road	2.37	4.91	6.42	0.24 District 6
36 Blue Springs Foam Products	7.72	5.96	37.5	41.8 District 6
37 Courthouse/Lee Univ			4.76	9.01 District 6
38 North 11/21st Street/Ocoee Middle School			7.1	15.3 District 3
39 NW 25th Street/Ocoee Street			31.9	25.1 District 3
40 N Gale Dr/Ocoee			13.4	9.23 District 3
41 NW Keith Street/Mouse Creek Road			51.5	32.9 District 3
42 Mimosa/Mouse Creek Road/Yates Primary School			12.2	12 District 3
Average speed	27	7	20	10