



Bradley County Commission
Thomas Crye, Chairman
WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 23, 2023, at 7:00p.m.
Bradley County Courthouse

Members present: Louie Alford, Daniel Beaty, Milan Blake, Denny Collins, Chairman Thomas Crye, Scott Gilbert, Bobby Goins, Tommy Ledford, Josh Rogers, Cindy Slater, Howard Thompson, Vice Chairman Bill Winters, and non-voting ex officio member D. Gary Davis

Members absent: Mike Hughes, Tim Mason

Chairman Thomas Crye called the meeting to order.

Following the Invocation prayed by Vice Chairman Bill Winters, Commissioner Scott Gilbert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis presented to the Commission for consideration a resolution approving a payment-in-lieu of taxes (PILOT) schedule and delegating authority to enter into a PILOT agreement. Chamber of Commerce Vice President of Economic Development Doug Berry explained the resolution authorizes a PILOT with SK Food Group, Inc. who plans to add eight hundred forty (840) new jobs with an average wage of forty-four thousand dollars (\$44,000.00) and to build a five hundred twenty-five thousand (525,000) square feet building. Berry noted the PILOT reduces total tax obligation for SK Food Group by ten million six hundred seventeen thousand eighty-nine dollars (\$10,617,089.00). Commissioner Cindy Slater placed the resolution on the February 6, 2023, voting session agenda.

Mayor Davis presented a proclamation to Bradley County Sheriff's Office Deputies Bill Higdon, Paul Johnson, Whitney Payne, and Anna Simmons for outstanding service to Bradley County. PROCLAMATION RECORDED AS ATTACHMENT.

Mayor Davis presented to the Commission for consideration a resolution adopting the Bradley County hazard mitigation plan to improve disaster resistance in the planning area. Commissioner Slater placed the resolution on the February 6, 2023, voting session agenda.

Mayor Davis reported Republic Services agreed to lower the disposal price per regular tire to two dollars and seventy-five cents (\$2.75) and to lower the disposal price per large tire to six dollars (\$6.00).

Mayor Davis reported the septic cost sharing program has accepted twenty-six (26) applications, issued two (2) permits, issued two (2) sewer connections, repaired one (1); and no inspections have yet been completed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

1st District

Commissioner Daniel Beaty recognized Southeast Tennessee Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. representative Matt Heath to answer questions regarding the septic cost sharing program. Heath confirmed the most common issue is field lines.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford had no report.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake requested Republic Services provide a cost analysis of the tire program. Mayor Davis confirmed Republic is working on the analysis.

Commissioner Denny Collins remembered the family of third district resident Michael Howell who recently passed away at his home.

4th District

Commissioner Scott Gilbert recognized fourth district School Board member Josh Taylor.

Commissioner Gilbert remembered long time EMS employee Perry Rogers who unexpectedly passed away.

Commissioner Howard Thompson expressed condolences for the Rogers family.

Commissioner Thompson placed on the February 6, 2023, voting session agenda, on behalf of Road Committee Chairman Commissioner Tim Mason, a Road Committee recommendation to approve a request for name change of Hickory Road to Freeman Circle.

5th District

Commissioner Bobby Goins had no report.

Commissioner Cindy Slater expressed sympathy for Janet Rogers, wife of Perry Rogers, and daughters, Katie and Carrie. Slater recognized EMS Director Mike Geren who shared personal memories of Rogers.

6th District

Commissioner Tommy Ledford offered condolences to the Rogers family.

Commissioner Ledford thanked Doug Berry for work to recruit SK Food Group to Bradley County.

Commissioner Ledford thanked Road Superintendent Tom Collins for assistance with an issue at the intersection of Spring Place Road and Young Road.

Commissioner Ledford remembered his father who passed away twenty-five (25) years ago.

7th District

Vice Chairman Bill Winters reported a great day at the PIE Center to announce the coming of SK Food Group coming to Bradley County. Vice Chairman Winters declared the PIE Center a tremendous community asset and magnificent opportunity for our young people.

Commissioner Josh Rogers thanked the Bradley County Board of Education for what they do for our children and our school system. Commissioner Rogers welcomed School Board members Josh Taylor and Jeff Lovingood.

AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Chairman Bill Winters announced the partnership with Cleveland State Community College to offer a paramedic pathway has been extended and expanded. Cleveland State Community College President Dr. Ty Stone thanked the County Commission for support of the first new building on campus in forty (40) years. Dr. Stone confirmed the scholarship program, combined with financial aid and scholarship funds, costs the student nothing. Dr. Stone recognized program graduate Amber Frady and current program participant Kayla Vines. EMS Director Geren thanked both the County and Cleveland State for this program.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Deborah Gleason stated a request for a public apology regarding comments made during the December 19, 2022, Commission meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Next meeting – Voting Session, February 6, at 7:00p.m., Commission room
- *Septic cost sharing ad hoc meeting, January 25, at 10:00a.m., Commission room
- *Emergency Services Committee, January 27, at noon, Inman Street Fire Station

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

PROCLAMATION

TO HONOR DEPUTIES BILL HIGDON, PAUL JOHNSON, WHITNEY PAYNE, AND ANNA SIMMONS FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO BRADLEY COUNTY

Whereas, members of the Bradley County Sheriff's Office selflessly dedicate themselves to serve and protect our community; and

Whereas, Deputies Bill Higdon, Paul Johnson, Whitney Payne, and Anna Simmons began their shifts on Christmas Day 2022, not knowing what the day would bring; and

Whereas, Deputies Higdon, Johnson, Payne, and Simmons were the first to respond to the call of the Christmas Day accident to remove three children from catastrophic wreckage; and

Whereas, Deputies Higdon, Johnson, Payne, and Simmons assessed and administered care to the three children until additional support arrived; and

Whereas, Bradley County desires to recognize and honor Deputies Higdon, Johnson, Payne, and Simmons for responding without hesitation, their incredible bravery, and dedication in the most dire circumstances; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Bradley County Commission does hereby issue this proclamation of public recognition and sincere appreciation to Deputies Bill Higdon, Paul Johnson, Whitney Payne, and Anna Simmons for their professionalism, selfless courage and enormous personal sacrifice.

Presented this 23rd day of January 2023.

Thomas Crye, Commission Chairman

D. Gary Davis, County Mayor