



Bradley County Commission
Thomas Crye, Chairman
WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 9, 2023, at noon
Bradley County Courthouse

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

Members absent: None

Chairman Thomas Crye called the meeting to order. Following the Invocation prayed by This is the Hour Ministries Pastor Guinn Green, Commissioner Cindy Slater prayed the invocation.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis reported the Health Department and Courthouse Annex building are dry and open for business following a water pipe break.

Mayor Davis reported two (2) new ambulances went into service last week.

Mayor Davis asked the Commission to consider setting aside one million one hundred twenty-seven thousand nine hundred sixty-five dollars (\$1,127,965.00) for an eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000.00) project for the next round of broadband grants and designate two million ninety-two thousand dollars (\$2,092,000.00) for a fifty-fifty project with Volunteer Energy Cooperative (VEC). Commissioner Tommy Ledford placed on the January 18, 2023, voting session agenda a resolution approving the two aforementioned broadband projects. VEC representative David Murphy confirmed the VEC engineering team stands ready to prepare the design upon approval. Murphy estimated the design phase will take three (3) to four (4) months followed by a couple of months of make ready work with physical construction to begin in the third quarter. Murphy urged all Bradley County residents to visit the link to the FCC maps to update information.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

1st District

Commissioner Daniel Beaty had no report.

Commissioner Mike Hughes reported the landfill monitoring system recently confirmed an odor complaint which resulted in the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation directing landfill management to correct the issue.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford had no report.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake congratulated Abby Berryman, Jordyn Biscoe, Danielle Emert, Mia McCloskey, Anna Grace Sutherland, Abby Watlington, Rachel Whitaker and McKenzie Willis for their collaborative effort on the article “No More Crying After Clinical: Prep For Your Day” in the national nursing publication IMPRINT.

Commissioner Blake requested TVA officials attend a County Commission meeting to discuss the black outs imposed during the Christmas holiday.

Commissioner Blake reported a successful event celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the Cleveland/Bradley County Library.

Commissioner Blake announced the Finance Committee will meet immediately following the work session in the Commission room.

Commissioner Denny Collins expressed sympathy for the Dillard and Stewart families.

4th District

Commissioner Scott Gilbert expressed sympathy for the Dillard and Stewart families.

Commissioner Gilbert reported work is underway on the mentor program to work with the Juvenile Department.

Commissioner Howard Thompson requested a moment of silence for the Dillard family.

Commissioner Thompson recognized Ocoee Utility District (OUD) General Manager Tim Lawson. Lawson reported more than three hundred fifty homes are located along ten miles of the OUD waste collection system in District 4. Lawson asked the Commission to consider using a portion of the American Rescue Plan Act funds allocated for sewer to help these properties tap onto the waste collection system. Lawson estimated total tap cost including interior electrical and plumbing work to be seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00). Mayor Davis noted the approved septic repair program provides funds to repair septic or to tap onto sewer if the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation determines the septic to be unfixable. Commissioner Thompson requested a copy of the motion allocating the funds for sewer. Commissioner Thompson announced the Septic System Cost Sharing Ad Hoc Committee will meet at 10:00a.m. on January 24, 2023, in the Commission room.

5th District

Commissioner Bobby Goins thanked Commissioner Tim Mason for assistance with a property clean up in District 5.

Commissioner Cindy Slater recognized National Law Enforcement Day and thanked the Sheriff's Office and Sheriff Steve Lawson for keeping our community safe.

6th District

Commissioner Tim Mason announced the Road Committee will meet January 18, 2023, at 9:00a.m. in the Commission room. Commissioner Mason invited the Commission and the Mayor to the Road Department following the meeting. Commissioner Slater requested the Road Department monthly financial reports be reviewed at the meeting.

Commissioner Mason placed on the January 17, 2023, voting session agenda a motion to approve the Road Committee recommendation to authorize the County Attorney to prepare a quit claim deed for property along Brook Bryson Road.

Commissioner Mason placed on the January 17, 2023, voting session agenda a motion to approve the Road Committee recommendation to make improvements to the intersection of Candies Creek Ridge Road and Old Georgetown Road by installing rumble strips, installing a stop sign, and changing the yellow flashing light to red.

Commissioner Tommy Ledford thanked Pastor Guinn Green for taking to time to pray for the County Commission.

Commissioner Ledford reported working with Big Tom's to deliver holiday meals to Life Care Centers of America.

Commissioner Ledford expressed condolences to the Dillard family.

7th District

Vice Chairman Bill Winters asked the Commission and the Building and Land Committee to consider possible locations for an Art Is Here black box theater location.

Commissioner Josh Rogers expressed condolences to the Dillard family.

Commissioner Rogers thanked the Sheriff's Department, Cleveland Police Department, the Tennessee Highway Patrol, and Sheriff Steve Lawson for their efforts in our community.

AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Slater welcomed City Fields Executive Director Dustin Tommey who reported on the use of the American Rescue Plan Act funds distributed by the County Commission to City Fields to finance and construct affordable housing in the Blythe-Oldfield community. Tommy thanked the County Commission for their contribution to provide affordable housing in the community.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no communication from the audience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Next meeting – Voting Session, January 17, noon, Commission room

*Finance Committee, immediately following this meeting in the Commission room

*HCI Committee, January

*County offices closed, January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

*Road Committee, January 18, 9:00a.m., Commission room

*Septic Cost Sharing Ad Hoc Committee, January 24, 10:00a.m., Commission room

*City Fields save the date, October 7, 2023

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.