



Bradley County Commission
Thomas Crye, Chairperson
WORK SESSION MINUTES
October 24, 2022, at 7:00p.m.
Bradley County Courthouse

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

Members absent: Mike Hughes

Chairperson Thomas Crye called the meeting to order.

Following the Invocation prayed by Youth Counseling Services Director Dr. John Vining, Chairperson Crye lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis reported productive meetings with Tennova regarding EMS times at the hospital, and noted ninety-three percent (93%) of EMS deliveries are now completed within thirty (30) minutes. Mayor Davis reported discussions continue on this issue and the matter of preauthorized transports.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

1st District

Commissioner Daniel Beaty reported an impressive tour of the Juvenile Center and thanked the department for their work with our youth.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford invited all Commissioners to attend the Law Enforcement Committee meeting and tour of the Sheriff's Office campus at 1:00p.m. on October 27, 2022.

Chairperson Thomas Crye announced the members of the newly established Recreation Ad Hoc Committee: Chairperson Josh Rogers, Louie Alford, Milan Blake, Denny Collins, Jamie Kyle, Bartlee Norton, Greg Phillips, and non-voting ex officio member Andy Lockhart.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake announced the HCI Committee recently established the 2022 grant cycle timeline, and invited all local government entities and 501(c)3 organizations to submit for consideration their health, wellness, and quality of life projects.

Commissioner Blake reported attending the 75th anniversary of Lee University returning to Cleveland, and welcomed all visitors for the Lee Homecoming next week.

Commissioner Denny Collins remembered long-time Bradley County educator Ron Spangler, and announced the recent decision of the Bradley County Board of Education to dedicate and name the Ocoee Middle School gymnasium for Spangler.

4th District

Commissioner Scott Gilbert reported the Juvenile Committee met last week and toured the Juvenile Center. Commissioner Gilbert applauded the staff for their work and dedication to our youth.

Commissioner Howard Thompson questioned the Election Commission decision to close the voting precinct at Planet Fitness. Commissioner Thompson reported an inadequate number of voting machines at the Bradley Square Mall location to accommodate voters.

5th District

Commissioner Bobby Goins agreed the Planet Fitness voting precinct should be available to voters in the south portion of the county.

Commissioner Cindy Slater reported attending the Southeast Tennessee Development District quarterly meeting, and announced Bradley County Schools were awarded the 2022 Southeast Tennessee Development Work Force Innovation award for work at the PIE Center.

Commissioner Slater announced the Education Committee will meet and tour the PIE Center at 4:30p.m. on October 25, 2022. Commissioner Slater invited all Commissioners to attend and tour.

6th District

Commissioner Tim Mason announced the Road Committee will meet at 10:30a.m. on October 27, 2022, in the Commission room.

Commissioner Mason reported a successful Household Hazardous Waste Day and thanked everyone who helped with the event.

Commissioner Mason questioned the closing of the Planet Fitness voting precinct.

Commissioner Tommy Ledford thanked Road Superintendent Tom Collins for assistance with an issue in the Farmingdale community.

Commissioner Ledford reported a successful fall festival at Freedom Park.

Commissioner Ledford welcomed the Lee University Political Science Honor Society to the meeting.

7th District

Vice Chairman Bill Winters remembered his longtime friend and educator Ron Spangler.

Commissioner Josh Rogers reported the Home Builders Association of Tennessee held their annual meeting at the PIE Center last week, and congratulated several local builders receiving honors including the installation of Charlotte Peak as the 63rd President of the organization.

AGENDA ITEMS

There were no agenda items.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Rodney West urged Commissioners to support a resolution on November 7, 2022, to move Communication from the Audience from the end of the County Commission agenda to the beginning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Voting Session – November 7, at 7:00p.m., Commission room
- *Education Committee & tour, October 25, 4:30p.m., PIE Center
- *Spirits, Legends & Lore, October 25, 6:30p.m., Downtown
- *Road Committee, October 27, 10:30a.m., Commission room
- *Law Enforcement Committee, October 27, 1:00p.m., Sheriff's Office
- *Block Party, October 31, 5:00p.m.-10:00p.m., Downtown
- *PIE Center Grand Opening, November 1, 10:00a.m., PIE Center
- *Finance Committee, November 7, 11:30a.m., Commission room

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.