



Bradley County Commission
Thomas Crye, Chairperson
WORK SESSION MINUTES
November 14, 2022, at noon
Bradley County Courthouse

Members present: Louie Alford, Daniel Beaty, Milan Blake, Denny Collins, Chairperson Thomas Crye, Scott Gilbert, Bobby Goins, Mike Hughes, 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: None

Chairperson Thomas Crye called the meeting to order. Following the invocation led by Vice Chairman Bill Winters, Commissioner Tim Mason led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis reported the annex roof project is expected to conclude later this week pending the weather.

Mayor Davis announced effective November 15, 2022, Shawn Fairbanks will continue to serve as Fire Chief of Bradley County Fire and Rescue and Mike Garren will serve as Director of Bradley County EMS.

Mayor Davis proposed to the Commission a partnership with Southeast Tennessee Resource Conservation Development Council (STRCDC) to offer seventy percent/thirty percent septic repair grants to Bradley County citizens experiencing failure of an existing septic system. Mayor Davis explained the cost of the partnership with STRCDC to administer the grants is seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) for one year and, if needed, two years for one hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$115,000.00). Mayor Davis proposed a one year application period beginning January 3, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023, followed by a year to complete the projects by December 31, 2023.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

7th District

Commissioner Josh Rogers congratulated Senator Dr. J. Adam Lowe and Representatives Dan Howell and Kevin Raper for their successful campaigns. Commissioner Rogers thanked Bradley County voters and election workers for their efforts during the election.

Vice Chairperson Winters requested Commissioners forward any policy or legal questions to the Legislative Administrator to be considered by the Legal and Legislative Committee.

6th District

Commissioner Tommy Ledford thanked Road Superintendent Tom Collins for assistance with constituent issues.

Commissioner Ledford congratulated Mike Garren on being named Director of EMS.

Commissioner Tim Mason reported the Sheriff's litter grant collected twenty-four thousand seven hundred eighty-two (24,782) pounds of litter from five hundred twenty-seven (527) miles of county roads, two hundred twenty (220) miles of state roads, and seventy-five (75) miles of city roads.

5th District

Commissioner Cindy Slater had no report.

Commissioner Bobby Goins thanked Superintendent Collins for assistance with a tree at Fort Hill Cemetery.

4th District

Commissioner Scott Gilbert recognized Danny Coggin who invited Commissioners to a Cleveland Orchestra of Tennessee Christmas concert at Cleveland State Community College Johnson Cultural Center on November 19, at 7:00p.m. and to the Cleveland Pops Christmas concert at Bradley Central High School Fine Arts Center on December 5, at 7:00p.m.

Commissioner Howard Thompson announced the Building and Land Committee will meet at 11:00a.m. on November 21, in the Commission room.

3rd District

Commissioner Denny Collins thanked Ocoee Middle School for a Veterans Day ceremony honoring veteran family members of staff and students.

Commissioner Milan Blake invited Commissioners to join the Bradley Central High School girls wrestling team to pick up tires at the Exit 20 property on Saturday, November 19.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford placed on the November 21, 2022, voting session agenda a motion to cancel the November 28, 2022, work session, the December 27, 2022, work session, and the January 3, 2023, voting session.

Commissioner Alford recognized Sheriff Steve Lawson who provided the Commission with a listing of Sheriff's Office grants awarded, grants in progress, and potential grants. DOCUMENT RECORDED AS ATTACHMENT. Sheriff Lawson opined there is a need for a grant facilitator at the Sheriff's Office, and proposed paying the facilitator salary with funds earmarked for correction deputies but have remained unfilled. Commissioner Alford placed on the November 21, 2022, voting session agenda a motion to authorize the Sheriff to use existing correction deputy funds to pay for a grant facilitator.

1st District

Commissioner Mike Hughes announced the Emergency Services Committee will meet at noon on November 18, in the Commission room.

Commissioner Hughes reported a number of calls regarding an odor emanating from the Bradley County Landfill.

Commissioner Daniel Beaty had no report.

AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Slater recognized United Way representative Stephanie Linkous who discussed the Ocoee Connect project and the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds appropriated to them by the County Commission.

Commissioner Hughes placed on the November 21, 2022, voting session agenda a resolution to rezone from I-1 General Industrial district to FAR Farming/Agricultural/Residential district property located at Lead Mine Valley Road SW and identified by tax map 065 parcels 057.01, 057.02, and 057.03.

Commissioner Hughes placed on the November 21, 2022, voting session agenda a resolution to rezone from R-2 High Density Residential district to C-2 General Commercial district property located at 8130 Francisco Road NW and identified by tax map 012B group A parcel 004.00.

Commissioner Hughes placed on the November 21, 2022, voting session agenda a resolution to rezone from FAR Forestry/Agricultural/Residential district to C-2 General Commercial district property located at 8150 Georgetown Road NW and identified by tax map 012B group A parcel 007.00.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Deborah Gleason opined the County Commission order of business should be altered to allow public comment earlier in the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Next meeting – voting session, November 21, at noon, Courthouse
- *Building and Land Committee – November 21, at 11:00a.m., Courthouse
- *Emergency Services Committee – November 18, at noon, Courthouse
- *Tire clean up, November 19, at Exit 20
- *Christmas on the Square, November 19, noon-6:30p.m., Downtown Square

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

BCSO Grants Awarded

Mental Health Transport Grant – From State of TN through Office of Criminal Justice Programs

Dates of Grant: 07/01/22 through 06/30/23

Amount of Grant: \$102,031.00 (Check from state delivered to Bradley County)

Letter of Agreement signed by Sheriff Lawson with Amerimed Transport

To be addressed: Mental Health Transports which are the statutory duties of the sheriff.

Inmate Education Grant – State of TN through Office of Criminal Justice Programs

Dates of Grant: Phase one ends on December 31, 2022 (Extension applied for)

Amount of Grant: \$200,000.00 Reimbursement Grant Note: Commission approved \$30,000.00 last month to apply toward inmate education.

Items to be addressed: Wifi to be extended in the Corrections to classrooms and purchase of laptop computer for inmate training needs.

TCI Training Grant - From the Tennessee Corrections Institute

Dates of Grant: 12/01/22 through 4/30/2023

Amount of Grant: \$9,962.00 Note: \$7,500.00 is provided upfront and the remainder is reimbursed with invoice from county.

Items to be addressed: Additional Officer off-site training and upgrade of the North Training Room.

COSSAP Grant - Federal Grant, Office of Justice Programs

Dates of Grant: 10/01/2021 through 09/30/2024

Amount of Grant: \$891,575.00

Items to be addressed: Partnering with the Bradley Prevention Coalition and Willowbend Farms to assist in a Resource Hub Center for our community at the workhouse.

BCSO Grants in Progress

Violent Crime Intervention Fund - From the State of Tennessee through the Office of Criminal Justice Programs

Date of Grant – Application is due January 16th, 2023

Grant would activate in March of 2023. (3 year grant)

Amount of Grant: \$288,065.00 - Reimbursement Grant

Items to be addressed: Patrol Car video cameras, drones, crime scene photography (3-D Scanner), Intelligence gathering equipment, and other equipment to help investigate and prevent violent crime within our county.

Note: There will possibly be a second part of this grant in the future, but nothing firm has been announced.

BCSO Grants being Considered and Evaluated

Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative – Grant offered through Bureau of Justice Assistance (Federal)

Date application due: December 15th, 2022

Amount of Grant: Expected to be between \$25,000.00 and \$150,000.00

Items to be addressed: will be determined as we proceed evaluating the grant.