

Bradley County Commission
Johnny Mull, Chairman
WORK SESSION MINUTES
November 9, 2020, at noon
Bradley County Courthouse

Members present: Louie Alford, Milan Blake, Vice Chairman Thomas Crye, Erica Davis, Dennis Epperson, Tim Mason, Chairman Johnny Mull, Kevin Raper, Cindy Slater, Howard Thompson, Bill Winters, and non-voting Ex Officio member D. Gary Davis

Members absent: Bobby Goins, Mike Hughes, Charlotte Peak

Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Dennis Epperson, South Cleveland Church of God Pastor Edwin Lipsey prayed the invocation.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis presented to the Commission for consideration a resolution authorizing Bradley County Mayor to negotiate and enter into an agreement Amburgy Residential Properties, LLC d/b/a Premiere Roofing to provide roofing services for the Bradley County Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00. Commissioner Cindy Slater placed the resolution on the November 16, 2020, voting session agenda.

Mayor Davis reported the County's Covid numbers are steady and encouraged the community to adhere to the guidelines to mitigate the spread of the virus.

Mayor Davis alerted Commissioners a bond resolution will be presented to them the first of December and explained a second bond resolution will be presented in January for consideration. Mayor Davis explained the decision to break the amount into two bonds was made to save money.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

7th District

Commissioner Bill Winters reported a good meeting of the Economic Development Council.

Commissioner Kevin Raper had no report.

6th District

Commissioner Tim Mason thanked Tri-Star Trucking for delivering several tons of mulch to Freedom Park.

Commissioner Mason reported crews worked with John Thomason to clean the Veterans Cemetery at Fort Hill.

Commissioner Erica Davis reported good progress at Freedom Park.

5th District

Commissioners Cindy Slater had no report.

4th District

Commissioner Howard Thompson had no report.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake congratulated the VFW for reopening after a 2018 fire destroyed their building.

Commissioner Blake applauded Bradley County for turning out to vote in the recent election and for breaking voting records.

2nd District

Vice Chairman Thomas Crye had no report.

Commissioner Louie Alford placed on the November 16, 2020, voting session agenda a motion to cancel the November 23, 2020, work session and the December 21, 2020, voting session.

Commissioner Alford reported the paving of the parking lot has begun at the Urbane Road Park.

1st District

Commissioner Dennis Epperson asked Commissioners to keep Commissioner Peak's father in their prayers as he undergoes surgery.

AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Winters introduced Scott Oliver, Director of Bradley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. Oliver described the testing and protocols in place at the facility during the Covid pandemic. Oliver reported their second best in the state status for employee turnover, and noted their 4.6 hours per day per patient care. Oliver introduced new director of nursing Gary Blair.

Commissioner Davis placed on the November 16, 2020, voting session agenda a motion to award retiring Superintendent Anderson Sanders his service weapon upon his retirement next month as requested by Sheriff Steve Lawson.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Marianna Purcell Dunavant asked the Commission to encourage the District Attorney General and local law enforcement officials to support Marsy's Law for Tennessee. Dunavant explained Marsy's Law seeks to give crime victims meaningful and enforceable constitutional rights equal to the rights of the accused.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.