



Bradley County Commission
Thomas Crye, Chairperson
WORK SESSION MINUTES
February 13, 2023, 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 prayed by North Cleveland Baptist Church Minister of Adults Bart Starr, Commissioner Denny Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis reported through Friday, February 10, 2023, the septic cost sharing program has ninety (90) projects in process, six (6) potential sewer connections, thirteen (13) issued permits, ten (10) contracts, and no completions.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

1st District

Commissioner Beaty reported a positive meeting with septic installers about the septic cost sharing program.

Commissioner Mike Hughes placed on the February 21, 2023, voting session agenda a resolution to appropriate eighteen thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$18,750.00) for the Pleasant Grove Lane water project in Bradley County to Cleveland Utilities as allowed by the conditions and terms of the American Rescue Plan Act from the funds allocated by resolution 2021-50 and authorizing the Bradley County Mayor to execute an agreement with Cleveland Utilities regarding said appropriation. Commissioner Milan Blake reported the Finance Committee considered the application and requested a water test prior to voting. Commissioner Cindy Slater requested a copy of the application be provided to Commissioners.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford had no report.

3rd District

Commissioner Blake announced a change on the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget calendar moving budget hearings to April 14, 2023.

Commissioner Denny Collins placed on the February 21, 2023, voting session agenda a resolution requesting a portion of South Lee Highway be symbolically renamed in honor of Bradley Central graduate and Bearettes basketball star Rhyne Howard.

4th District

Commissioner Scott Gilbert reported a productive meeting with the septic installers about the septic cost sharing program.

Commissioner Howard Thompson recognized Road Superintendent Tom Collins who announced Governor Bill Lee included in the recent State of the State address three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000.00) for local roads. Superintendent Collins reported Bradley County is set to receive three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000.00) which seemingly will be handled per the procedure of state aid funds.

5th District

Commissioner Bobby Goins thanked Superintendent Collins for removing a tree at the graveyard.

Commissioner Cindy Slater announced the Education Committee will meet February 16, 2023, at 11:30a.m. in the County Commission room of the Courthouse.

6th District

Commissioner Tim Mason had no report.

Commissioner Tommy Ledford reported attending the Bradley County Board of Education meeting and the septic installer meeting.

Commissioner Ledford announced his appointment to the Relay for Life Committee.

7th District

Commissioner Josh Rogers had no report.

Vice Chairperson Winters placed on the February 21, 2023, voting session agenda a recommendation by the Legal and Legislative Committee to send a letter to the legislative delegation requesting direction on how to handle county departments that exceed their budgets.

Vice Chairperson Winters placed on the February 21, 2023, voting session agenda a recommendation by the Legal and Legislative Committee to send a letter to the legislative delegation requesting the State review the procedure for awarding grants to internet service providers to expand broadband into rural areas of the state.

Vice Chairperson Winters placed on the February 21, 2023, voting session agenda a recommendation by the Legal and Legislative Committee to establish a policy annually allocating the first ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) of the DUI reserve fund for indigent monitoring where appropriate and to fairly and equally split the remaining funds between the Misdemeanor Probation Department and the Adult Drug Court program.

Vice Chairperson Winters placed on the February 21, 2023, voting session agenda a recommendation by the Legal and Legislative Committee to establish a policy requiring a fiscal note be attached to all resolutions introduced to the County Commission.

AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Slater introduced Hannah Thurmond, KARIS Marketing and Development Coordinator, who explained the KARIS mission to offer dental and medical care to adults living at one hundred fifty percent (150%) of poverty level or below.

Commissioner Mason placed on the February 21, 2023, voting session agenda a motion to confirm the Road Committee recommendation to approve the Bradley County 2023 Road List.

Commissioner Blake placed on the February 21, 2023, voting session agenda a motion to approve the Finance Committee recommendation to adopt a resolution authorizing the termination of an interest rate swap agreement of the public building authority of Sevier County, Tennessee, relating the certain of its bonds, the proceeds of which were loaned to Bradley County, Tennessee.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

John Thomason asked the Commission to elaborate on the decision to not award the Bradley County Veteran Honor Guard HCI project. Legislative Administrator and HCI Administrator Lorri Moultrie reported the HCI Committee believed the project did not meet the criteria required for the grant. Commissioner Blake noted the Finance Committee asked the HCI Committee to henceforth determine with the Letter of Intent if a project meets the criteria of the grant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Next meeting – Voting Session, February 21, at noon, Courthouse
- *County offices closed February 20, in observance of Presidents' Day
- *Education Committee, February 16, 11:30a.m., Courthouse
- *ORBA Note of Love, February 18, 11:00a.m.-1:00p.m., 155 Pugh Street
- *Relay for Life, April 29

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.