



Bradley County Commission
Johnny Mull, Chairman
WORK SESSION MINUTES
February 22, 2021, at 7:00p.m.
Bradley County Courthouse

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

Members absent: Cindy Slater

Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Tim Mason, Westwood Baptist Church Senior Adult Pastor Nolan Phillips, Sr., prayed the invocation.

REPORT FORM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis updated the Commission on a bus accident that occurred earlier in the day involving a Bradley County Schools bus. Mayor Davis confirmed the bus driver and the student on board were not injured, but requested prayer for the driver of the car who was air lifted for treatment.

Mayor Davis reported Covid-19 active cases are down in the County from 547 to 463, which is the lowest number of cases since November 15, 2020. Mayor Davis noted hospitalizations are also down, but the number of Covid deaths have increased. Mayor Davis urged everyone to adhere to the guidelines to mitigate the spread of the virus.

Mayor Davis announced the State of Tennessee approved the Health Departments to only test one day per week to allow for additional hours for vaccination. Mayor Davis also announced individuals 65 and older and school employees are now eligible for the vaccination.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

1st District

Commissioners Dennis Epperson and Mike Hughes had no report.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford reported the Farmers Market North Committee recently met and the market will be open April 10, 2021, through November 20, 2021.

Vice Chairman Thomas Crye thanked Commissioner Tim Mason for assistance with cleaning Hooper Gap Road.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake congratulated Ryan Lovelace for recently running a 4:20 mile.

Commissioner Blake recognized Cleveland Bradley Chamber of Commerce Vice President of Economic Development Doug Berry who presented to the Commission for consideration a resolution approving a payment-in-lieu-of taxes (PILOT) schedule and delegating authority to enter into a PILOT agreement with Cannon Automotive Solutions – Bowling Green, Inc. Berry reported Cannon plans to hire 161 initial positions with future growth to 260 by 2026, and noted the average wage for these positions is \$21.47. Berry reported Cannon project investment is \$63 million for the land, building, and equipment, and noted the structure will provide 216,000 square feet of manufacturing space and 15,000 square feet of office space. Blake placed the resolution on the March 1, 2021, voting session agenda.

4th District

Commissioners Charlotte Peak and Howard Thompson had no report.

5th District

Commissioner Bobby Goins had no report.

6th District

Commissioner Tim Mason congratulated the undefeated, state champion Lake Forest Middle School girls basketball team. Mayor Davis bestowed on the team a proclamation proclaiming February 22, 2021, as LFMS Lady Bruins Team Day.

Commissioner Erica Davis congratulation the Lake Forest team on their undefeated championship season.

Commissioner Davis announced the Law Enforcement Committee will meet at 10:00a.m. on February 25, 2021, in the Commission room. Commissioner Davis invited all Commissioners to attend.

7th District

Commissioner Kevin Raper congratulated the Lake Forest team.

Commissioner Bill Winters reminded Commissioners of the plan to fill the 7th District Board of Education seat at the March 1, 2021, voting session.

AGENDA ITEMS

There were no agenda items.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Troy Weathers, Chairman of the Bradley County School Board, applauded the commitment of the Commission to invest in education.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Next meeting – Voting Session, March 1, 7:00p.m., Commission room
- *Legal and Legislative Committee, February 25, 9:00a.m., Commission room
- *Law Enforcement Committee, February 25, 10:00a.m., Commission room
- *Audit Committee, March 1, 10:00a.m., Commission room

*Finance Committee, March 1, 11:30a.m., Commission room

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.