



Bradley County Commission
Thomas Crye, Chairperson
WORK SESSION MINUTES
February 27, 2023, at 7:00p.m.
Bradley County Courthouse

Members present: Louie Alford, Daniel Beaty, Milan Blake, Denny Collins, Chairperson Thomas Crye, Scott Gilbert, Mike Hughes, Tommy Ledford, Tim Mason, Josh Rogers, Cindy Slater, Howard Thompson

Members absent: Bobby Goins, Bill Winters, and non-voting ex officio member D. Gary Davis

Chairperson Thomas Crye called the meeting to order. Following the invocation prayed by First Baptist Church International Missions and Adult Pastor Jim Gibson, Commissioner Howard Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

Assistant to the County Mayor Adam Lewis provided the weekly septic repair program information: 113 properties in process with 6 potential sewer connections, 23 permits issued, 22 signed contracts, and 1 inspected and completed project. Lewis reported the total allocated for these projects is \$161,241.00 which is roughly 21% of all funds available.

Lewis announced a Cleveland Utilities forum on March 8, 2023, at 6:00p.m. in the Tom Wheeler Training Center to learn about the potential of broadband offered by Cleveland Utilities.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

1st District

Commissioner Daniel Beaty reported receiving calls supporting the county honoring the accomplishments of Bradley County Schools graduates.

Commissioner Mike Hughes had no report.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford announced the Farmers Market North will open April 1, 2023, and close for the season on November 25, 2023. Commissioner Alford reported the Farmers Market North Committee voted to refer to the Building and Land Committee the matter of a structure built on market property.

Chairperson Crye thanked Commissioner Tim Mason for assistance with the clean up of Hooper Gap Road.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake, in place of Legal and Legislative Committee Chair Bill Winters, placed on the March 6, 2023, voting session agenda a motion to approve the committee

recommendation to authorize the legislative administrator to continue distributing agenda packets in advance of meetings via email to citizens requesting the documents.

Commissioner Blake, in place of Legal and Legislative Committee Chairperson Winters, placed on the March 6, 2023, voting session agenda a motion to approve the committee recommendation to adopt the proposed form as the Bradley County Fiscal Note form.

Commissioner Blake, in place of Legal and Legislative Committee Chairperson Winters, placed on the March 6, 2023, voting session agenda a motion to approve the Commission Rules of Procedure as presented.

Commissioner Blake requested an update on the Republic Services tire disposal program cost analysis.

Commissioner Blake requested from Cumberland Securities a breakdown of the fees included in the termination of the interest rate swap agreement.

Commissioner Denny Collins had no report.

4th District

Commissioner Scott Gilbert requested City of Cleveland attention to the homeless site located at McGrady Drive.

Commissioner Gilbert reported a broken portion of the guard rail located at Durkee Road and Bates Pike.

Commissioner Howard Thompson thanked EMS and the Fire Department for their assistance with a recent personal issue.

Commissioner Thompson took exception with the source of an erroneous and published vote count on a matter recently voted by the commission.

Commissioner Thompson suggested a best practice for state legislators to address the commission with items they wish to have voted.

Commissioner Thompson reported a fourth district development is underway and will create five hundred (500) new homes that will impact the population at Michigan Avenue School, Parkview School, and Oak Grove School.

5th District

Commissioner Cindy Slater had no report.

6th District

Commissioner Tim Mason reported on the Tennessee Department of Transportation Litter Grant which collected litter from 558 miles of county roads, 200 miles of state roads, and 75 miles of city roads for a total of 18,400 pounds of litter. Mason reported 610 pounds of paper and 675 pounds of metal were collected for a total of 1,285 pounds of recycled material.

Commissioner Tommy Ledford asked if the landfill is still accepting cash.

Commissioner Ledford remembered his brother-in-law on what would have been his sixtieth birthday.

Commissioner Ledford reported EMS retiree Joe Blackburn is currently in critical condition.

Commissioner Ledford reported the City of Cleveland voted to install cameras along the Greenway, and noted Greenway vandalism damage costs average one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per week.

7th District

Commissioner Josh Rogers encouraged those interested to attend the Cleveland Utilities forum on the potential broadband and phone service and noted the Cleveland Utilities website offers a wealth of information regarding this matter.

Commissioner Rogers opined our state representative followed proper procedure when submitting a recent resolution for consideration by the commission.

AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Alford recognized Bradley County Sheriff Steve Lawson who provided commissioners with the February 27, 2023, Jail Population Report. REPORT RECORDED AS ATTACHMENT. Sheriff Lawson reported an uptick in jail population while there remain thirty-one (31) open corrections positions. Sheriff Lawson underscored the need to consider alternatives to incarcerations for the non-violent/sexual misdemeanor offenders to alleviate jail overcrowding. Jail Administrator Christi Walls agreed and indicated there are approximately forty-seven (47) offenders that would qualify as non-violent/sexual misdemeanor offenders. Sheriff Lawson confirmed starting pay for corrections officers is sixteen dollars and ninety cents per hour (\$16.90) and starting patrol pay is eighteen dollars and forty-three cents (\$18.43) per hour.

Commissioner Alford placed on the March 6, 2023, voting session agenda a motion to request Bradley County Schools create a procedure and establish a vehicle for honoring our greats in the future.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Dan Rawls urged Bradley County to honor academic achievements as well as sports achievements. Rawls advocated for the continued right to address the commission.

Lindsey Madison requested the commission maintain the opportunity for citizens to address the body.

Layelle Madison asked the commission to not decrease or remove the time allotted for citizens to address the body.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Next meeting – voting session, March 6, 7:00p.m., Courthouse

*Finance Committee, March 6, 11:30a.m., Courthouse

*Bradley County Schools Honor Choir, March 6, 6:30p.m., First Baptist Church

*Cleveland Utilities Forum, March 8, 11:00a.m., Tom Wheeler Training Center

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

BRADLEY COUNTY JAIL POPULATION AS OF 2/27/2023 (AM)
510 TOTAL BEDS (JAIL AND WORKHOUSE)

Community Corrections Violations – Female 1
Male 3

Total: 4

Convicted Misdemeanor – Female 28
Male 67

Total: 95

Federal – Males 33

Felons (Awaiting Trial) – Female 38
Male 136

Total: 174

Serving less than one year – Female 13
Male 30

Total: 43

Misdemeanor (Awaiting hearing) – Female 18
Male 28

Misdemeanor Violation of Probation – Female 8
Male 21

State of TN Parole Violations – Male 2

State of Tn Probation Violations – Female 3
Male 24

Total: 27

TN Department of Corrections – Female 14
Male 68

Total: 82

Grand Total: Females: 123
Males: 404
Total Population: 527