



*Bradley County Commission*  
**Johnny Mull, Chairman**  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
March 14, 2022, at noon  
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, Cindy Slater, Howard Thompson, Bill Winters, and non-voting Ex Officio member D. Gary Davis

Members absent: None

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Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Howard Thompson, New Hope Pregnancy Center Chaplin Coby Goins prayed the invocation.

#### REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis introduced Republic General Manager Mike Classen. Classen explained Republic Services acquired Santek Environmental Services in May 2021 and as a result of the acquisition subsequently assumed operations of the Bradley County Landfill. Classen reported after reviewing the amount of sludge taken in at the landfill from Cobb County's Sutton WWTP, the decision was made to cease taking the sludge effective March 1, 2022. Recognizing Cobb County sludge represented approximately fifty percent (50%) of revenue to the landfill, the company considered options to replace the lost revenue. Republic determined liquid waste solidification to be the option for the landfill. Classen explained County Commission approval is required before submitting an application for liquid waste solidification to Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC). Classen noted the goal is to begin marketing liquid waste in the local marketplace for acceptance beginning in April. Mayor Davis presented to the Commission for consideration a resolution approving Santek Waste Services, LLC to add solid waste processing by solidification at Bradley County Landfill pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Title 69, Chapter 211, Part 7. Commissioner Dennis Epperson placed the resolution on the March 21, 2022, voting session agenda. Classen further explained the liquid waste revenue provides a price point approximately thirty-five percent (35%) more than sludge, but noted liquid volume will be less than sludge.

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

##### 7<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioner Bill Winters reported a good tour of the Agriculture Extension Office space at the PIE Center.

Commissioner Winters announced the Juvenile Committee will meet tomorrow at noon at the Juvenile Center.

Commissioner Kevin Raper encouraged Commissioners to look closely at the proposed Education Reform bill proposed in Nashville.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioner Erica Davis had no report.

Commissioner Tim Mason announced the Road Committee will meet March 16, 2022, at 11:00a.m. in the Commission room.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioners Cindy Slater and Bobby Goins had no report.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioner Howard Thompson welcomed members of the audience.

Commissioner Charlotte Peak reported a hearing will be held tomorrow in Nashville on the proposed Impact Fees bill.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> District

Commissioner Milan Blake had no report.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Vice Chairman Thomas Crye reported a stack of dumped tires at the Food Lion on Stuart Road.

Commissioner Louie Alford had no report.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> District

Commissioner Mike Hughes recognized Agriculture Extension Office Agent Hannah Goodson who reported the office plans to move to the PIE Center upon the installation of phone and internet with summer programs planned for the space.

Commissioner Dennis Epperson reported positive meetings in Nashville regarding the proposed Impact Fees bill.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Hughes placed on the March 21, 2022, voting session agenda a resolution to rezone from FAR Forestry/Agricultural/Residential district to I-1 General Industrial district property located at Wacker Boulevard and Dillard Road NW and identified by tax map 010 parcel 014.00.

Commissioner Hughes placed on the March 21, 2022, voting session agenda a resolution to rezone from FAR Forestry/Agricultural/Residential and C-1 Rural Commercial district to R-2 High Density Residential district property located at 5396 Bates Pike and identified by tax map 067 parcel 046.00.

Commissioner Hughes placed on the March 21, 2022, voting session agenda a resolution to rezone from FAR Forestry/Agricultural/Residential district to R-2 High Density Residential district property located at 5510 Bates Pike and identified by tax map 075 parcel 075.00. Mike Williamson opined the rezoning of the two Bates Pike properties would require an expansion at

Taylor Elementary and road upgrades, and noted the nearest R-2 zoning is miles away. Pam Owenby, whose family has lived in the Taylor Community for ninety-five (95) years, also opposed the rezoning citing road concerns. Patricia West, fifty-one (51) year Kinser Road resident, opposed the rezoning due to traffic concerns, and requested a traffic study. Joe Stepp, owner of the Bates Pike properties, agreed the roads need to be addressed and encouraged property owners to give three feet of land to widen the roads. Stepp committed to restricting the use of the land prohibiting apartments, landfills, government housing, and trailers. William Sneed, eighty-three (83) year Taylor Community resident, accepted Stepp's restriction assurances. Steve Suttles, Thompson Spring Road, questioned the number of doors if apartments are prohibited. County Planner Bently Thomas responded it is not possible to know the number of doors until the plan is submitted. Taylor Community resident Tony Caywood commended Mr. Stepp for agreeing to restrictions, but reminded Commissioners the County is not required to build to the needs of the development.

Commissioner Hughes proposed using the first floor of 95 Church Street, soon to be vacated by the Agriculture Extension office, for archives. Bradley County Court Clerk Gayla Miller confirmed the current archive location is out of space. Commissioner Peak called a Building and Land Committee for Monday, March 21, at 11:30a.m. to discuss the proposal.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no communication from the audience.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \*Next meeting – Voting Session, March 21, at noon, Commission room
- \*Juvenile Committee, March 15, at noon, Juvenile Center
- \*Road Committee, March 16, 11:00a.m., Commission room
- \*Arts Alive, March 18, 10:00a.m., Lake Forest Middle School
- \*Building and Land Committee, March 21, 11:30a.m., Commission room

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.