



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

Members present: Louie Alford, Daniel Beaty, Milan Blake, Denny Collins, Chairperson Thomas Crye, Scott Gilbert, Bobby Goins, Tommy Ledford, Tim Mason, Josh Rogers, Cindy Slater, Howard Thompson, Chairperson Bill Winters, and non-voting ex officio member D. Gary Davis

Members absent: Mike Hughes

Chairperson Thomas Crye called the meeting to order. Following the invocation prayed by Commissioner Josh Rogers, Commissioner Tim Mason led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis provided the weekly septic program report: 149 properties, 8 potential sewer connections, 48 permits issued, 40 contracts, and 8 completions.

Mayor Davis presented to the Commission a resolution authorizing the Bradley County Misdemeanor Probation office to continue to provide misdemeanor probation services for Polk County, Tennessee, for a four year period and authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute a memorandum of understanding with Polk County, Tennessee, for the provision of said services. Commissioner Cindy Slater placed the resolution on the April 3, 2023, voting session agenda.

Mayor Davis reported a price reduction to dispose of tires at the Bradley County Landfill. Mayor Davis announced small tires may be disposed of at a cost of one dollar thirty-five cents (\$1.35) and large tires at a rate of five dollars (\$5.00). Mayor Davis noted vests and helmets are required to enter the landfill and confirmed they are available for loan at the landfill.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

1st District

Commissioner Daniel Beaty had no report.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford placed on the April 3, 2023, voting session agenda a resolution appointing members to the Brian K. Smith Workhouse Disciplinary Review Board and the Work Release Commission.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake placed on the April 3, 2023, voting session agenda a resolution appropriating five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) to the Bradley County Road Department for road safety improvements as allowed by the conditions and terms of the American Rescue Plan Act from the funds allocated by resolution 2022-76 for Covid response

for government services. Commissioner Rogers asked the Road Department to prioritize roadways at Oak Grove and Taylor schools and requested a timeline including start times for these specific projects.

Commissioner Denny Collins expressed condolences to the family of former Commissioner Dennis Epperson.

4th District

Commissioner Scott Gilbert recognized Boy Scout Troop 101 member Amos Blazer who urged the county to improve the safety of roadways specifically at Oak Grove and Taylor Schools.

Commissioner Howard Thompson reported the need to address maintenance issues at the Inman Street Fire Station and noted the need to retain the services of an engineer to assess the building. Mayor Davis reported a proposal is expected from the City of Cleveland regarding the building.

5th District

Commissioner Bobby Goins announced the state is preparing APD40 for paving and asked the legislative administrator to confirm paving plans for Wildwood Avenue between 9th and 15th Streets.

Commissioner Cindy Slater reported illegal tire dumping has resumed at the back side of Hillcrest Cemetery. Commissioner Blake reported Keep America Beautiful recently announced a one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) reward for information regarding the identify of illegal dumpers. Vice Chairperson Winters added this issue to the next Legal and Legislative Committee agenda.

6th District

Commissioners Tim Mason and Tommy Ledford had no report.

7th District

Vice Chairperson Bill Winters reported the Highway 60 project continues to progress with underground electrical work expected to get underway soon. Vice Chairperson Winters thanked Tennessee Department of Transportation for providing timely updates.

Commissioner Josh Rogers had no report.

AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Ledford introduced Dewayne Belew, chairperson and ringmaster for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Cleveland Carnival and Family Festival. Belew invited everyone to the April 29, 2023, event downtown to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Debra Gleason requested road safety improvements for Peach Orchard Hill Road, and suggested using the dumped tires for recycling purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Next meeting – voting session, April 3, 2023, at noon, Courthouse

*Audit Committee, March 29, 1:30p.m, Courthouse

*Hot Slaw & Art Y'all, April 1, noon-8:00p.m., downtown

*Finance Committee, April 3, at 11:30a.m., Courthouse

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.