



Bradley County Commission
Johnny Mull, Chairman
WORK SESSION MINUTES
March 9, 2020, at noon
Bradley County Courthouse

Members present: Louie Alford, Milan Blake, Vice Chairman Thomas Crye, Bobby Goins, Mike Hughes, Tim Mason, Chairman Johnny Mull, Kevin Raper, Cindy Slater, Howard Thompson, Bill Winters

Members absent: Erica Davis, Dennis Epperson, Charlotte Peak

Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Milan Blake, Mountain View United Methodist Church Pastor Rodney Dunn prayed the invocation.

REPORT FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis presented Commissioners with a resignation letter received on March 6, 2020, from Sessions Court and Juvenile Judge Daniel Swafford. Commissioner Blake placed on the March 16, 2020, voting session minutes a motion to enter the letter into the minutes.

Mayor Davis announced the RAM Clinic will take place at St. Therese Catholic Church on March 13, 2020, at 8:00a.m.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

1st District

Commissioner Mike Hughes had no report.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford reported Michigan Avenue Road is covered with mud.

Commissioner Alford asked Bradley County Fire and Rescue Chief Shawn Fairbanks to explain fire protection coverage in the county. Chief Fairbanks itemized Bradley County fire equipment: thirteen (13) engines with a thousand (1,000) gallon capacity; three (3) tanks with twenty-three hundred (2,300) gallon capacity, one (1) of which holds twenty-five hundred (2,500) gallons; six (6) mini pumpers with three hundred (300) gallon capacity; two (2) UTV vehicles with fifty (50) gallon capacity; one (1) heavy rescue; and two (2) heavy tankers which hold twenty-two hundred (2,200) gallons each.

Chief Fairbanks explained the first call out for a structure fire receives three (3) engines, two (2) tankers, one (1) heavy tanker, one (1) rescue truck, one (1) Commander, and four (4) admin staff. Chief Fairbanks announced with the addition of new personnel the department will meet the new ISO requirement to have eighteen (18) members of the department on the scene of a structure fire. Chief Fairbanks stated the department protocol for structure fires more than 2,000 feet from a hydrant is a tanker shuttle. Chief

Fairbanks explained dump tanks may also be used to create a pool on the property to provide water for pumping.

Chief Fairbanks reported Bradley County is a member of the Tri-State Mutual Aid Association and will receive assistance from other area fire departments when needed. Chief Fairbanks stated no one in Bradley County is unprotected.

Chief Fairbanks provided Commissioners with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) overview and Tennessee Department of Health Novel Coronavirus 2019-nCoV Triage and Assessment Guide. DOCUMENTS RECORDED AS ATTACHMENT. Chief Fairbanks reported no knowledge of coronavirus-19 in Bradley County. Chief Fairbanks announced there will be a discussion of the Coronavirus on March 11, 2020, at 3:30p.m. at the 911 Center.

James F. Logan, Jr. asked the Commission to consider establishing a coordinating committee for emergency services to ensure communication among agencies and to establish a coordinated plan of service. Logan suggested committee representation include City of Cleveland emergency officials, City of Charleston emergency officials, and members of our local health care community. Logan announced his law firm purchased one thousand thirty dollars (\$1,030.00) of hand sanitizer gel to be donated to the county for use upon entry to the courts. Logan explained Sheriff Lawson crafted a plan to distribute the gel to court goers. Commissioner Hughes placed on the March 16, 2020, voting session agenda a motion to accept the donation of hand sanitizing gel from Mr. Logan [Logan-Thompson Law Firm]. Commissioner Hughes committed to scheduling an Emergency Services Committee meeting to discuss the coordinated plan of service committee.

Commissioner Alford placed on the March 16, 2020, voting session agenda a motion to authorize the Mayor to proceed with bids for demolishing the old Lake Forest Middle School buildings and the old Waterville School building.

Commissioner Alford placed on the March 16, 2020, voting session agenda a motion to ask the Mayor to get bids on the building on Church Street to build cages for storage facilities for our various departments.

Vice Chairman Thomas Crye reported significant pot holes at the intersection of Urbane and Stuart Roads.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake had no report.

Chairman Mull announced the Bradley County Schools custodial team is sanitizing the schools during this week of spring break.

4th District

Commissioner Howard Thompson requested an update on the [Brian K. Smith] Workhouse. Bradley County Sheriff Steve Lawson reported there are currently nine (9) individuals in the work release program at the Workhouse. Sheriff Lawson suggested revisiting with the Chamber of Commerce and local companies to provide employment to those individuals possessing needed skills. Sheriff Lawson suggested the County consider providing transportation for the work release individuals to and from places of employment.

Chairman Mull asked Sheriff Lawson to opine on department statistics. Sheriff Lawson assured the Commission the burglary numbers maintained inhouse look really good and noted official numbers will be released in April.

5th District

Commissioner Bobby Goins reported Wildwood Avenue is still rough.

Commissioner Cindy Slater had no report.

6th District

Commissioner Tim Mason had no report.

7th District

Commissioners Kevin Raper and Bill Winters had no report.

AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Milan Blake pulled item A from the agenda.

Commissioner Alford recognized Misdemeanor and Probation Director Rich Kienlen for an update on Buddi US, LLC agreement for electronic monitoring and related services. Kienlen reported the monitoring by Buddi US, LLC began on January 6, 2020, with twenty-nine (29) participants. Kienlen noted of the twenty-nine (29) monitored sixteen (16) were monitored and have completed their sentence and twelve (12) are active (one pretrial, two juveniles, one monitored in lieu of jail time, and remainder on workhouse). Kienlen reported the County is responsible for the cost of two bracelets (\$515.00 each) that were removed by the offenders. Kienlen stated his desire to see more participation in the program. Commissioner Winters suggested the Commission consider sending a memorandum to the judges and district attorney to remind them of this new alternative sentencing option. Commissioner Crye placed on the March 16, 2020, voting session agenda a motion to send a letter to the judges and whoever that make these decisions. Commissioner Winters suggested adding to the letter that the community come together to provide jobs for the workhouse. Commissioner Crye accepted the addition to the letter.

Commission Thompson placed on the March 16, 2020, voting session agenda a motion to approve a resolution to rezone from Forestry/Agricultural/Residential (FAR) district to Highway Commercial (C3) district property located at 1727 Spring Place Road SE and identified by tax map 066A group B parcel 006.00. Property owner, Stephan Shelburne, explained during the process to purchase the property they discovered the parcel zoning was not consistent with the long time RV repair and storage use of the property. Commissioner Hughes noted the Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning request.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no communication from the audience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Next meeting, voting session, March 16, noon, Courthouse
- *Building and Land Committee, March 11, 1:00p.m., Commission conference room
- * RAM Clinic, March 13, 8:00a.m., St. Therese Catholic Church
- * Coronavirus discussion, March 11, 2020, 3:30p.m., 911 Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems and 911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) for COVID-19 in the United States

This guidance applies to all first responders, including law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, and emergency management officials, who anticipate close contact with persons with confirmed or possible COVID-19 in the course of their work.

Background

Emergency medical services (EMS) play a vital role in responding to requests for assistance, triaging patients, and providing emergency medical treatment and transport for ill persons. However, unlike patient care in the controlled environment of a healthcare facility, care and transports by EMS present unique challenges because of the nature of the setting, enclosed space during transport, frequent need for rapid medical decision-making, interventions with limited information, and a varying range of patient acuity and jurisdictional healthcare resources.

When preparing for and responding to patients with confirmed or possible coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), close coordination and effective communications are important among 911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs)—commonly known as 911 call centers, the EMS system, healthcare facilities, and the public health system. Each PSAP and EMS system should seek the involvement of an EMS medical director to provide appropriate medical oversight. For the purposes of this guidance, “EMS clinician” means prehospital EMS and medical first responders. When COVID-19 is suspected in a patient needing emergency transport, prehospital care providers and healthcare facilities should be notified in advance that they may be caring for, transporting, or receiving a patient who may have COVID-19 infection.

Updated information about COVID-19 may be accessed at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. Infection prevention and control recommendations can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/infection-control.html>. Additional information for healthcare personnel can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/guidance-hcp.html>.

Case Definition for COVID-19

CDC’s most current case definition for a person under investigation (PUI) for COVID-19 may be accessed at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/clinical-criteria.html>.

Recommendations for 911 PSAPs

Municipalities and local EMS authorities should coordinate with state and local public health, PSAPs, and other emergency call centers to determine need for modified caller queries about COVID-19, outlined below.

Development of these modified caller queries should be closely coordinated with an EMS medical director and informed by local, state, and federal public health authorities, including the city or county health department(s), state health department(s), and CDC.

Modified Caller Queries

PSAPs or Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) centers (as appropriate) should question callers and determine the possibility that this call concerns a person who may have signs or symptoms and risk factors for COVID-19. The query process should never supersede the provision of pre-arrival instructions to the caller when immediate lifesaving interventions (e.g., CPR or

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2019-nCoV Triage and Assessment Guidance

Contact TDH at 615-741-7247 (24 hours/day)
and ask to speak to someone about coronavirus.

1. ASSESS EXPOSURE HISTORY:

In the 14 days prior to symptom onset, did the patient:

- Travel to Wuhan City or Hubei Province, China OR
- Have close contact* with:
 - A confirmed 2019-nCoV patient OR
 - A patient under investigation (PUI)

*Within 6 feet of a case/PUI for a prolonged period of time (>10 mins)
Ex: Riding in the car, sharing living quarters, sitting in close proximity
for >10 mins

2. PERFORM CLINICAL ASSESSMENT:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

3. NEXT STEPS:

If patient has relevant exposure history and clinically compatible symptoms, then

- Place a surgical mask on the patient
- Conduct care in a private room (ideally an airborne infection isolation room) with the door closed
- Use standard precautions, contact precautions, airborne precautions, and eye protection (e.g., goggles or a face shield)
- Contact TDH for next steps



TDH staff will consult with providers and CDC to determine if patients meet criteria for 2019-nCoV laboratory testing.

At this time, diagnostic testing for 2019-nCoV can be conducted only at CDC.

This is a rapidly evolving situation.

Up-to-date information can be found through the CDC's novel coronavirus website.

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html