



Bradley County Commission
Johnny Mull, Chairman
WORK SESSION MINUTES
April 11, 2022, at 12:00p.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, Cindy Slater, Howard Thompson, Bill Winters, and non-voting Ex Officio member D. Gary Davis

Members absent: None

Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Cindy Slater, Pastor B.J. Miller prayed the invocation.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis presented to the Commission a resolution authorizing the County Mayor to submit an application to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development for a community development block grant-child care grant in an amount up to nine hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$945,000.00) to provide physical improvements to child care providers in Bradley County. Commissioner Cindy Slater placed the resolution on the April 18, 2022, voting session agenda.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

1st District

Commissioner Dennis Epperson asked the Road Committee to discuss at their next meeting the roads and curbs in Camelot Subdivision and the pooling of water where Frontage Road meets Highway 308.

Commissioner Mike Hughes requested the Road Committee to discuss at their next meeting 239 Finnell Road and the one thousand block of Freewill Road.

Commissioner Hughes recognized Kenneth Roark who reported on the air monitoring at the landfill for the previous week.

Roark asked the Commission to consider moving the Communication from the Audience portion of the agenda to allow citizens to speak prior to voting matters.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford reported the Audit Committee met and voted to recommend amending the Bradley County Code of Ethics, Section 6 regarding applicable state laws. Alford placed the resolution on the April 18, 2022, voting session agenda.

Vice Chairman Thomas Crye reported no dumping signs have been installed on Hooper Gap Road, but have not achieved their desired effect.

Vice Chairman Crye asked the Road Committee to request an update on the issue at 5065 Sparrows Point Drive in Arrowhead Subdivision. Vice Chairman Crye reported the water rises to approximately eight (8) inches in the roadway creating a safety issue.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake reported House Bill 2909 is scheduled to be considered on the House Floor on April 14, 2022. Commissioner Blake confirmed the Senate version of the bill is in process as well.

Commissioner Blake placed on the April 18, 2022, voting session a letter of support of The Caring Place request for Economic Development Initiative Community Project Congressional Appropriations for fiscal year 2023 to construct a new facility to serve the community.

4th District

Commissioner Charlotte Peak requested the Road Committee consider at their next meeting the width of McClanahan Road. Peak explained the road is narrow, measuring seven feet across, and has caused traffic issues.

Commissioner Howard Thompson had no report.

5th District

Commissioner Bobby Goins had no report.

Commissioner Cindy Slater recognized Telecommunications Personnel/Public Safety Week and thanked the employees of the 911 Center for their dedication and service to the community.

Commissioner Slater reported seven hundred ninety-five (795) tires were removed from the County over the weekend bringing the total to five thousand one hundred ninety-three (5,193).

6th District

Commissioner Tim Mason reminded everyone the Tennessee Department of Transportation sixty-five thousand dollar (\$65,000.00) litter grant is not paid by tax dollars. Commissioner Mason welcomed any litter concerns within the County.

Commissioner Erica Davis announced the Bradley North Maggie Simms Concession Stand was dedicated over the weekend, and thanked Parks and Recreation for their assistance with the ceremony.

Commissioner Davis asked the Road Committee to assess a culvert located at 2420 Spring Place Road.

7th District

Commissioner Kevin Raper encouraged families with loved ones interred at Fort Hill Cemetery to contact the 10th Judicial District Attorney Office to report any issues at the cemetery.

Commissioner Bill Winters commended the Parks and Recreation Department for the work they do in the community.

AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Blake opened dialog regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) funds allocated for sewer, and asked what portion of the three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000.00) should be earmarked for existing sewer issues. Vice Chairman Crye opined the existing issues should be priority. Commissioner Epperson urged the Commission to proceed with caution considering ARP regulations and potential additional funding from the State of Tennessee. Commissioner Hughes suggested tasking the Drinking and Waste Water Ad Hoc Committee with this question. Commissioner Thompson opined Ocoee Utility District could direct the County on how best to allocate the funds.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Kelly Popple asked the Commission to address the sewer funds for the benefit of citizens with currently failing septic systems. Popple also suggested any matching required to include a provision for low-income families. Mayor Davis noted the ARP funds allocated for sewer will not be available until September 2022.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Next meeting – Voting Session, April 18, at noon, Courthouse
- *Remember Me ribbon cutting – April 12, 3:00p.m., 120 King Den Drive
- *The Forum County Mayor & School candidates, April 12, 4:00p.m., Chamber of Commerce
- *County Offices closed April 15, in observance of Good Friday

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.