



Bradley County Commission
Johnny Mull, Chairman
WORK SESSION MINUTES
April 26, 2021, at 7:00p.m.
Bradley County Courthouse

Members present: Louie Alford, Milan Blake, Erica Davis, Dennis Epperson, Mike Hughes, Tim Mason, Chairman Johnny Mull, Charlotte Peak, Cindy Slater, Howard Thompson, Bill Winters, and non-voting Ex Officio member D. Gary Davis

Members absent: Vice Chairman Thomas Crye, Bobby Goins, Kevin Raper

Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Cindy Slater, Waterville Baptist Church Pastor Coby Goins prayed the invocation.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis recalled the April 26, 2011, tornado outbreak that took the lives of nine (9) Bradley County residents. Mayor Davis said, "It was a long, big day in Bradley County and we always need to remember."

Mayor Davis reported the active Covid-19 cases, three hundred ninety-five (395), are the highest since March 26, 2021, and hospitalizations are the highest since February 5, 2021. Mayor Davis reported over thirty percent (30%) of Bradley County have been vaccinated with forty-four thousand five hundred (44,500) receiving at least their first vaccination dose.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

1st District

Commissioners Dennis Epperson and Mike Hughes had no report.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford had no report.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake reported finance held budget hearings and encouraged all Commissioners to review the notes of the meeting.

Blake placed on the May 3, 2021, voting session agenda a motion to submit a letter to the Bradley County legislative delegation encouraging the inclusion of state funds in the upcoming budget for counties.

4th District

Commissioners Charlotte Peak announced the Building and Land Committee will meet immediately following the March 10, 2021, noon work session in the Commission room.

Commissioner Howard Thompson had no report.

5th District

Commissioner Cindy Slater thanked Pastor Coby Goins for praying the invocation, and congratulated Dr. Linda Cash for being nominated for Tennessee Superintendent of the Year representing the Southeast Region.

6th District

Commissioner Tim Mason thanked Rod Davis, City of Cleveland, EMA, Probations, and the Bradley County Road Department for assistance with removing a large downed tree at Fort Hill Cemetery.

Commissioner Mason welcomed his father-in-law, Jackie Carroll, and Tennessee Tech student and athlete Clark Lockerby to the meeting.

Commissioner Mason thanked the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) for assistance with a tire issue in the county.

Commissioner Erica Davis had no report.

7th District

Commissioner Bill Winters thanked Pastor Goins for the prayer, and welcomed Tommy Ledford, Clark Lockerby, and Chamber of Commerce representatives to the meeting.

Commissioner Winters expressed concern with discouraged workers in the community and the effect on businesses.

Commissioner Winters thanked TDOT representative Frank Creashman for assistance with tending to a property owned by TDOT.

Commissioner Winters applauded the transfer of power at Lee University from outgoing President Paul Conn to new President Mark Walker.

Chairman Mull reported Vice Chairman Thomas Crye and Commissioner Kevin Raper are both home and recovering from their recent medical issues.

Chairman Mull requested a moment of silence to remember the family of Sharon Taylor.

AGENDA ITEMS

There were no agenda items.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mike Griffin, Chamber of Commerce CEO, opined the federal government decision to pay people to not work is detrimental to our businesses.

Pastor Goins invited Commissioners to National Day of Prayer at First Baptist Church on May 6, at 11:00a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Next meeting – Voting Session, May 3, 7:00p.m., Bradley County Courthouse

*Finance Committee, May 3, 11:30a.m., Bradley County Courthouse

*National Day of Prayer, May 6, 11:00a.m., First Baptist Church

*Building & Land Committee, May 10, following work session, Bradley County Courthouse

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

