



Bradley County Commission
Johnny Mull, Chairman
WORK SESSION MINUTES
May 23, 2022, at 7:00p.m.
Bradley County Courthouse

Members present: Louie Alford, Milan Blake, Vice Chairman Thomas Crye, Erica Davis, Dennis Epperson, Bobby Goins, Mike Hughes, Chairman Johnny Mull, Kevin Raper, Cindy Slater, Howard Thompson, Bill Winters, and non-voting Ex Officio member D. Gary Davis

Members absent: Tim Mason, Charlotte Peak

Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Bobby Goins, Westwood Baptist Church Associate Pastor Nolan Phillips prayed the invocation.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis presented to the Commission a resolution authorizing Bradley County Mayor to enter into a three (3) year lease agreement with the State of Tennessee Department of Human Services for 20,711 square feet of rental space located at 3069 Overlook Drive for a rate of eight thousand one hundred eighty-two dollars and eighty-three cents (\$8,182.83) per year. Commissioner Milan Blake placed the resolution on the June 6, 2022, voting session agenda.

Mayor Davis reported a water line located along Broad Street broke over the weekend leaving the annex building without water until Cleveland Utilities resolved the issue earlier in the day.

Mayor Davis announced receiving preliminary award notice of the five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) childcare grant for Corner Daycare in McDonald.

Mayor Davis explained the purpose of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) non-competitive grant is to upgrade utilities. Southeast Tennessee Development District representative Chuck Hammond confirmed the funds are to be used by utility companies to address score card items. Commissioner Mike Hughes placed on the June 6, 2022, voting session agenda a resolution authorizing the Bradley County Mayor to enter into an agreement with Southeast Tennessee Development District to prepare, submit, and administrate the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation non-competitive grant.

Adam Lewis explained septic system repair funds are available through Southeast Tennessee Resource Conservation and Development Council. Lewis noted the funds, expected to be available this summer, are earmarked for those homes located within the impaired watersheds designated by the Environmental Protection Agency.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

1st District

Commissioners Dennis Epperson and Mike Hughes had no report.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford and Vice Chairman Thomas Crye had no report.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake requested for the Commission copies of the American Rescue Plan Act quarterly reports.

Commissioner Blake announced Finance Committee will meet at 9:30a.m. on May 26, 2022, in the Commission room.

Commissioner Blake congratulated the Lee University baseball team on winning their conference and the Bradley Central High School baseball team for claiming the regional championship.

4th District

Commissioner Howard Thompson thanked Bradley County, first responders, and the community for their prayers and help with the recent Flea Market fire.

5th District

Commissioners Bobby Goins and Cindy Slater had no report.

6th District

Commissioner Erica Davis had no report.

7th District

Commissioner Kevin Raper reported working with Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) officials to fill with gravel large holes located at the entrance of Crown Colony subdivision on Georgetown Road.

Commissioner Raper reported a grave site with approximately thirteen (13) graves was recently discovered adjacent to the TDOT right-of-way along Georgetown Road. Commissioner Raper committed to work with TDOT officials to preserve the graves.

Commissioner Bill Winters congratulated all students of Bradley County on a successful school year.

AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Chairman Thomas Crye placed on the June 6, 2022, voting session agenda a motion to appoint an ad hoc committee to study population trends and to recommend any action needed for our schools to accommodate these changes. Vice Chairman Crye suggested the ad hoc include the County Planner, a Bradley County Schools representative, and members of the Education Committee. Hughes suggested including a Cleveland City Schools board member.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Josh Rogers congratulated the Lee University golf team on winning the national championship.

Kelly Popple voiced support to include a City Schools representative on the ad hoc committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Next meeting – voting session, June 6, 7:00p.m., Commission room

*Finance Committee, May 26, 9:30a.m., Commission room

*County Offices closed May 30, in observance of Memorial Day

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.