



Bradley County Commission
Johnny Mull, Chairman
WORK SESSION MINUTES
June 22, 2020, at 7:00p.m.
Bradley County Courthouse

Members present: Louie Alford, Milan Blake, Vice Chairman Thomas Crye, Erica Davis, Dennis Epperson, Mike Hughes, Tim Mason, Chairman Johnny Mull, Charlotte Peak, Kevin Raper, Cindy Slater, Howard Thompson, Bill Winters

Members absent: Bobby Goins

Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Tim Mason, Director of Youth Counseling Services Dr. John Vining prayed the invocation.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis presented to the Commission four resolutions. Commissioner Milan Blake placed the following resolutions on the July 6, 2020, voting session agenda: resolution fixing the tax levy Bradley County, Tennessee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020; resolution fixing the tax levy of the County Fire District Bradley County, Tennessee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020; resolution making appropriations for the various funds, departments, institutions, offices and agencies of Bradley County, Tennessee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021; and resolution making appropriations to non-profit charitable organizations of Bradley County, Tennessee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

1st District

Commissioner Dennis Epperson announced the Ad Hoc Committee Drinking Water and Waste Water Treatment Services will meet at 10:00a.m. on July 13, 2020, in the Commission room.

Commissioner Epperson invited all Commissioners to attend and meet with the companies that responded to the request for qualifications for the master water and sewer plan.

Commissioner Mike Hughes reported receiving calls concerning the Bradley County Landfill. Hughes reported speaking with Santek representatives to respond to the concerns.

2nd District

Vice Chairman Thomas Crye had no report.

Commissioner Louie Alford thanked the Cleveland Police Department for their handling of the protests at the monument.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake expressed his support of peaceful protests.

4TH District

Commissioner Charlotte Peak announced the Building and Land Committee will meet at 11:00a.m. on July 13, 2020, in the Commission room.

Commissioner Peak placed on the July 13 2020, voting session agenda a recommendation by the Solid Waste/Landfill Committee to ask Santek to cease and desist all sludge being brought in until the cause of the distinct smell is determined.

Commissioner Peak reported attending the protect the monument protest along with fellow Commissioners Bobby Goins and Howard Thompson. Commissioner Peak cited a recent facebook poll suggesting 95% of respondents agree with preserving the monument.

Commissioner Peak expressed sorrow at the recent passing of friend and neighbor Robert Gilliland.

Commissioner Thompson announced the Highway 64 Flea Market will host a 4th of July fireworks celebration.

5th District

Commissioner Cindy Slater reported working with Mark Dillard on fifth district environmental issues.

6th District

Commissioner Tim Mason thanked Missy Harrison for her work on the litter grant.

Commissioner Mason read a statement of support for the peaceful protests and the preservation of the monument.

Commissioner Erica Davis had no report.

7th District

Commissioner Kevin Raper announced the local economy is gaining momentum following the shutdown during the pandemic.

Commissioner Bill Winters thanked the Cleveland Police Department for their work at the monument protests.

AGENDA ITEMS

There were no agenda items.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Bill Huskins requested the Commissioner consider reducing the volume at the landfill and specifically the sludge waste.

Hunter Shamblin urged the Commission to protect our rich history and to keep the monument in its current location.

Janice Pass urged Commissioners to visit the EPA government website and review Rule 503. Pass suggested Santek should have on file records of tested sludge received at the landfill for the last five years.

Todd Beals posed the following questions to the Commission regarding the municipally owned landfill:

1. What is the amount of money Santek collects for waste monthly?
2. What are the tipping fees charges with respect to the users?
3. Do you think Santek should be charging Bradley County residents more to use the landfill than it does other parties?
4. Do you know by ton the source of waste brought to the landfill each month?
5. Why has the Commission not set a uniform tipping fee as required by law?
6. Why is our landfill being permanently filled with waste from places other than Bradley County?

Elmer Earls reported Santek only began covering three weeks ago. Earls suggested something is not right with the system as Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation seems to cover for Santek.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Next meeting of the Commission is a voting session on July 3, at 7:00p.m. in the Commission room.

*Law Enforcement Committee, June 24, 11:30a.m., Commission room

*Finance Committee, June 24, 2:30p.m., Road Department garage

*Friday Festival, June 26, 6:00p.m.-8:30p.m, downtown square

*Main Street Cruise In, June 27, 1:00p.m.-6:00p.m., downtown square

*Ad Hoc Drinking Water and Waste Water Treatment Services, July 13, 10:00a.m., Commission room

*Building and Land Committee, July 13, 11:00a.m., Commission room

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.