



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

Members present: Louie Alford, Milan Blake, Vice Chairman Thomas Crye, Dennis Epperson, Mike Hughes, Tim Mason, Chairman Johnny Mull, Kevin Raper, Cindy Slater, and non-voting Ex Officio member D. Gary Davis

Members absent: Erica Davis, Bobby Goins, Charlotte Peak, Howard Thompson, Bill Winters

Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Cindy Slater, Kinser Road Church of God Pastor Guinn Green prayed the invocation.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis reported the number of active Covid-19 cases in Bradley County has risen the last two weeks to one hundred thirty-five (135) and noted one death. Mayor Davis announced sixty-five thousand eight hundred ninety-nine (65,899) Covid-19 vaccines have been administered in Bradley County.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

1st District

Commissioner Dennis Epperson invited Commissioners and the public to meet with the engineers undertaking the master utility study on August 9, at 5:00p.m. in the Commission room of the Courthouse.

Commissioner Mike Hughes reported numerous calls during the last week regarding the odor at the Bradley County Landfill.

2nd District

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

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake requested Finance Director Rena Samples forward to the Finance Committee the budget amendments to be considered at the August 2, 2021, meeting.

5th District

Commissioner Cindy Slater had no report.

6th District

Commissioner Tim Mason thanked the Road Department for assistance with a fourth district issue.

7th District

Commissioner Kevin Raper had no report.

AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Blake introduced Connie Gatlin, representative of the Art Is Here Partnership. Gatlin introduced Dr. Christine Williams to share the executive summary of the Community Arts Plan, a community study concerning the status of the arts in Cleveland and Bradley County. Dr. Williams explained five key themes emerged from the study: arts community is disjointed and not connected; significant need for a performance venue; limited programming; arts events are not accessible; and downtown development needs thriving cultural and arts events. Gatlin asked the Commission to appoint a representative to the Mainstreet-Cleveland Arts Task Force to give impact and voice; to adopt the Community Arts Plan for the County; and to provide a storage or studio space to be available for use by local artists.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ken Cole, 160 Starlet Circle, who purchased nine lots in 2014 along Wayfarer Drive, explained Wayfarer Drive was intended to extend from Dixie Court to Dalton Pike. Cole said he met with the Road Committee on February 4, 2014, and agreed to cut three lots, revise the plats, and install water to the property in exchange for the Road Department to extend and pave the road. Cole reported the Road Department graveled the road, but has not yet paved the road. Chairman Mull suggested the Road Committee meet with Mr. Cole to discuss the matter.

John Holton, 1857 Wayfarer Drive, said he never would have purchased his home had he known Wayfarer Drive would not be paved.

Gary Alain, 1847 Wayfarer Drive, requested the county pave Wayfarer Drive.

Jessica Hedgecock, 153 Virgil Rymer Road, advocated to protect children against the Covid-19 experimental gene therapy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Next meeting – voting session, August 2, 7:00p.m., Courthouse

*Finance Committee – August 2, 11:30a.m., Courthouse

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

