



Bradley County Commission
Johnny Mull, Chairman
WORK SESSION MINUTES
August 8, 2022, at noon
Bradley County Courthouse

Members present: Louie Alford, Vice Chairman Thomas Crye, Erica Davis, Dennis Epperson, Bobby Goins, 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: Milan Blake, Kevin Raper

Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Mike Hughes, First Presbyterian Church Pastor Kyle Schmidt prayed the invocation.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis provided Commissioners with a letter from the Comptroller acknowledging receipt of a certified copy of the Bradley County fiscal year 2022-2023 budget. LETTER RECORDED AS ATTACHMENT.

Mayor Davis presented to the Commission for consideration a resolution authorizing Bradley County Mayor to negotiate and enter into an agreement with W.J. O'Neil Company to provide water heater installation services for the Bradley County Sheriff's Office for an amount of fifty-four thousand seven hundred eighty-one dollars (\$54,781.00). Commissioner Dennis Epperson placed the resolution on the August 15, 2022, voting session agenda.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

7th District

Commissioner Bill Winters had no report.

6th District

Commissioner Erica Davis announced the Broadband Initiative Ad Hoc Committee will meet at noon on August 22, 2022, in the Commission room.

Commissioner Tim Mason invited Commissioners to a McDonald Ruritan community meeting on August 20, 2022, from 4:00p.m. until 7:00p.m.

Commissioner Mason reported the Sheriff's Litter grant removed ten thousand one hundred twenty (10,120) pounds of litter in July from one hundred ninety-one (191) miles of county roads, fifty (50) miles of city roads, and seventy-five (75) miles of state roads and noted six hundred seventy-five (675) pounds of material were recycled.

5th District

Commissioner Cindy Slater invited Commissioners to the City Fields Open House from 2:00p.m. until 4:00p.m. on August 14, 2022.

Commissioner Slater invited Commissioners to a reception honoring outgoing Law Enforcement Committee Chair Erica Davis on August 16, 2022, at 10:30a.m. at the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Slater announced the Population Trends Ad Hoc Committee will meet at 10:30a.m. on August 24, 2022, in the Commission room.

Commissioner Bobby Goins had no report.

4th District

Commissioner Howard Thompson had no report.

Commissioner Charlotte Peak placed on the August 15, 2022, voting session agenda a resolution to adopt the 2018 International Building Codes (IBC) by reference.

2nd District

Vice Chairman Thomas Crye congratulated Mayor Davis on the birth of his grandson.

Commissioner Louie Alford had no report.

1st District

Commissioner Mike Hughes reported complaints regarding a recent increase in Cleveland Utilities water rates.

Commissioner Hughes placed on the August 15, 2022, voting session agenda a recommendation from the Emergency Services Committee to notify hospitals, by letter including a report of July sample billing, of the County's intent to begin billing hospitals three hundred dollars (\$300.00) on or around August 15, 2022, for time over thirty (30) minutes spent by our ambulances on hospital campus and three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each subsequent hour spent on campus. Commissioner Peak requested a legal opinion on the billing of hospitals, and suggested a meeting with all hospitals to discuss the proposed policy. Mayor Davis questioned the authority to bill the hospitals. Vice Chairman Crye referenced a federal law declaring the patient the responsibility of the hospital upon arrival. Commissioner Slater requested a report detailing the number of ambulances not in service per shift due to inadequate staffing.

Commissioner Hughes placed on the August 15, 2022, voting session agenda a motion to accept the Emergency Services Committee recommendation to submit a letter to Congressman Chuck Fleischmann and Senator Bill Haggerty requesting assistance with supply chain issues.

Commissioner Hughes placed on the August 15, 2022, voting session agenda a motion to accept the Emergency Services Committee recommendation to now allow uniform shorts for emergency responders.

Commissioner Hughes recognized First District resident Janice Pass who reported strong landfill odors during the month of June and opined the landfill cashless policy is discriminatory.

Commissioner Dennis Epperson thanked Commissioners, Mayor, Director of Schools, and the Board of Education for the Hopewell Elementary driveway.

Commissioner Epperson thanked the Commission and the Mayor for razing the old McDonald School building.

AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Peak recognized Republic General Manager Mike Classen. Classen explained Republic is charged with operating the landfill to maximize return and to be environmentally safe. Classen proposed establishing a non-hazardous liquid solidification program at the landfill with the following supplements: increased transparency including monthly reports, semiannual meetings at the landfill with citizens, and an annual luncheon with County Commissioners at the landfill; community impact including a partnership with Keep America Beautiful to fund, expand and maintain the Ocoee Regional Nature Center, and a new policy to accept cash; and environmental accountability including meetings with interested parties to discuss liquid solidification and training on the monitoring system to better assess issues emanating from the landfill. Commissioner Peak placed on the August 15, 2022, voting session agenda a resolution approving Santek Waste Services, LLC to add solid waste processing by solidification at Bradley County Landfill pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Title 69, Chapter 211, Part 7.

Commissioner Davis placed on the August 15, 2022, voting session agenda a motion to accept to accept the Nikon total station from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Hughes placed on the August 15, 2022, voting session agenda a resolution to rezone from Forestry/Agricultural/Residential district to C-2 General Commercial District property located at 5943 & 5945 Georgetown Road and identified by tax map 026 parcel 002.02.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Elmer Earls urged the Commission to not allow liquid solidification at the landfill and opined the odors emanating from the landfill will hinder the development of Exit 20.

Al Kessley cautioned the Commission on landfill decisions that will impact the health and environment around the landfill.

Janice Pass urged the Commission to require better coverage at the landfill and declared the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation has failed the citizens in the area for three (3) years.

Edgar Swafford questioned the tires remaining in bins at Exit 20. Commissioner Slater stated the tire abatement activities ceased during the warmer months, but will resume in late September or early October. Commissioner Slater requested an estimated pick up date of the tires from Republic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Next meeting – Voting Session, August 15, at noon, Commission room

*City Fields Open House, August 14, 2:00p.m.-4:00p.m., 1253 Wilson Avenue SE

*Finance Committee, August 15, immediately following the Commission meeting, Commission room

*Reception honoring outgoing Law Enforcement Committee Chairperson Erica Davis, August 16, 10:30a.m., Sheriff's Office Community Room

- *McDonald Ruritan community meeting, August 20, 4:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
- *Broadband Initiative Ad Hoc, August 22, noon, Commission room
- *Population Trends Ad Hoc, August 24, 10:30a.m., Commission room

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:50p.m.



Jason E. Mumpower
Comptroller

August 5, 2022

Honorable Gary Davis, Mayor
and Honorable Board of Commissioners
Bradley County
P.O. Box 1167,
Cleveland, TN 37364

Dear Mayor Davis and Board of Commissioners:

This letter acknowledges receipt of a certified copy of the fiscal year 2023 budget.

We have reviewed the budget and have determined that projected revenues and other available funds are sufficient to meet anticipated expenditures. Our review of the budget is based solely on the information we have received. With regard to programs included in the budget such as education, roads, and corrections, we have not attempted to determine that the local government has complied with specific program statutes or guidelines, or with any financing requirements prescribed by any state or federal agency. Please note local officials are required to ensure the budget remains balanced throughout the fiscal year and that all maintenance of effort requirements are met – our office has not reviewed or approved any maintenance of effort programs in this budget. Budget amendments must be sent to our office for formal acknowledgement after they are approved by the local governing body (submit to: LGF@cot.tn.gov).

This letter constitutes approval, by this office, for the County's fiscal year 2023 budget as adopted by the County Commission.

The County budgeted the use of a portion of its American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds for various capital projects. This budget approval is not an approval to use the ARP funds for these projects and the County, with the assistance of its attorney, should determine that the purchase complies with Federal regulations concerning the use of ARP funds. ARP funds spent contrary to Federal regulations must be returned.

ARP funds are non-recurring and should only be used for one-time expenses. When purchasing capital items, ongoing maintenance and operating expenses should be analyzed to show future demand on recurring revenues.

For all future submissions, please be sure to include revenue forecasts for property taxes. An instructional video and an estimator tool for estimating budgetary revenues are available on our website at tncot.cc/budget. In addition, please be sure to include a Budget Summary Schedule. Further information on the budget summary schedule may be found on our website at www.tncot.cc/budget.

If you should have questions or need assistance, please refer to our online resources on our website or feel free to contact your financial analyst, William Wood, at 615-401-7893 or william.wood@cot.tn.gov.

Very truly yours,



Betsy Knotts
Director of the Division of Local Government Finance

cc:

Mr. Bryan Burklin, Assistant Director, Local Government Audit, COT
Ms. Rena Samples, Finance Director, Bradley County

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