



*Bradley County Commission*  
**Johnny Mull, Chairperson**  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
September 13, 2021, at noon  
Bradley County Courthouse

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

Members absent: Mike Hughes, Charlotte Peak

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Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Howard Thompson, retired Living Word Pastor Larry Cockerham prayed the invocation.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis presented to the Commission for consideration a resolution appointing a judicial commissioner. Commissioner Cindy Slater placed the resolution on the September 20, 2021, voting session agenda.

Mayor Davis presented to the Commission a resolution authorizing Bradley County Mayor to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Wrightcore to provide commission room streaming video upgrades and installation services for an amount of nineteen thousand eight hundred sixty-six dollars (\$19,866.00). Commissioner Slater placed the resolution on the September 20, 2021, voting session agenda.

Mayor Davis reported Covid-19 related hospitalizations are holding steady, and reported eight (8) Covid-19 related deaths in the last week. Mayor Davis reported Covid-19 vaccinations in Bradley County are averaging two thousand (2,000) per week. Mayor Davis announced the National Guard is on-site at Tennova Hospital to assist with the administration of monoclonal antibodies.

Mayor Davis encouraged Commissioners to contact state legislators to urge them to fight the federal vaccine mandate.

Mayor Davis reported two convalescent vans have been ordered for EMS with an expected delivery date of late October. Mayor Davis noted the current budget will pay for both vans. Mayor Davis reported the International big box ambulance ordered with previous year budget dollars will be delivered in October, and the International ambulance ordered with current budget dollars will be delivered the first of the year.

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

### 7<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioner Bill Winters had no report.

Commissioner Kevin Raper reported an approximately fifty-four million dollars (\$54,000,000.00) contract has been awarded to Summers Taylor for the Highway 60 project. Raper noted the start date of the project is to be announced.

### 6<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioner Erica Davis announced the SPCA Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at noon in the Louie Alford conference room.

Commissioner Tim Mason had no report.

### 5<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioners Slater and Bobby Goins had no report.

### 4<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioner Thompson had no report.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> District

Commissioner Milan Blake reported the Finance Committee voted to recommend passing a Bradley County Schools budget amendment that exceeded the maximum allowed on the consent agenda, which he placed on the September 20, 2021, voting session agenda, moving one million two hundred two thousand dollars three hundred fifty-two dollars and eighty-one cents (\$1,202,352.81) Voluntary Pre-K/Early Childhood Education funds per the ePlan.

Commissioner Blake reported the Finance Committee voted to recommend passing a Bradley County Schools budget amendment that exceeded the maximum allowed on the consent agenda, which he placed on the September 20, 2021, voting session agenda, moving thirteen million eighty-seven thousand six hundred ninety-eight dollars and fifty-five cents (\$13,087,698.55) reserve ESSER funds and undesignated fund balance to correct accounts.

Commissioner Blake reported the Finance Committee voted to recommend passing a Bradley County Clerk budget amendment that exceeded the maximum allowed on the consent agenda, which he placed on the September 20, 2021, voting session agenda, moving two hundred twenty thousand nine hundred thirty-five dollars and six cents (\$220,935.06) from their reserve fund to their expenditure lines.

Commissioner Blake placed on the September 20, 2021, voting session agenda a motion to approve the purchase of another convalescent van for EMS to be paid for by current budget dollars.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Commissioner Louie Alford reported illegal dumping along Airport Road in the past week. Commissioner Mason confirmed clearing the debris on Friday. Commissioner Alford noted it is a city road and stated his desire for increased patrol.

Commissioner Alford requested an HCI Workshop update. Bradley County HCI administrator Lorri Moultrie reported approximately ten (10) organizations were represented at the September

9, 2021, workshop, and encouraged all interested 501(c)3 organizations and governmental agencies to consider submitting a project for consideration prior to the September 30, 2021, deadline.

Vice Chairman Thomas Crye had no report.

1<sup>st</sup> District

Commissioner Dennis Epperson reported the first district is anticipating the completion of the Highway 60 project.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

There were no agenda items.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no communication from the audience.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*Voting Session, September 20, noon, Courthouse

\*TCCA regional meeting, September 13, 5:30p.m., Elks Lodge

\*Commission meeting, September 20, 9:00a.m., Courthouse

\*SPCA Board, September 15, noon, Commission Conference room

\*Avail grand opening, September 16, 4:00p.m.-6:00p.m., Avail Senior Living Facility

\*Bradley Central High School turf dedication, September 17, 6:30p.m., Bear Stadium

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.