



Bradley County Commission
Thomas Crye, Chairperson
WORK SESSION MINUTES
June 12, 2023, at noon
Bradley County Courthouse

Members present: Louie Alford, Daniel Beaty, Milan Blake, Denny Collins, Chairperson Thomas Crye, Scott Gilbert, Bobby Goins, Mike Hughes, Tommy Ledford, Tim Mason, Josh Rogers, Cindy Slater, Howard Thompson, Vice Chairperson Bill Winters, and non-voting ex officio member D. Gary Davis

Members absent: None

Chairperson Thomas Crye called the meeting to order. Following the invocation prayed by Tennova Chaplain Stephen Ferreira, Vice Chairperson Bill Winters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis introduced Mayor for the Day Parker Sneed and her mother, Candace Natola.

Mayor Davis presented to the commission for consideration an amended resolution authorizing Bradley County Mayor to negotiate and enter into a software subscription agreement with Pronto Consulting, LLC for Pronto online software for use by the Misdemeanor Probation Department for an initial one (1) year cost of nine thousand nine hundred dollars (\$9,900.00) plus a one (1) time installation fee of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and including additional optional one (1) year renewal periods. Commissioner Cindy Slater placed the resolution on the June 20, 2023, voting session agenda.

Mayor Davis announced the cannery is open Monday through Friday 8:00a.m. until 2:00p.m.

Mayor Davis provided copies of the Finance Committee fiscal year 2023-2024 budget proposal and reminded commissioners the budget hearings will be on the June 20, 2023, voting session agenda.

Mayor Davis reported the septic program has already spent much of the extra funds recently allocated by the commission. Mayor Davis estimated there remains forty-eight thousand dollars (\$48,000.00) for the septic program.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

1st District

Commissioners Daniel Beaty and Mike Hughes had no report.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford reported the vehicle racing activities have resumed in the second district near the airport.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake announced Volunteer Energy Cooperative distributed approximately three hundred (300) flyers announcing high speed internet service in a footprint east of Dry Valley and Michigan Avenue Roads. Commissioner Blake explained this new access is a result of a collaboration between the State of Tennessee, Bradley County, Volunteer Energy Cooperative, and Twin Lakes.

Commissioner Blake reported the Finance Committee met earlier and recommended approving the fiscal year 2022-2023 final budget amendments and placed the recommendation on the June 20, 2023, voting session agenda.

Commissioner Blake opined the July 3, 2023, voting session should be moved to noon in advance of the Independence Day holiday. Commissioner Slater placed on the June 20, 2023, voting session agenda a motion to move the July 3, 2023, voting session from 7:00p.m. to 12:00p.m.

Commissioner Denny Collins thanked the Sheriff's Office for a successful security training exercise with the school system at the PIE Center.

4th District

Commissioner Scott Gilbert reported road striping near Oak Grove School started immediately following a photograph with young Amos Blazer who catalyzed the project.

Commissioner Howard Thompson had no report.

5th District

Commissioner Bobby Goins had no report.

Commissioner Slater congratulated Bradley County Schools for achieving top twenty percent (20%) on third grade TCAP ELA scores, and noted ninth-three percent (93%) of Bradley County third grade students met state guidelines for advancement based on proficiency levels, exemptions, and appeal criteria.

6th District

Commissioner Tim Mason thanked the County Commission and Mayor Davis for providing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to stripe the roads of Bradley County.

Commissioner Ledford thanked the Mayor for presenting a balanced budget proposal.

7th District

Vice Chairperson Winters reported Highway 60 work continues.

Vice Chairperson Winters remembered the life and contributions of Cleveland State legend Jim Cigliano.

Vice Chairperson Winters expressed condolences to the family of former Commissioner Dennis Epperson for the loss of his father.

Commissioner Josh Rogers lauded the work on Highway 60 and opined the endresult will be a great thing for the 7th District and the entire community.

AGENDA ITEMS

Family Promise Executive Director Eva Van Hook reported the program accepted forty-eight thousand three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$48,375.00) ARPA funds to assist families actively struggling with homelessness. Van Hook reported forty-four (44) families were served in the homeless were served in the homeless prevention program keeping ninety-six (96) children in their homes, and noted eighty percent (80%) of those families maintained their housing after six (6) months. Van Hook reported five (5) families were served by providing shelter in a hotel and grocery gift cards, and noted three (3) of these families graduated from the program.

Bradley Cleveland Community Services Agency Director Demetrius Ramsey reported the original plan to expand the emergency shelter did not meet the City of Cleveland codes citing electrical and sprinkling issues. Ramsey reported collaborating with the Southeast Tennessee Development District to identify an architect and engineer to move forward with the project to obtain a proposal from Studio 323 and architect Jessica Aubert. Ramsey estimated it will take six (6) months to complete the project. Ramsey confirmed the shelter currently services thirty (30) to thirty-five (35) residents each week, and noted staffing issues have limited the hours to provide transportation to the shelter. Commissioner Blake stressed the deadline for the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Ocoee Outreach Director Callie Limburg explained their program relies completely on volunteers to provide home repairs to those in need. To date, Limburg confirmed spending two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) of their twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) ARPA allocation. Limburg reported completing one (1) roof removal and replacement, two (2) when chair ramps, and two (2) siding/painting/window projects. Limburg confirmed the following projects are on schedule: two (2) roof replacements, two (2) paint/exterior repair projects, and two (2) wheel chair ramps. Limburg reported the ARPA allocation allowed them to consider incorporating other area resources to expand services to year round. Chairperson Crye stressed the importance of spending the funds expeditiously.

Commissioner Hughes placed on the June 20, 2023, voting session agenda a resolution to rezone from I-1 General Industrial district to R-1 Rural Residential district property known as lots 6, 7, and 8, of the Josephine M. Gilbert Estate and located at the corner of Old Chattanooga Pike SW and Lead Mine Valley Road SW adjoining the railroad on the west side and adjoining a parcel known as lot 5 map and parcel 057.04 to the south. Commissioner Hughes confirmed the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the rezoning.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no communication from the audience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Next meeting – Tuesday, June 20, at noon, Courthouse
- *Junior Master Gardner Graduation, June 12, at 6:00p.m., Juvenile Center
- *Friday Festival, June 16, 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m., First Street Square
- *County Offices closed June 19, for the Juneteenth holiday
- *Mainstreet-Cleveland meeting, June 20, 4p.m.-5:30p.m., Craigmiles Hall

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.