



Bradley County Commission
Thomas Crye, Chairperson
WORK SESSION MINUTES
June 26, 2023, at 7:00p.m.
Bradley County Schools

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

Members absent: Bobby Goins, Josh Rogers

Chairperson Thomas Crye called the meeting to order. Following the invocation prayed by Awakening America Ministries Executive Director Kay Horner, Commissioner Daniel Beaty prayed the invocation.

REPORT FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis reported the septic program phase 1 has completed fifty-three (53) of the eighty-nine (89) contracts and phase 2 has completed two (2) of the eighteen (18) contracts.

Mayor Davis provided commissioners with the latest budget proposal book including the Finance Committee recommendation.

Mayor Davis presented to the commission a resolution making appropriations for the various funds, departments, institutions, offices and agencies of Bradley County, Tennessee, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024. Commissioner Milan Blake placed the resolution on the July 3, 2023, voting session agenda.

Mayor Davis presented to the commission a resolution fixing the tax levy Bradley County, Tennessee, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023. Commissioner Milan Blake placed the resolution on the July 3, 2023, voting session agenda.

Mayor Davis presented to the commission a resolution fixing the tax levy of the county fire district Bradley County, Tennessee, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023. Commissioner Milan Blake placed the resolution on the July 3, 2023, voting session agenda.

Mayor Davis presented to the commission a resolution making appropriations to non-profit charitable organizations of Bradley County, Tennessee, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024. Commissioner Milan Blake placed the resolution on the July 3, 2023, voting session agenda.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

7th District

Vice Chairperson Bill Winters thanked the work of many, including former Commissioner and State Representative Mark Hall, to open the Veterans' Home in Bradley County.

6th District

Commissioner Ledford thanked everyone involved for their efforts to bring the Tennessee State Veterans' Home to Bradley County.

Commissioner Mason placed on the July 3, 2023, voting session agenda a motion to accept Hardwick Way as recommended by the Road Committee and Road Superintendent.

Commissioner Mason reported the Tennessee Department of Transportation litter grant provided for the cleaning of three hundred forty-three (343) miles of county roads, one hundred thirty-five (135) state route miles, and sixty (60) miles of city roads resulting in seventeen thousand eight hundred eighty (17,880) pounds of litter and three hundred twenty-five (325) pounds of recyclable materials.

Commissioner Mason requested an update on broadband projects later in the summer.

5th District

Commissioner Cindy Slater recognized Director of Bradley County Schools Dr. Linda Cash who reported on recent staff changes.

4th District

Commissioner Howard Thompson had no report.

Commissioner Scott Gilbert opined the Veterans' Home and Food City on Georgetown Road will be tremendous assets to our community.

3rd District

Commissioner Denny Collins had no report.

Commissioner Milan Blake noted Bradley County HCI contributed funds to making the Veterans' Home a reality.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford reported the City of Charleston HCI project continues to progress.

1st District

Commissioner Mike Hughes had no report.

Commissioner Daniel Beaty reported the Bradley County Cannery no longer allows Polk County residents to use the facility. UT Extension Office Director Hannah Goodson explained the cannery is schedule by appointment, Tuesday through Saturday 8:00a.m. until 2:00p.m., to ensure Bradley County residents are served, and confirmed expanding hours to serve more than Bradley County residents would require additional funds for staffing and utilities. Mayor Davis opined cannery demand has grown with the county and opined we cannot service non-Bradley County residents. Commissioner Beaty placed on the July 3, 2023, voting session

agenda a motion to increase cannery hours to be open 6:00a.m. until 2:00p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and to allow non-Bradley County residents to use the cannery.

Commissioner Ledford placed on the July 3, 2023, voting session agenda a resolution requesting the Tennessee General Assembly preserve the fundamental right of Tennesseans to keep and bear arms and in furtherance of this opposition requesting that Governor Lee, the Bradley County Legislative Delegation, the Tennessee General Assembly and the Tennessee Attorney General take all steps possible to oppose, protest, and challenge any such legislation that restricts or infringes upon this constitutional right. Commissioner Ledford recognized Dan Rawls who presented a Powerpoint presentation in support of the resolution.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Dan Rawls thanked Bradley County EMTs for recently treating his wife for an electrolyte imbalance.

Mr. Horner opined the resolution presented to preserve Second and Fifth Amendment rights

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Next meeting – July 3, at noon, in the courthouse
- *County offices closed in observance of Independence holiday
- *Friday Festival, June 30, at 7:00p.m., First Street Square

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.