



Bradley County Commission
Thomas Crye, Chairperson
WORK SESSION MINUTES
July 10, 2023, at noon
Bradley County Courthouse

Members present: Louie Alford, Denny Collins, Bobby Goins, Mike Hughes, Tommy Ledford, Josh Rogers, Cindy Slater, Howard Thompson, Vice Chairperson Bill Winters, and non-voting ex officio member D. Gary Davis

Members absent: Daniel Beaty, Milan Blake, Chairperson Thomas Crye, Scott Gilbert, Tim Mason

Vice Chairperson Bill Winters called the meeting to order. Following the invocation prayed by South Cleveland Church of God Pastor Edwin Lipsey, Commissioner Howard Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis presented to the commission for consideration a resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and enter into a communications agreement with the Bradley County Emergency Communications District regarding the management and funding of the 911 Center for a total amount required from Bradley County of seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000.00) for each fiscal year for a term of four (4) years. Commissioner Mike Hughes placed the resolution on the July 17, 2023, voting session agenda.

Mayor Davis presented to the commission for consideration a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a four (4) year lease and operating agreement with SPCA of Bradley County Tennessee to provide animal sheltering services and lease the facilities located at 1655 Washington Avenue and 1570 Johnson Boulevard in Bradley County for the purpose of using said facilities for animal sheltering for an amount of two hundred twenty-six thousand dollars (\$226,000.00) per year for the first year of the agreement and two hundred forty-six thousand three hundred dollars (\$246,300.00) for the second year of the agreement and two hundred sixty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$268,500.00) for the third year of the agreement and two hundred ninety-two thousand six hundred dollars (\$292,600.00) for the fourth year of the agreement. Commissioner Hughes placed the resolution on the July 17, 2023, voting session agenda.

County Mayor D. Gary Davis presented to the commission for consideration a resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and enter into a one year (1) lease agreement with three additional optional one year (1) renewal periods between Bradley County and Blended Recovery Counseling Services regarding the lease of office space at the Bradley County Juvenile Justice Center for an amount of fourteen thousand four hundred dollars (\$14,400.00)

per year payable in monthly installments. Commissioner Hughes placed the resolution on the July 17, 2023, voting session agenda.

COMMITTEE/DISTRICT REPORT

7th District

Vice Chairperson Winters recognized Cleveland Bradley County Chamber of Commerce Vice President of Industrial Development Doug Berry who presented to the commission for consideration a resolution approving a payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) schedule and delegating authority to enter into a PILOT agreement. Berry explained the PILOT provides a thirty-seven and a half percent (37.5%) discount on real and personal property on the forty million dollars (\$40,000,000.00) project, known as Project Baxter, and will result in the creation of one hundred forty (140) full-time positions. Commissioner Louie Alford placed the resolution on the July 17, 2023, voting session agenda.

Commissioner Josh Rogers reported the Highway 60 project continues to progress.

6th District

Commissioner Tommy Ledford thanked Mount Olive Church of God and the City of Cleveland for an outstanding Fourth of July firework celebration.

5th District

Commissioners Cindy Slater and Bobby Goins had no report.

4th District

Commissioner Howard Thompson had no report.

3rd District

Commissioner Denny Collins had no report.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford announced the Law Enforcement Committee will meet Tuesday, July 18, at 10:00a.m. at the Justice Center.

Commissioner Alford reported the City of Charleston HCI project is nearly complete.

1st District

Commissioner Hughes placed on the July 17, 2023, voting session agenda amended resolution 2023-25 to rezone from I-1 General Industrial district to R-1 Rural Residential district property located at the corner of Old Chattanooga Pike SW and Lead Mine Valley Road SW and identified by tax map 065 parcels 057.06, 057.07 and 057.05. Commissioner Hughes explained the amended resolution corrects a typographical error.

AGENDA ITEMS

There were no agenda items.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

*Doug Berry reported Bradley County has located seven hundred fifty million dollars of new investment since August 2022. Berry thanked the commission for their support.

*Juvenile Services Director Vickie Towne invited commissioners to the 2023 L.E.A.F. Academy Graduation on Friday, July 14, 2023, at 10:00a.m. at the Cleveland High School Betsy Vines Memorial Theater.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Next meeting – Voting Session, July 17, 2023, at noon, Courthouse

*LEAF Academy Graduation – July 14, 2023, at 10:00a.m., Cleveland High School Theater

*Law Enforcement Committee – July 18, 2023, at 10:00a.m., Justice Center

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.