



Bradley County Commission
Thomas Crye, Chairperson
WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 12, 2022, 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 Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Cindy Slater, Westwood Baptist Church Associate Pastor Paul Davis prayed the invocation.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis recognized and congratulated four (4) Bradley County EMS EMTs that recently completed the Cleveland State Community College Danny Lawson Scholarship paramedic program. Amber Frady, Tyler Clayton, Brittany Roberts, and Rachel Hisney completed the program and passed the paramedic test, and noted another employee completed the program and is scheduled to take the test.

Mayor Davis presented to the Commission for consideration a resolution authorizing the County Mayor to negotiate and enter into a subscription agreement for a period of three (3) years with Regroup for public emergency notification software for use by the Bradley County Emergency Management Agency for an amount not to exceed nine thousand four hundred twenty-nine dollars and forty-five cents (\$9,429.42) per year. Commissioner Mike Hughes placed the resolution on the September 19, 2022, voting session agenda.

Mayor Davis presented to the Commission for consideration a resolution appropriating seven hundred seventy-nine thousand two hundred seventy-two dollars (\$779,272.00) for broadband expansion projects in Bradley County to Volunteer Energy Cooperative as allowed by the conditions and terms of the American Rescue Plan Act from the funds allocated by resolution 2021-50 and authorizing the Bradley County Mayor to execute an agreement with Volunteer Energy Cooperative regarding said appropriation. Commissioner Milan Blake placed the resolution on the September 19, 2022, voting session agenda.

Chairman Crye stated, "After the last meeting, I was contacted by two individuals who watched the meeting livestream and one inside the commission room who stated there was continuous texting from three commissioners with the mayor's assistant. I feel this shows a lack of decorum and professionalism. I remind everyone that the fourteen commissioners conduct the

commission business. I also remind everyone this potentially opens their phone up for open records request.”

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

1st District

Commissioners Daniel Beaty and Mike Hughes had no report.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford had no report.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake reminded Commissioners the HCI grant cycle will soon begin and encouraged eligible organizations to apply for a grant. Commissioner Howard Thompson placed on the September 19, 2022, a resolution to dissolve the HCI Committee and to shift their responsibilities to the Finance Committee. Vice Chairman Bill Winters and Commissioner Blake noted the HCI Committee was established to recommend projects and funding to the Commission for final approval. Commissioner Tommy Ledford, HCI Committee member, confirmed the HCI Committee does significant work for the Commission. Commissioner Alford noted the HCI Committee appointments are not up to date and requested immediate attention.

Commissioner Denny Collins commended Chairman Crye and Commissioner Alford for catalyzing work at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Vice Chairman Winters reported meeting with Sunset employees and thanked them for endeavoring to address issues.

4th District

Commissioner Scott Gilbert reported attending the Bradley County Board of Education meeting and requested the County Commission follow their lead in placing the invocation at the top of the agenda.

Commissioner Gilbert noted a great display of sportsmanship at a recent local high school football game.

Commissioner Howard Thompson placed on the September 19, 2022, voting session agenda a motion to amend Rule 8 of the Bradley County Rules of Procedures to allow internal standing committees to meet at locations determined by the Chairperson.

5th District

Commissioner Bobby Goins reported a new sidewalk along Wildwood Avenue and noted a rough stretch of the roadway resulting from work recently performed by the utility company.

Commissioner Cindy Slater congratulated the Bradley County Fire and Rescue department for being honored by the State Fire Marshall Office as a top 10 Smoke Alarm Installers of the Get Alarmed Tennessee program. Commissioner Slater thanked all first responders for their service to our county.

6th District

Commissioner Tim Mason reported the litter grant program collected thirteen thousand nine hundred sixty (13,960) pounds of litter along three hundred forty-eight (348) county miles, one hundred thirty-two (132) state miles, and fifty-seven (57) city miles. Commissioner Mason noted the program recycled one thousand two hundred seventy-five (1,275) pounds of material.

Commissioner Mason invited the community to the Tire Take Back Event on September 17, 2022, from 8:00a.m. until noon at the Bradley County Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Tommy Ledford reported attending the Board of Education meeting and expressed hope to work closely with the Board members for the betterment our community.

Commissioner Ledford reported attending the Elks Lodge 9/11 ceremony and opined the need for unification is just as strong today as it was on September 11, 2001.

7th District

Vice Chairman Bill Winters thanked the Emergency Services Committee for birthing the Danny Lawson scholarship program to help staff Bradley County EMS and congratulated the aforementioned scholarship winners.

Vice Chairman Winters reported the recent Danny Murray and Voices of Lee program was a little bit of heaven in Pangle Hall.

Commissioner Josh Rogers announced the official completion of the Rogers family with the adoption of Ivie Rose and Violet Sophianna.

Commissioner Rogers remembered and cherished the lives lost on September 11, 2001, and vowed to never forget their sacrifice. Commissioner Rogers thanked all first responders for their dedication to protect us all.

AGENDA ITEMS

There were no agenda items.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no communication from the audience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Next meeting- Voting session, September 19, at noon, Commission room

*TCCA regional meeting, September 12, 6:00p.m., Elks Lodge

*Chamber Coffee, September 13, 8:30a.m., PIE Center

*Tire Take Back, September 17, 8:00a.m.-noon, Sheriff's Office

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.