



Bradley County Commission
Thomas Crye, Chairperson
WORK SESSION MINUTES
August 28, 2023, at 7:00p.m.
Bradley County Commission

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, Howard Thompson, and Vice Chairperson Bill Winters

Members absent: Cindy Slater, non-voting ex officio member D. Gary Davis

Chairperson Thomas Crye called the meeting to order.

Following the invocation prayed by Toni Miles, Commissioner Denny Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

Assistant to the County Mayor Adam Lewis provided the septic report: Phase I coordinated by RC&D has completed sixty-nine (69) of the eighty-nine (89) signed contracts and Bradley County has completed eleven (11) of the eighteen (18) contracts.

Lewis presented to the Commission for consideration a resolution declaring approximately twenty-seven (27) acres of Bradley County property located on Urbane Road, a portion which is known as Bradley County Recreational Park, map and parcel number 042 005.02. as surplus property and authorizing the County Mayor to offer for sale a portion of this property by public bid. Lewis stated proceeds from the sale will be used to double the number of pickleball courts at the park, to build a pavilion, and possibly to build a restroom facility. Chairman Crye referred the resolution to the Building and Land Committee.

Lewis presented to the Commission for consideration a resolution establishing a mental health services program for first responders and authorizing Bradley County Mayor to negotiate and enter into agreements with Phoenix Health, PLLC and Health Management Services for the provision of said services. Lewis noted the funds for the services are budgeted in the opioid fund. Commissioner Milan Blake placed the resolution on the September 5, 2023, voting session agenda.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

1st District

Commissioner Daniel Beaty had no report.

Commissioner Mike Hughes invited Commissioners to attend Fire Rookie School graduation at 1:00p.m. on September 8, at Family Worship Center. Hughes noted the Fire Department will be fully staffed with the addition of the graduates.

Hughes announced the Bradley County Fire ISO rating is 3 and congratulated everyone involved for this accomplishment.

Hughes reported Phase 1 of the EMS Dooley Street renovation has been completed with Phase 2 expected to wrap up within a couple of weeks.

Hughes reported EMS Director Mike Garren confirmed improved hospital wait times at the recent Emergency Services Committee meeting. Hughes congratulated Garren and the EMS staff for fiscal year 2022-2023 revenues exceeding projection.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford requested the Building and Land Committee closely examine the request to deem the Urbane Road recreational park property as surplus property and to review past surplus properties.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake announced the Bradley County Tire Tack Back Day is scheduled for September 16, 2023, from 8:00a.m. until noon at the Bradley County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Blake noted there is an eight (8) tire limit for Bradley County residents.

Commissioner Blake placed on the September 5, 2023, voting session agenda a motion to amend the Fiscal Note Policy to require a fiscal note be attached to resolutions presented to the County Commission for non-budgeted items.

Commissioner Blake introduced 10th Judicial District Attorney General Shari Tayloe. District Attorney Tayloe introduced herself to the Commission and welcomed the opportunity to work together for the betterment of Bradley County.

Commissioner Denny Collins offered condolences to the family of Jason Hooker.

4th District

Commissioner Scott Gilbert reported a call from a constituent that received notice from the Post Office that all mail would cease to be delivered unless the box is relocated or a dog is secured.

Commissioner Howard Thompson announced the Building and Land Committee will meet at 10:00a.m. on September 5, 2023, in the commission room of the courthouse. Commissioner Blake asked the committee to consider deeding to Bradley County Schools the property located in front of Bradley Central High School.

5th District

Commissioner Bobby Goins had no report.

6th District

Commissioner Tim Mason had no report.

Commissioner Tommy Ledford offered condolences to the family of former Bradley County Road Superintendent Edd Lewis.

7th District

Vice Chairperson Bill Winters reminded Highway 60 travelers to reduce speed through the construction zone.

Commissioner Josh Rogers announced September is Pediatric Cancer Month and asked Commissioners to keep in prayer nine (9) Bradley County children battling various forms of pediatric cancer.

AGENDA ITEMS

Adam Lewis reported the Tennessee Economic and Community Development (TECD) Grant awarded for the Chatta Valley area will soon be completed and will provide one thousand six (1,006) new broadband meters. Lewis reported the second TECD grant for the White Oak Valley/Mahan Gap area is in the make ready phase and will provide seven hundred forty-two (742) new broadband meters upon completion.

Lewis reported the fifty-fifty partnership with Volunteer Energy Cooperative to provide service to the McDonald community is also in the make ready phase. When completed, Lewis projected eight hundred sixty (860) new broadband meters.

Lewis confirmed Spectrum expanded service to an additional seven hundred (700) homes under the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Grant in the Chatata Valley area and southern part of the county including Lead Mine Valley Road and Hughes Lake Road with plans for seven hundred (700) more new meters in the 4th Quarter of 2023.

Lewis confirmed plans to submit an application in October for the TECD grant for the Sixth District area. Lewis noted two (2) previous TECD grant applications for the area have been rejected, but added the one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000.00) set aside in the broadband bucket will be used as matching funds for this application. Commissioner Rogers requested Lewis provide the Commission with a total number of unserved homes in Bradley County. Commissioner Alford requested a bucket update from the Mayor.

Commissioner Hughes placed on the September 5, 2023, voting session agenda a resolution to rezone from General Industrial (I-1) District to Forestry Agricultural and Residential (FAR) District property located at Lead Mine Valley Road SW and identified by tax map 065 parcel 057.04. Commissioner Hughes noted the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of this rezoning request.

Commissioner Hughes placed on the September 5, 2023, voting session agenda a resolution to rezone from General Industrial (I-1) District to Rural Residential (R-1) District property located at Lead Mine Valley Road SW and identified by tax map 065 parcel 057.08 and 057.09. Commissioner Hughes noted the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of this rezoning request.

Commissioner Hughes placed on the September 5, 2023, voting session agenda a resolution to rezone from Rural Commercial (C-1) District to Special Impact Industrial (I-2) District property located at 440 Old Powerline Road NE and identified by tax map 058B group H parcel 002.01. Commissioner Hughes noted the Planning Commission voted to recommend denial of this rezoning request.

Commissioner Alford asked Commissioners to study Tennessee Code Annotated §6-51-105, pages 9-10 of the agenda packet, regarding annexation by referendum. Commissioner Alford opined this

option would allow the City to bypass the County Commission on non-contiguous annexations. Commissioner Alford asked if annexation by referendum would prohibit on-site signage announcing the proposed annexation to the public. Commissioner Hughes wondered if a plan of services will be included with an annexation by referendum. Chairperson Crye referred the issue to the Building and Land Committee. Commissioner Ledford stated there is no forced annexation. Commissioner Rogers requested comment from the Director of Schools regarding the impact of annexation by referendum on school capacity and school funding. Commissioner Hughes suggested inviting the County Attorney to attend the committee meeting.

Commissioner Tim Mason placed on the September 5, 2023, voting session agenda the Road Committee recommendation to accept Bellingham Drive.

Commissioner Tim Mason placed on the September 5, 2023, voting session agenda the Road Committee recommendation to accept Wacker Boulevard.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no communication from the audience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Next meeting – Voting Session, September 5, at 7:00p.m., Commission room
- *Market at the Mill, August 31, from 3:00p.m.-6:00p.m., Old Woolen Mill
- *Art House Project Incubator grand opening, August 31, 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m., Old Woolen Mill
- *County Offices closed in observance of Labor Day, September 4
- *Building and Land Committee, September 5, at 10:00a.m., Commission room
- *Finance Committee meeting, September 5, at 11:30a.m., Commission room
- *Fire rookie school graduation, September 8, at 1:00p.m., Family Worship Center
- *Tire Take Back, September 16, 8a.m.-noon, Sheriff's Office

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.