



Bradley County Commission
Thomas Crye, Chairperson
WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 11, 2023, at noon
Bradley County Courthouse

Members present: Louie Alford, Milan Blake, Denny Collins, Chairperson Thomas Crye, Scott Gilbert, 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: Daniel Beaty, Bobby Goins

Chairperson Thomas Crye called the meeting to order. Following the invocation prayed by Mt. Olive Church of God Pastor James Sears, Commissioner Scott Gilbert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis noted a number of 9/11 activities in the community honoring our emergency first responders.

Mayor Davis announced the Dooley Street EMS Station renovation project has been completed.

Mayor Davis presented to the Commission a First Amendment to American Recue Plan Act Fund Agreement with Bradley Cleveland Community Services Agency to extend the project deadline through June 30, 2023. Mayor Davis announced the project is expected to be completed by Spring 2024. Vice Chairman Bill Winters placed a motion on the September 18, 2023, voting session agenda to approve the First Amendment to American Rescue Plan Act Fund Agreement with Bradley Cleveland Community Services Agency.

Mayor Davis introduced Baylor Williamson, Outreach Manager for Tennessee Achieves, who provided information on the scholarship assistance for local students to pursue associate and technical degrees.

Mayor Davis announced Bradley County has one hundred seventy-one thousand eighty-six dollars (\$171,086.00) to disburse for abatement, remediation, and prevention of opioid use in our community. Mayor Davis welcomed five (5) local organizations to share their plans for how they would spend County opioid funds if awarded.

1. Boys and Girls Club representative Denyse Debusk requested thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purpose of abating and preventing opioid use by youth.
2. ATS The Bridge, Jared Waldrop and Zandra Welch, requested eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000.00) for the purpose of expanding their current drug prevention program to include grades Kindergarten through Second Grade.
3. Foundation House Ministries, Suzanne Burns, requested fifty thousand eight hundred dollars (\$50,800.00) for the purpose of helping addicted mothers in crisis.

4. Caring Place, Corinne Freeman, requested one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) for the purpose of assisting clients with recovery.
5. Dream Center, Gene and Regina Isom, requested sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) for the purpose of providing wrap around rehabilitation services to adults.

Commissioner Blake requested the distribution of the opioid funds be placed on the October Finance Committee agenda.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

1st District

Commissioner Mike Hughes had no report.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford had no report.

3rd District

Commissioner Blake reminded Commissioners of the Tennessee County Commissioners Association Regional Meeting tonight at 5:30p.m. at the Elks Lodge.

Commissioner Denny Collins had no report.

4th District

Commissioner Scott Gilbert had no report.

Commissioner Howard Thompson recognized Chestuee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution member Anita Green who invited Commissioners to the 2nd Annual Bell Ringing Ceremony on Sunday, September 17, 2023, at Macedonia Baptist Church at 3:00p.m.

5th District

Commissioner Cindy Slater had no report.

6th District

Commissioner Tim Mason remembered the family of Herbert Conley.

Commissioner Tommy Ledford announced the HCI Committee will soon begin the process of awarding one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000.00) for health, wellness, and quality of life projects in Bradley County.

Commissioner Ledford announced the SPCA Free Adoption event September 15-16, 2023.

7th District

Commissioner Josh Rogers had no report.

AGENDA ITEMS

Bridgett Massengill, President/CEO of THRIVE Regional Partnership, shared the mission of THRIVE to inspire responsible growth through conversation, connection, and collaboration in the tri-state Chattanooga region.

Commissioner Hughes placed on the September 18, 2023, voting session agenda a resolution to rezone from Forestry Agricultural Residential (FAR) District to General Commercial (C-2) District property located at Harrison Pike W and identified by tax map 040 parcel 124.00.

Commissioner Hughes pulled Agenda Item C from the agenda.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no communication from the audience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Next meeting – September 18, at noon, Courthouse

*TCCA meeting – tonight, 5:30p.m., Elks Lodge

*Building and Land Committee, September 12, at 10:30a.m., Commission room

*Board of Education meeting, September 14, at 5:30p.m., Central Office

*Tire Take Back, September 16, 8:00a.m.-noon, Sheriff's Office

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.