



Bradley County Commission
Thomas Crye, Chairperson
WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 25, 2023, at 7:00p.m.
Bradley County Courthouse

Members present: Louie Alford, Daniel Beaty, Milan Blake, Denny Collins, Chairman Thomas Crye, Scott Gilbert, Bobby Goins, Tommy Ledford, Josh Rogers, Cindy Slater, Howard Thompson, and Vice Chairman Bill Winters

Members absent: Mike Hughes, Tim Mason, and Mayor D. Gary Davis

Chairman Thomas Crye called the meeting to order. Following the invocation prayed by Missionary to the Philippines and Founder and President of Amazing Grace Christian Foundation Grace Adewuya, Commissioner Josh Rogers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

Executive Assistant to the County Mayor Adam Lewis provided Commissioners with a corrected Southeast Tennessee Resource Conservation and Development Association (RC&D) septic report and confirmed RC&D has completed seventy-two (72) of eighty-nine (89) and Bradley County has completed thirteen (13) of eighteen (18) contracts.

Lewis introduced Jeff Cox, owner of Corporate Network Solutions, who launched the new Bradley County website. Cox thanked the county for the opportunity to work closely with the county to elevate community needs, and noted the website is American with Disabilities Act compliant with accessibility to those with visual impairments. Lewis welcomed feedback on the new website.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

1st District

Commissioner Daniel Beaty reported the Highway 60 project has extended to Volunteer Energy Cooperative.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford reported broadband is expanding into the second district.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake presented a proclamation honoring Andrew L. Hunt for his twenty-nine (29) years of service to the Cleveland Bradley County Public Library and declaring September 25, 2023, Andrew L. Hunt Day.

Commissioner Blake introduced Keisha Parks who will be the Director of the Cleveland Bradley County Public Library effective October 1, 2023.

Commissioner Denny Collins had no report.

4th District

Commissioner Scott Gilbert encouraged septic program participants experiencing delays to contact Southeast Tennessee Resource Conservation and Development.

Commissioner Howard Thompson requested an update on the proposed joint City Council-County Commission meeting.

5th District

Commissioner Bobby Goins thanked Legislative Administrator Lorri Moultrie for assistance with a 5th District issue.

Commissioner Cindy Slater announced the Tennessee Environmental Council and Keep America Beautiful Bradley County Recycling Round Up Event will be held on October 7, 2023, at Walker Valley High School from 9:00a.m. until 2:30p.m.

6th District

Commissioner Tommy Ledford had no report.

7th District

Vice Chairman Bill Winters reported the Highway 60 project is moving west and cautioned drivers to slow their speed through the area.

Vice Chairman Bill Winters congratulated members of the Bradley Central High School Hall of Fame inaugural class.

Commissioner Josh Rogers congratulated the Bradley Central Hall of Fame inductees: Dr. Paul Conn, Rex Dockery, Lillie Frank Fitzgerald, Dale Hughes, Robert Johnson, Steve Sloan, and Corky Whitlock.

Commissioner Rogers thanked Grace Adewuya for the prayer and applauded her ministry work in the Philippines.

AGENDA ITEMS

There were no agenda items.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Margaret Schenck, President of the Library Centennial Committee, extended an invitation to The Gift on October 20 and 21, 2023, at the Conn Center. Schenck noted admission is free with a Cleveland Bradley County Library card. Schenck asked Commissioners to save November 3, 2023, for the Library Centennial Celebration and Banquet at the PIE Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Next meeting – Voting Session, October 3, at 7:00p.m., Courthouse
- *SK Food Group Groundbreaking, tomorrow, 10:00a.m., 440 Innovation Drive SW
- *Mainstreet-Cleveland social, tomorrow, 4:30p.m., HHM on Inman Street
- *HCI Committee, September 27, at 5:15p.m., commission conference room
- *Reception for Andy Hunt, September 28, 4:00p.m.-6:00p.m., Public Library

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.