



Bradley County Commission
Thomas Crye, Chairperson
WORK SESSION MINUTES
October 9, 2023, 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, Josh Rogers, Cindy Slater, Howard Thompson, Vice Chairperson Bill Winters, and non-voting ex officio member D. Gary Davis

Members absent: Tim Mason

Chairperson Thomas Crye called the meeting to order.

Following the Invocation prayed by Westmore Church of God Discipleship and Assimilation Pastor Vera Voznyuk, Commissioner Tommy Ledford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis reminded Commissioners two (2) scholarships are offered per year for Bradley County paramedics and EMTs to further their education through a partnership with Cleveland State Community College (CSCC). Mayor Davis congratulated Bradley County paramedic Kayla Vines on completing classes on scholarship and recently passing the State Board Exam. EMS Director Mike Garren confirmed two (2) EMS employees are currently attending CSCC on scholarship and four (4) are enrolled at their own expense. CSCC Interim President John Squires expressed pride in the partnership with Bradley County to offer educational opportunities to Bradley County EMS employees and noted three (3) have graduated and several more are in process.

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 reported that the Finance Committee voted to recommend adding a second monitor to the Commission Room and requested the Executive Assistant to the Mayor obtain quotes for the project.

Commissioner Blake reported that the Finance Committee voted to recommend removing the medical background requirement for the Mayor's two (2) HCI Committee appointments and placed the recommendation on the October 16, 2023, voting session agenda.

Commissioner Blake reported that the Finance Committee voted to recommend shifting the HCI investment calendar from calendar year to fiscal year and placed the recommendation on the October 16, 2023, voting session agenda.

Commissioner Milan Blake opined the City of Cleveland proposal to provide an eight thousand (8,000) square foot building for Fire and Rescue in exchange for the thirteen thousand (13,000) square foot Inman Street property is not adequate.

Commissioner Denny Collins had no report.

4th District

Commissioners Scott Gilbert and Howard Thompson had no report.

5th District

Commissioners Bobby Goins and Cindy Slater had no report.

6th District

Commissioner Tommy Ledford announced the Insurance Committee will meet at 10:00a.m. on October 16, 2023, in the Commission Room.

7th District

Vice Chairman Bill Winters had no report.

Commissioner Josh Rogers announced 7th District resident and Cleveland High School student Cameron Garcia, along with his dad, Jay, won the Special Olympics National Championship gold medal at Seaview Golf Resort in New Jersey.

AGENDA ITEMS

There were no agenda items.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

*Mary Wooten questioned the rules of the Emergency Shelter and the effects of those policies on elderly homeless people. Commissioner Thompson explained the Shelter is adding additional space to accommodate more individuals, and Commissioner Slater noted the limited hours is a financial issue. Vice Chairperson Winters added the Shelter is temporary housing not designed for permanent housing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Next meeting – Voting Session, October 16, at noon, Courthouse

*Chamber Coffee, tomorrow, 8:30a.m., Town Place Suites

*Joint meeting Building and Land Committee and Fire Committee, October 11, at 10:30a.m., Courthouse

*Household Hazardous Waste Day, October 14, 8:00a.m.-noon, Sheriff's Office

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.