



Bradley County Commission
Thomas Crye, Chairperson
WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 22, 2024, at 7:00p.m.
Bradley County Courthouse

Members present: Louie Alford, Daniel Beaty, Denny Collins, Chairman Thomas Crye, Scott Gilbert, Bobby Goins, Mike Hughes, Tommy Ledford, Tim Mason, Josh Rogers, Cindy Slater, Howard Thompson, Vice Chairman Bill Winters, and non-voting ex officio member D. Gary Davis

Members absent: Milan Blake

Chairperson Thomas Crye called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Youth Counseling Services Director Dr. John Vining, Commissioner Cindy Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis asked Commissioners to remember the family of former County Commissioner Donald Caywood who recently passed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

1st District

Commissioner Daniel Beaty had no report.

Commissioner Mike Hughes announced the Landfill Committee will meet at 11:00a.m. on February 12, 2024, in the commission room.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford requested an update on the [Inman Street] fire proposal. Mayor Davis confirmed nothing is yet in hand, but is expected in the next few days.

Chairman Crye read a statement encouraging community leaders to consider all options, including consolidation, to address capacity issues facing our schools and to better prepare our children to be tomorrow' leaders. **STATEMENT RECORDED AS ATTACHMENT.**

3rd District

Commissioner Denny Collins asked the Legal and Legislative Committee to consider a policy to place signage on site of property declared surplus announcing it is offered for sale. Mayor Davis said they could place a sign in addition to advertising for sale.

Commissioner Collins opined the future land use plan map is difficult to navigate and read. Bradley County Planner Ron Wilson agreed to add the matter to the next Planning Commission agenda for consideration.

4th District

Commissioner Scott Gilbert thanked the Bradley County Road Department, Cleveland City Public Works, and Tennessee Department of Transportation for their efforts to clear our roadways during the wintry weather.

Commissioner Howard Thompson confirmed his opposition to school consolidation opining the move would have no effect on cost.

5th District

Commissioners Bobby Goins and Cindy Slater had no report.

6th District

Commissioner Tim Mason remembered the contributions of Donald Caywood to the 6th District, and the community as a whole, and offered condolences to his wife, Nancy, and son, Doug.

Commissioner Mason thanked the Bradley County Road Department, Sheriff's Office, EMS, Fire, and health care providers for their service to the community during the cold and treacherous weather.

Commissioner Tommy Ledford expressed condolences to the Donald Caywood family.

Commissioner Ledford asked Commissioners to remember the family of former Bradley County Planner Bently Thomas who recently lost his father.

Commissioner Ledford recognized 6th District resident Mary Wooten who voiced opposition to rezoning property to allow an animal shelter in a residential area.

7th District

Vice Chairman Bill Winters reported Highway 60 is now a thoroughfare as work continues.

Vice Chairman Winters reported the Legal and Legislative Committee met and voted to recommend forwarding all information received from citizens regarding the Election Office to the Election Commission Chairperson and the State Election Commission Office. Vice Chairman Winters placed this recommendation on the February 5, 2024, voting session agenda.

Vice Chairman Winters added the Legal and Legislative Committee referred to the Landfill Committee a biosolid issue presented to the committee by Commissioner Gilbert.

Commissioner Josh Rogers thanked the Bradley County Road Department, Sheriff's Office, EMS, and Bradley County Schools for monitoring county roadways and endeavoring to keep our community safe during recent wintry weather.

AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Slater recognized James F. Logan Jr. who presented to the Commission a resolution approving a Legal Services Contract with Attorney James F. Logan Jr. and the law firm of Logan Thompson PC with respect to the prosecution of any legal claim against manufacturers of insulins and other diabetic medication, against the pharmacy benefit managers ("PBMs") and/or any other entities and their executives based upon their actions in improper fixing prices, engineering kickbacks, and engaging in other antitrust violations or other wrongdoing with respect to insulin and other diabetic medication. RESOLUTION RECORDED AS ATTACHMENT. Commissioner Rogers requested a meeting with the County Attorney to fully consider the proposal. Commissioner Slater placed the resolution on the February 5, 2024, voting session agenda.

Commissioner Hughes placed on the February 5, 2024, voting session agenda a resolution to rezone from Rural Residential (R-1) District to General Commercial (C-2) District property located at or around the 1175 block of Old Chattanooga Pike SW and identified by tax map 065 parcel 057.05. Commissioner Hughes noted the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend rezoning the property.

Commissioner Hughes placed on the February 5, 2024, voting session agenda a resolution to rezone from Forestry/Agricultural/Residential (FAR) District and Rural Commercial (C-1) to General Industrial (I-1) District property located at or around 1198 51st Street NE and identified by tax map 035J group C parcel 016.00. Commissioner Hughes noted the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend rezoning the property.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no communication from the audience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Next meeting – Voting session, February 5, at 7:00p.m., Courthouse

*Finance Committee – February 5, at 11:30a.m., Courthouse

*Landfill Committee – February 12, at 11:00a.m., Courthouse

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

THOMAS CRYE, CHAIRMAN

JANUARY 22, 2024

Last meeting, the Mayor spoke of now being the opportune time to consider the benefits of consolidating the city and county school systems. I fully concur with the Mayor that we, as elected officials, should diligently explore every avenue to ensure all residents of our community receive the best services and opportunities.

Prior to the Mayor's comments I had the opportunity to engage in consolidation discussions with several community leaders regarding issues facing our school systems. Every discussion included concerns with the impact of our community's growth on both systems. Bradley County and Cleveland City schools are at or near full capacity as a result of community growth. The end of this growth trend is not yet in sight. There are approximately 900 new homes planned or currently under construction which will yield another significant uptick in new students.

I appreciate our Mayor making the statement which has ignited public discussion. We were elected to represent the residents of Bradley County and to make thoughtful decisions on difficult issues to provide for the best interest of our constituency. It is critical that we step up at this time to consider all options, including consolidation, to address capacity issues facing our schools and to better prepare our children to be tomorrow's leaders.



RESOLUTION NO. 2024-

WHEREAS, the Bradley County Board of Commissioners has the authority to adopt resolutions with respect to the prosecution of any legal claim against manufacturers of insulins and other diabetic medication, against the pharmacy benefit managers (“PBMs”) and/or any other entities and their executives based upon their actions in improper fixing prices, engineering kickbacks, and engaging in other antitrust violations or other wrongdoing with respect to insulin and other diabetic medication.

WHEREAS there exists a potential harm as a result of potential improper insulin pricing scheme for the relevant time period alleged for Bradley County;

WHEREAS, the violation of any laws of the State of Tennessee, or of the United States of America controlling the pricing of insulin is inimical, harmful, and adverse to Bradley County and its citizens;

WHEREAS, the Boardley County Board of Commissioners has the authority to attempt to abate, or cause to be abated, any harm caused by the insulin pricing scheme;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bradley County Board of Commissioners, assembled on this 5th day of February, 2024, at which a quorum is present, that based upon the above the Bradley County Board of Commissioners have approved the Legal Services Contract with Attorney James F Logan Jr. and the law firm of Logan Thompson PC.

ADOPTED this 5th day of February, 2024.

Thomas Crye, Chairman

Donna A. Simpson, County Clerk

APPROVE/VETO:

D. Gary Davis, County Mayor