

The Bradley County Commission meets in **Regular Session on March 4, 2024** at the Bradley County Courthouse in Cleveland, Tennessee at 7:00 P.M. EST. Bradley County Mayor, D. Gary Davis; Bradley County Clerk, Donna A. Simpson; and Bradley County Attorney, Crystal Freiberg are present. Chairman Thomas L. Crye calls the meeting to order.

The invocation is given by Commissioner B. Winters and the Pledge of Allegiance is lead by Commissioner H. Thompson.

On roll call the following Commissioners are present: **THOMAS L. CRYE; MILAN M. BLAKE; DENNY COLLINS; HOWARD LEWIS THOMPSON; CINDY SLATER; TIM MASON; TOMMY LEDFORD; JOSH ROGERS; and BILL WINTERS. TOTAL PRESENT: 9; ABSENT: 5.** There is a quorum present and Chairman T. Crye calls for the first order of business.

Commissioner H. Thompson makes a **Motion To Approve The Minutes For February 20, 2024 Regular Session;** Commissioner J. Rogers seconds the motion. On roll call the Commission votes as follows: T. Crye, aye; M. Blake, aye; D. Collins, aye; H. Thompson, aye; C. Slater, aye; T. Mason, aye; T. Ledford, aye; J. Rogers, aye; and B. Winters, aye. **TOTAL FOR: 9; OPPOSED: NONE; ABSENT: 5. The motion carries.**

Commissioner D. Collins makes a **Motion To Approve The Consent Agenda For March 4, 2024 Regular Session;** Commissioner B. Winters seconds the motion. On roll call the Commission votes as follows: T. Crye, aye; M. Blake, aye; D. Collins, aye; H. Thompson, aye; C. Slater, aye; T. Mason, aye; T. Ledford, aye; J. Rogers, aye; and B. Winters, aye. **TOTAL FOR: 9; OPPOSED: NONE; ABSENT: 5. The motion carries.**

CONSENT AGENDA [3-4-2024] RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

Commissioner M. Blake states, "One of the HCl Committee recommended projects withdrew their project from consideration due to not meeting all the requirements of HCl." Commissioner M. Blake makes a Motion To Approve The Finance Committee Recommendation To Add To The Greenway Award \$14,029.00 And To Add To The Tri-State Exhibition Center Award \$8,336.69 With Left Over Funds Rolling To The Next Grant Cycle; Commissioner B. Winters seconds the motion.

Commissioner H. Thompson asks to make that two separate votes so Commissioner M. Blake retracts the motion as stated.

Commissioner M. Blake makes a **Motion To Add To The Greenway Award \$14,029.00 [HCl Grant];** Commissioner B. Winters seconds the motion. On roll call the Commission votes as follows: T. Crye, aye; M. Blake, aye; D. Collins, aye; H. Thompson, nay; C. Slater, aye; T. Mason, aye; T. Ledford, aye; J. Rogers, aye; and B. Winters, aye. **TOTAL FOR: 8; OPPOSED: 1; ABSENT: 5. The motion carries.**

Commissioner M. Blake makes a **Motion To Add To The Tri-State Exhibition Center Award \$8,336.69 [HCl Grant] With Left Over Funds Rolling To The Next Grant Cycle;** Commissioner C. Slater seconds the motion. On roll call the Commission votes as follows: T. Crye, aye; M. Blake, aye; D. Collins, aye; H. Thompson, aye; C. Slater, aye; T. Mason, aye; T. Ledford, aye; J. Rogers, aye; and B. Winters, aye. **TOTAL FOR: 9; OPPOSED: NONE; ABSENT: 5. The motion carries.**

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March 4, 2024 Continued

Commissioner D. Collins makes a **Motion To Approve The Letter As Presented To Our Federal Delegation Respectfully Requesting Appropriations For The "Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act"**; Commissioner J. Rogers seconds the motion. On roll call the Commission votes as follows: T. Crye, aye; M. Blake, aye; D. Collins, aye; H. Thompson, aye; C. Slater, aye; T. Mason, aye; T. Ledford, aye; J. Rogers, aye; and B. Winters, aye. **TOTAL FOR: 9; OPPOSED: NONE; ABSENT: 5. The motion carries.**

LETTER [Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act] RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

Chairman T. Crye states there are no Agenda Items to vote on.

VOTING SESSION (MEETING) AGENDA [3-4-2024] RECORDED AS AN ATTACHMENT

There is no more business to come before the Commission and Chairman T. Crye motions to adjourn at 7:14 P.M. EST.

Thomas L. Crye, Chairman

Donna A. Simpson, County Clerk

3-4-2024

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Bradley County Commission
Thomas Crye, Chairperson
CONSENT AGENDA
March 4, 2024, at 7:00p.m.
Bradley County Courthouse

APPOINTMENTS

1. Appoint Wes Snyder to fulfill the unexpired term of Edd Lewis on the Southeast Tennessee Community Corrections Board term expiring March 2025

NOTARIES PUBLIC

2. Notaries public (will be presented at the meeting)

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CHARLOTTE BURGER
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KRISTIE HAUN
NIKKI HESTER
XAVIER ALEXANDER HICKS
STEPHANIE HODGE
GAYLA ILES
MARSHA S KENNEDY

MICHAEL MALAKHOV
CELINA PASTRANA
CINDY K POOLE
TATYANA SANDRYKA
JAIME BETH SCOGGINS
SUSAN ALANE SMITH
ALLANA SOWDER
MINDY SWAFFORD
DAVID A WALKUP
ANNA P WHITE
RENEE YARBROUGH

PERSONAL SURETY

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March 5, 2024

Senator Bill Hagerty
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Senator Marsha Blackburn
357 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

Representative Chuck Fleischmann
2187 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Senators Hagerfy, Blackburn, and Representative Fleischmann:

The Bradley County Commission voted unanimously to respectfully request including in the appropriations bill funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act which is set to expire in April, 2024.

The Covid pandemic confirmed digital access is no longer a luxury, but an essential need for all. Since the pandemic, Tennessee residents have benefited from triadic governmental support of digital access – Affordable Connectivity (AC) offered by the federal government and expansion of digital access into unserved pockets by both local and state governments.

More than 10,000 Bradley County households are currently participating in the AC program. These families rely on this connectivity for education, work, healthcare, and familial connection. AC has helped bridge the digital divide gap for these households that will, in April, find themselves once again across the digital divide chasm.

Bradley County and the State of Tennessee understand the consequences of digital inequality and plan to continue working to provide our residents with the fundamental need of opportunity for digital access. We appreciate your efforts to bridge the gaps in connectivity and hope you will continue to fight with us to improve digital access opportunities in Bradley County and throughout our state as a whole. Please support the proposed \$7 billion allocation in internet infrastructure as this is an investment into the lives of our citizens.

Sincerely,

Denny Collins
Bradley County IT Chairman

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Bradley County Commission
Thomas Crye, Chairperson
VOTING SESSION AGENDA
March 4, 2024, at 7:00p.m.
Bradley County Courthouse

1. Call to order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of allegiance – Commissioner Bobby Goins
4. Roll call
5. Approval of minutes
6. Report from county mayor
7. Consent agenda (see page 3)
8. Reports from committees and/or districts
9. Unfinished business
10. Approval of agenda
11. Agenda items
 No agenda items
12. Communication from the audience (Chairperson will recognize and allow five minutes to anyone wishing to speak)
13. Announcements
14. Adjourn

Next meeting: Work Session – March 11, at 12:00p.m., Bradley County Courthouse

Upcoming Events

*Great American Luncheon, March 8, noon, Museum Center at Five Points

*Joint meeting – Education Committee/Population Trends Ad Hoc Committee, March 8, 2:00p.m., Courthouse

*Disc Golf Pop Up Course, March 9, 11am-4pm, Elrod Park



Farmers' Market Committee
Louie Alford, Chairperson

MINUTES

February 20, 2024, at 1:00p.m.

Bradley County Courthouse Commission Conference Room

Members present: Chairperson Louie Alford, Thomas Crye, Jose Gonzalez, and Gloria Hayes

Members absent: None

Others present: Grant Bromley, Dina Gonzalez, Lorri Moultrie

Chairperson Louie Alford called the meeting to order and welcomed committee members and guests.

Gloria Hayes seconded a motion by Thomas Crye to approve the April 5, 2023, minutes as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

AGENDA ITEMS

Crye seconded a motion by Hayes to establish March 30, 2024, as the opening day and November 23, 2024, as the last day of the market. Motion passed 4-0.

Hayes seconded a motion by Crye to approve the Rules and Regulations as presented including the recently established market opening and closing dates. Motion passed 4-0.

Hayes seconded the motion by Crye to approve the 2024 vendor application as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



Road Committee
Tim Mason, Chairperson
MINUTES

February 22, 2024, at 1:00p.m.
Bradley County Road Department

Members present: Daniel Beaty, Bobby Goins, Chairman Tim Mason, Howard Thompson, and non-voting ex officio member D. Gary Davis

Members absent: Cindy Slater

Others present: Louie Alford, Josh Booker, Grant Bromley, Tom Collins, Thomas Crye, Shannon McDonald, Lorri Moultrie

Chairman Tim Mason called the meeting to order and welcomed committee members and guests.

Bobby Goins seconded a motion by Howard Thompson to approve the November 8, 2023, minutes as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

AGENDA ITEMS

Bradley County Road Engineer Josh Booker reported seventy-eight (78) county roads totaling almost one hundred (100) miles have been striped with American Rescue Plan Act funds allocated for striping. Booker estimated another fifty (50) county roads may be striped with remaining funds. Bradley County Road Department Finance Director Shannon McDonald confirmed two hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$270,000.00) remains in the fund for striping. Bradley County Road Superintendent Tom Collins noted some of the funds are being used to also purchase butterfly reflectors for guardrails. Shannon McDonald provided to the committee a report on projects completed with the funds to date.
REPORT RECORDED AS ATTACHMENT.

Booker reported the Brad Drive residents agreed to deed property to the county for the roadway. Upon execution of the property transaction, the Road Department will pave Brad Drive.

Booker confirmed completion of the Bancroft Road project.

Booker reported the Hewitt Street access issue is now a matter for the county attorney to prepare an easement that would allow property owners to access Hewitt Street. Booker noted the property owners will be responsible for graveling or paving the property.

Booker reported the railroad requested replacement of the gates at the Sheffey Lane crossing at a cost of approximately three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000.00). Booker confirmed the Sheffey Lane crossing does not qualify for a grant. Mayor D. Gary Davis suggested removing the stump and adding a shoulder to the dip to improve the safety of the roadway.

Booker explained the Pleasant Grove Place bridge is a Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) high priority and will be funded a minimum of ninety-eight percent (98%) of cost by TDOT. Booker confirmed design has been completed, but said funds will not be available to complete the project until the next fiscal year.

Booker explained the City of Cleveland did not accept Minnis Road at Old Powerline Road as part of the annexation. Mayor Davis suggested the Road Department closely monitor the city sidewalk plan for the area to ensure water run off will not further erode the roadway or the bank which is prone to washing out.

OTHER BUSINESS

Booker explained during the pursuit of railroad crossing grants for Sheffey Lane, it was discovered the Old Chattanooga Pike crossing does meet the criteria for funding and possibly two (2) other crossings.

Superintendent Collins reported Charleston Police prevented Bradley County Road Department paving trucks from accessing Chatata Valley Road due to weight limits. Mayor Davis suggested contacting the Charleston City Manager in advance of paving to request access to the target areas.

Booker confirmed the Upper River Road bridge project is not on the TDOT February schedule and there is no timeline for the project.

Superintendent Collins confirmed there is no timeline for the federal bridge project between Olin and Wacker.

Thompson requested a review of water running onto property located at Hancock Road at Highway 64. Superintendent Collins confirmed a work order was completed on the property on February 21, 2024.

Thomas Crye requested a review of the culvert at 2398 Dry Valley Road.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no communication from the audience.

Chairman Mason thanked everyone for support of the Road Department and thanked the Road Department for their work in our community.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:51p.m.

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Paved Roads	completed as of 2/21/2024
Bancroft Road	5.2
Charata Valley Road	7.98
Walker Valley Road	3.99
Davis Lane NW	0.86
North West Circle	0.78
Walker Brow Trail	0.39
Banberry Circle	0.59
Benton Pike Upper Portion	3.99
Walker Brow Ridge Road	1.35
Mariah Ridge Road	0.08

BCRD Striping List 2023-2024

Road Name	Miles	In order of completion
Urbane Road	1.89	
Union Grove Road	1.93	
Tasso Lane	1.54	
Upper River Road	5.95	
Cates Lane	2.24	
Hughes Road	1.42	
Samples Chapel Road	3.21	
Bates Pike	9.6	
Old Lower River Road	3.17	
Armstrong Road	2.81	
Red Clay Park Road	1.85	
Old Weatherly Switch Road	0.45	
Leadmine Valley Road	8.2	
Ramsey Bridge Road	1.74	
Rolling Brook Circle	0.19	
Rolling Brook Drive	1.45	
Greendale Drive	0.89	
Greendale Place	0.13	
Lyncrest Drive	0.66	
Chip Drive	0.04	
Michelle Drive	0.15	
Brookcrest Drive	0.39	
Rolling Brook Place	0.07	
Stoney Brook Drive	0.12	
Charlotte Drive	0.17	
Trewhitt Road	5.38	
Harris Creek Road	3.49	
Harris Creek Trail	1.16	
Freewill Road	1.14	
Mt. Zion Road	3.28	
Trewhitt Drive	0.45	
Benton Pike	Partial	
No Pone Road	Partial	
Old Leadmine Valley Road	1.18	
Red Clay Road	1.25	
Lebanon Valley Church Road	1.3	
Durkee Road	1.53	
Mouse Creek Road	4.04	
Horton Road	1.88	
Withrow Road	0.95	
Buchanan Road	1.74	
Royal Oaks Drive	0.47	
Live Oaks Trail	1.88	

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Fleetwood Drive	0.12
Fairhill Drive	0.64
Occoneechee Circle	0.25
Oak Hill Court	0.08
Fair Oaks Court	0.07
Pin Oak Drive	0.18
Tasso Road	2.02
Young Road	1.04
Broomfield Road	0.73
Blue Springs Road from City Limits to hungry Hollow Rd	
Mitchell Road	0.15
Hidden Valley Road	0.72
Old Freewill Road	3.45
White Oak Valley Road	7.59
Walker Valley Road (State Aid Rd project)	
Cobblestone Creek Road	0.83
Knobb Hill Drive	1.5
Country Place Drive	0.39
Candies Creek Ridge Road	7.87
McPherson Lane	0.82
Davis Lane	0.86
North West Circle	0.78
Mowery Circle	0.82
Wy-Lou Drive	0.9
Old Hwy 58 NW	0.24
Mowery Lane	0.57
Van Davis Road	4.87
No Pone Road from Hwy 60 to Moore Road	
No Pone Valley Road	2.5
Gum Springs Road	0.67
New Hope Road	2.4
Old Kinser Road	0.6
Chilcutt Road	2.99
Anderson Cabin Road	0.43
Jameson Drive	0.31

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RPM's completed as of 2/21/2024

Bates Pike
Benton Pike
Durkee Road
Samples Chapel Road
Trewitt Road
Upper River Road
Kile Lake Road
Harris Creek Road
Horton Road
Royal Oak Subdivision
Rolling Brook Subdivision
Harris Creek Road
Broomfield Road
Leadmine Valley Road
Blue Springs Road
Red Clay Park
Old Weatherly Switch-Road
Young Road
Armstrong Road
Ramsey Bridge Road
Hidden Valley Road
Bell Road
Knobb Hill Drive
Country Place Drive
Cobblestone Creek Road
Old Freewill Road
White Oak Valley Road
Lebanon Valley Church Road
Cates Lane
Union Grove
Harriman Road
Varnell Road
Holloway Road
Pleasant Grove Road
Rollins Ridge Road

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Bradley County Commission
Thomas Crye, Chairperson
WORK SESSION MINUTES
February 26, 2024, at 7:00p.m.
Bradley County Courthouse Commission Room

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

Members absent: Louie Alford, Milan Blake, Bobby Goins, Tim Mason

Chairman Thomas Crye called the meeting to order. Following the Invocation prayed by Awakening American Alliance representative Kay Horner, Commissioner Daniel Beaty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis confirmed the Bradley County Fire Department, with mutual aid assistance, has contained with no injuries the almost two hundred (200) acre fire off of Highway 64.

Mayor Davis presented to the Commission a letter submitted by his office to the Bradley County federal legislative delegation supporting the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act proposing a seven billion dollars (\$7,000,000.00) allocation for the Affordable Connectivity Program which is set to expire in April. Chairman Crye asked IT Committee Chairperson Denny Collins to also draft a letter of support for the Act.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

7th District

Commissioner Josh Rogers announced Cleveland State Community College and City Fields are collaborating to offer a three week Plumbing Bootcamp NC3 Rigid Certifications. Commissioner Rogers urged interested individuals to contact City Fields for more details.

Vice Chairman Bill Winters cautioned Highway 60 drivers to be mindful of delays and workers in the area as work continues.

6th District

Commissioner Tommy Ledford announced Relay for Life is set for April 20, 2024.

5th District

Commissioner Cindy Slater congratulated Bradley Central High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) for earning their 56th consecutive gold level award at the national convention. Accompanying FFA members Savannah Sanchez, Kyla West, Caden Dody, Luke Million, Layla Browder, and Taylor Williams were Jamie Hanes, Caribeth Panky, Arlette Robinson, and Patrick Spangler.

Commissioner Slater congratulated the following county schools for earning Reward School recognition: Charleston Elementary, Michigan Avenue Elementary, North Lee Elementary, Park View Elementary, and Taylor Elementary.

Commissioner Slater announced a joint meeting with the Education Committee and Population Trends Ad Hoc Committee at 2:00p.m. on March 8, 2024, in the commission room.

Commissioner Slater announced the Law Enforcement Committee will meet at 11:00a.m. on March 6, 2024, at the Sheriff's Office.

4th District

Commissioner Howard Thompson asked if the newly annexed area off of Minnis Road would be allowed to tap onto the county sewer line for a fee. Mayor Davis explained Cleveland Utilities agreed to assume responsibility for the sewer line, including all potential liability, and to make the line public.

Commissioner Scott Gilbert remembered former Bradley Central High School FFA teachers Herb Lackey and Mr. Ledford.

3rd District

Commissioner Denny Collins recognized Cleveland Bradley Greenway Board Chairman Cameron Fisher who thanked the county for support of the Greenway since its inception in 1999. Fisher unveiled a new Greenway logo and invited Commissioners to the Candies Creek Greenway Phase I Ribbon cutting ceremony on March 28, 2024, at 1:15p.m. at the Candies Creek Trailhead on Candies Lane.

1st District

Commissioner Mike Hughes asked the Education Committee to discuss with the Bradley County School Board a letter to the federal legislative delegation supporting the Affordable Connectivity Program. Commissioner Slater agreed to discuss the matter at the March 8, 2024, Education Committee meeting.

Commissioner Daniel Beaty remembered former Bradley Central High School FFA teachers Her Lackey and Charles Arnold.

AGENDA ITEMS

There were no agenda items.

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE
Dan Rawls urged the Commission to prepare for the continued inflow of undocumented and unidentified individuals into our community. Rawls provided Commissioners with a copy of Senate Bill 3589 regarding the prevention of private paramilitary activity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Next meeting – Voting Session, March 4, at 7:00p.m., Courthouse
- *Finance Committee – March 4, at 11:30a.m., Courthouse
- *Law Enforcement Committee, March 6, at 11:00a.m., Sheriff's Office
- *Education/Population Trends Ad Hoc joint meeting – March 8, at 2:00p.m., Courthouse

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46p.m.