



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.

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.