



*Bradley County Commission*  
**Thomas Crye, Chairperson**  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
May 28, 2024, at 7:00p.m.  
Bradley County Courthouse

Members present: Louie Alford, Daniel Beaty, Milan Blake, 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: None

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Chairman Thomas Crye called the meeting to order. Following the invocation prayed by Awakening America Ministries representative Kay Horner, Commissioner Denny Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis introduced Mrs. Tennessee Destiny Howard who welcomed and encouraged frank discussion regarding the homeless population in our community.

Mayor Davis, at the request of Commissioner Tommy Ledford, reported a written proposal is expected from the City of Cleveland regarding the potential property swap involving the Inman Street Fire Hall.

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

##### 1<sup>st</sup> District

Commissioners Daniel Beaty and Mike Hughes had no report.

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Commissioner Louie Alford referenced copies of emails regarding a second district issue that has been resolved.

##### 3<sup>rd</sup> District

Commissioner Milan Blake reported the General Assembly passed a measure allowing Constables, with the approval of the local legislative body, to increase their fee from forty dollars (\$40.00) to fifty dollars (\$50.00) and placed on the June 3, 2024, voting session agenda a motion to allow Bradley County Constables the authority to proceed.

Commissioner Blake added to the June 3, 2024, consent agenda a motion to transfer the old Commission room monitor from the Commission Office to the Bradley County Fire Department.

Commissioner Collins had no report.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioner Scott Gilbert requested prayer for Israel.

Commissioner Thompson reported the parking lot at Elrod Park was at full capacity this weekend and asked if there are plans to expand the parking area. Mayor Davis confirmed plans for additional parking near the disc golf area, and Assistant to the Mayor Adam Lewis announced the disc golf course is expected to open July 2024. Mayor Davis welcomed donations for the project.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioner Bobby Goins reported 3<sup>rd</sup> Street continues to handle an abundance of traffic as a result of the Inman Street project.

Commissioner Cindy Slater had no report.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioner Tim Mason had no report.

Commissioner Ledford thanked State Representative Kevin Raper and State Senator Adam Lowe for the recent Elected Official Appreciation Dinner.

Commissioner Ledford thanked the sponsors of the EMS luncheon.

Commissioner Ledford applauded interim EMS Director Adam Lewis for his work to boost department morale.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> District

Vice Chairman Bill Winters reported Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation representative Jennifer Innes confirmed receipt of the Commission letter regarding the Coyote Pass Chicken Farm located on Carson Road SE and confirmed they are moving forward with their investigation.

Commissioner Josh Rogers announced the EMS Committee will meet at 10:00a.m. on June 5, 2024, in the Commission Room.

Commissioner Rogers reported an informative Tennessee County Services Agency (TCSA) legislative conference in Gatlinburg and highlighted plans for a new TCSA emergency services committee that will promote measures to benefit all emergency services. Commissioner Rogers noted the need for affordable housing in the state was discussed including incentives for builders and developers to offer affordable housing.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Hughes placed on the June 3, 2024, voting session agenda a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an annexation interlocal agreement between the City of Cleveland and Bradley County regarding the non-contiguous annexation of approximately 17.5 acres of property on Buchanan Road currently owned by Ryan and Emily Wampler and further identified as tax map 065 parcels 040.00 and 044.00.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no communication from the audience.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*Next meeting – Votign Session, June 3, at 7:00p.m., Courthouse

\*Finance Committee, May 31, at 11:00a.m., Courthouse

\*EMS Committee, June 5, at 10:00a.m., Courthouse

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:21p.m.