



Bradley County Commission
Thomas Crye, Chairperson
WORK SESSION MINUTES
June 10, 2024, at noon
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

Chairman Thomas Crye called the meeting to order.

Following the invocation prayed by East View Baptist Church Pastor Shane Lawson, Commissioner Daniel Beaty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis had no report.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICT

1st District

Commissioner Beaty had no report.

Commissioner Mike Hughes recognized Bradley County Planning Commission Chairman Richard Burnette who asked the Commission to explain the decision to return 440 Old Powerline Road property to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Milan Blake stated his decision to return the property to the Planning Commission was based on new information that the property owner submitted a second rezoning application for Planning Commission consideration. Blake added the presumption was that a denial from the Planning Commission would result in moving forward with the previously offered resolution authorizing the County Attorney to move forward with filing legal action to prevent the unlawful use of property at 440 Old Powerline Road. Burnette opined the original application was for a scrap yard and they currently operate as a scrap yard without satisfying the requirements and regulations for a scrap yard. Burnette noted nothing has changed with the second application for rezoning. Commissioner Cindy Slater explained her decision to return the matter to Planning Commission was based on comments made by the Bradley County Planner confirming the property is being used as a recycling center. Burnette opined the property does not operate as a recycling center, but operates as a scrap yard including the use of a car crusher. Commissioner Howard Thompson declared operations should be within compliance of zoning, and confirmed complaints from at least one (1) neighbor. Burnette noted the Planning Commission does not enforce compliance, but did deny their request for a scrap yard and notified the owner the operations are out of zoning compliance. Commissioner Josh Rogers suggested the Planning Commission and County Planner consider reviewing the rules and regulations pertaining

to recycling centers to ensure accuracy and clarity. Burnette cited Bradley County Zoning Resolution Section 57 which lists the permitted recyclable items. Commissioner Hughes provided an aerial photograph of the property depicting a number of cars including a car crusher. Commissioner Hughes stated the only remaining step is to enforce the zoning of The Salvage Yard. Vice Chairman Winters restated the opportunity to move forward with the resolution authorizing the County Attorney to file legal action to prevent unlawful use of the property would be pursued if the second rezoning application is denied.

2nd District

Commissioner Louie Alford had no report.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake reported the Finance Committee met last week and voted to recommend approving the fiscal year 2023-2024 final budget amendments which he placed on the June 17, 2024, voting session agenda.

Commissioner Blake presented to the Commission the Finance Committee fiscal year 2024-2025 budget proposal and noted minimum changes from the Mayor's budget proposal.

Commissioner Blake placed on the June 28, 2024, voting session agenda a resolution fixing the tax levy for Bradley County, Tennessee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.

Commissioner Blake placed on the June 28, 2024, voting session agenda a resolution making appropriations for the various funds, departments, institutions, offices, and agencies of Bradley County, Tennessee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

Commissioner Blake placed on the June 28, 2024, voting session agenda a resolution fixing the fire tax levy of the county fire district for Bradley County, Tennessee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.

Commissioner Blake placed on the June 28, 2024, voting session agenda a resolution making appropriations to non-profit charitable organizations of Bradley County, Tennessee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

Commissioner Howard Thompson asked to vote separately the animal shelter budget. Mayor Davis suggested the Commission vote to approve the budget as presented, which includes funding for a contract with SPCA for animal sheltering services, and to discuss at a later time whether or not to continue the contract with SPCA.

Commissioner Denny Collins had no report.

4th District

Commissioners Scott Gilbert and Thompson had no report.

5th District

Commissioners Bobby Goins and Cindy Slater had no report.

6th District

Commissioner Tim Mason and Tommy Ledford had no report.

7th District

Vice Chairman Bill Winters reported discussions with Cleveland State Community College (CSCC) to continue and expand the scholarship program for Bradley County EMS employees.

Commissioner Josh Rogers reported the EMS Committee met last week and reviewed EMS collections report, equipment upgrades, staffing, CSCC scholarship, and discussed a nominal non-emergency fee and salary study.

AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Blake welcomed any elected official or department head to appeal their budget. Carol Croney, State of Tennessee Vocational Rehabilitation, asked the County Commission to reconsider defunding their budget. Mayor Davis explained the amount in the budget proposal was a clerical error and confirmed their budget is fully funded at one hundred four thousand eight hundred seventy-six dollars (\$104,876.00).

Bradley County Clerk Donna Simpson questioned the medical insurance line 207 funding twenty-seven (27) employees when the office maintains a staff of thirty (30). Mayor Davis committed to correcting the budget document to include medical insurance funding for thirty (30), and confirmed no vote is needed to handle the correction.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

*Dan Rawls shared with Commissioners information regarding open-source intelligence and committed to sharing a link to additional information. Rawls expressed concern with groups challenging private property rights and with the illegal alien invasion into the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Next meeting – Voting Session, June 17, at noon, Courthouse
- *Chamber Coffee, tomorrow, 8:30a.m., Crown Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram
- *Board of Education work session, June 13, at 2:00p.m., Central Office
- *Board of Education meeting, June 13, at 5:00p.m., Central Office
- *Friday Festival, June 14, 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m., First Street Square
- *Farmers on First, June 16, 11:00a.m.-2:00p.m., First Street Square

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:56p.m.