

COURTHOUSE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Minutes for Oct. 16, 2018

3rd Floor, Bedford County Courthouse, Consecutive after Law Enforcement



Present: Chairman, Julie Sanders; Commissioners, Brian Farris, Chasity Gunn, Brent Smith

Absent: 1 – Sweeney

Others Present: Finance Director, Robert Daniel; Mayor's Exec Asst, Liz Barnett; County Commissioners, Linda Yockey, Bill Anderson, Don Gallagher, Greg Vick, Jimmy Patterson, Silvia Pinson, Anita Epperson; EMA Director Scott Johnson; BCSD Jail Director, Mary West; Times Gazette Reporter, John Carney; IT Director, Josh Carney; Probation Director, Joyce Reed; Juvenile Director, Cynthia West; BCFD, Brian Cantrell, Noel

1. **Call the meeting to order** – Chairman, Julie Sanders, 5:45 PM
2. **Prayer** – Brent Smith
3. **Roll Call** – Sweeney absent
4. **Approval of the Sept. 18, 2018, Courthouse and Property Committee minutes** – Motion to Approve, (Gunn, Farris) unanimous.
5. **Zoning Reports** – Director, Chris White, on vacation.
6. **IT Reports** – Josh Carney, Director
 - The wiring bid for the Regions building was awarded to the lowest bidder out of 5 qualified bidders. Bid for IT wiring was \$74,633.
 - Considering 2-factor authentication for employees using VPN access.
7. **Health Dept** – No one present. Will be requested someone attend at least quarterly. Chairman Sanders to get with the Mayor on this.
8. **Fire Dept Report** – Mark Thomas reported their heavy rescue truck needs the motor replaced, could only find a remanufactured motor, ordered it & it wasn't good, started missing, invested ~\$20k already. Back-up rescue truck F550 smaller truck is also having issues with fuel system & tank. Local mechanic priced repair at \$11k. Dept is already over their annual maintenance budget even after the financial amendment. A new truck costs \$800k; they have a 20 year lifespan. Our truck has over 200k miles but speedometers go out often & this data is lost, 14 yrs old, not including 'idle' hours & idle hours causes the need for carbon levels to be released which must be done at a dealership. If this release isn't done, the truck will go into 're-gen' mode & totally shutdown; useless. We have 7 pumpers, 43 total vehicles we maintain. Keep this line item in next year's budget for new rescue tools, \$20k for airbag rescues, Flat Creek FD has leaking roof & our training takes place there.

9. 911 Communications Director Report – Phillip Noel

- Reported on NextGen911. State meeting approved AT&T ability to text 9-1-1.
- Hawthorne Hill road to tower is nearly impassable & we need access to that tower. Consulted Stanley Smotherman, but water, first, needs to be diverted before repairs are made. Need a 4WD to take that road. Chairman Sanders to discuss with the Mayor.

10. Motion to approve all reports – (Smith, Gunn) unanimous

11. Old Business –

- Updates on construction projects: Justice Center, Cascade school, Regions/Courthouse Annex

12. New Business –

- B. Smith requesting department reports; Nov. 2018 date tight timeline noted. All of Bedford County & the City data is desired. Farris motioned for report to be started & requested; Gunn seconded.
- John Davis of Bell Construction in attendance to provide construction updates
 - a. Courthouse Annex: Color floor plans provided. Basement, data room being built right now. Restrooms being made ADA compliant. Election Commission not being built at this point. 2nd floor unoccupied. Trustee & County Clerk office, 1st floor. 3rd floor hallways to be painted, restrooms made ADA compliant, Deeds & fee offices. The fact that we are not ADA compliant affects our eligibility for federal grants.
 - b. Cascade school structure not completely closed in yet due to some supplies damaged in transit. Bell Buckle water issues resolved. Completion should be prior to summer. Students will surely occupy new structure for next fall, 2019. Septic was approved. (John Davis left for school board meeting.)
 - c. John Thayer, Bell Construction, manager of Justice Center project. Guaranteed maximum price of the project, \$30,224, 000. Through the end of September, Bell's cost was \$6,401,000. Sitting on a contingency of \$1.1MM. Current completion date of 09.10.19. Commissioner Vick questioned pre-cast foundations with rainy weather on the horizon, ground water. Testing company onsite taking samples of every batch of concrete.
- Fruit Stand on 41A county property
 - a. Previous Mayor granted permission for this business to set up where they are. This couple does not have a business license; owner of company, Mr. Simpson(?), has the license, they think. Many customers would be disappointed if they were asked to leave the area. Yockey: Liability is an issue on county property, risk. Contract/agreement must be in place. The Smith: Commissioners in place were voted for to clean up the county. People need to take us seriously, from the housing to the businesses in our county. Bonnie Crouch & William Thompson [931.575.1890] said their selling season is nearing its end anyway & volunteered to vacate the property by Nov. 1st.

13. Announcements – None.

14. Adjourn 5:32 PM (Gunn, Smith) unanimous