



LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE



Minutes for Tuesday March 20, 2018
3rd Floor Bedford County Courthouse
Consecutive after Rules and Legislative Committee

Present: John Brown, Bobby Fox, Bill Anderson and Mark Thomas

Absent: Chairman, Eugene Ray

Others Present: Finance Director, Robert Daniel; County Commissioners; Chuck Heflin, Biff Farrar, Don Gallagher, Randy Clanton, Bob Davis, Julie Sanders, Chuck Heflin, Jimmy Woodson, Linda Yockey, Bob Davis; Sheriff, Austin Swing; Chief, Jason Williams, Jail Director, Mary West; BCAC Director, Jack Cooper; Probation Director Joyce Reed; IT Director, Josh Carney; Juvenile Director, Cynthia West; Fire Dept. Assistant, Brian Cantrell; EMA Assistant, Tammy Anderson; HR Director/Executive Assistant, Anita Epperson; T-G Reporter, John Carney; Probation Director, Joyce Reed

- 1. Call Meeting to Order** – John Brown
- 2. Prayer** – Mark Thomas
- 3. Roll Call** – 4 present, 1 absent
- 4. Approval of minutes of the Feb. 20, 2018, meeting of the Law Enforcement Committee** – Motion to approve, (Thomas, Fox) unanimous.
- 5. Animal Control Reports** - Reports were mailed to committee members prior to the meeting. Director Jack Cooper was present he said they had closed the two felony cruelty abuse cases from Feb. and he had another officer to get certified. He answered questions about the difference in citations and cases etc.
- 6. Sheriff/Jail/Workhouse Reports** - Reports were mailed to committee members prior to the meeting. The Sheriff reported he would need 12 more new cars over the next 4 years and would be asking for \$1.00 per hour increase for his corrections officers and two additional SRO officers. Mary West reported the Inmates saved the county and city a total of \$77,600 last month.

In the Courthouse last month there was 1,825 on the docket and 2,404 occupied the courts.

Drug Task Force- 17 defendants with drug charges
- 7. EMA Reports** – Director Scott Johnson was not present. Reports were mailed out prior to the meeting. Assistant Tammy Anderson was there to answer questions. She said they had done a storm spotter class and toured two schools.
- 8. Juvenile Reports** – Reports were handed out prior to the meeting. Director Cynthia West was present. No additional questions were asked.

9. Probation Reports – Reports were handed out prior to the meeting. Director Joyce Reed was present. She asked the committee what if a drug fee was charged and the test came up negative but the person asked to have it sent to the lab and it truly was a negative test could she then waive the fee for the person because it would be unfair to charge them for a wrong test. Commissioner Anderson and Thomas made a motion to send to the finance committee. *Item to be placed on the April 24 finance committee agenda.*

10. Old Business- none

11. New Business – none

12. Announcements-

13. ADJOURN: (Anderson, Brown) unanimous. 5:30