

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE



Minutes for Tuesday June 20, 2017
3rd Floor Bedford County Courthouse
Consecutive after Rules and Legislative Committee

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

Absent: 0

Others Present: Finance Director, Robert Daniel; County Commissioners; Tony Barrett, Billy King, Biff Farrar, Jimmy Woodson, Bob Davis, Don Gallagher, Julie Sanders, Linda Yockey, Janice Brothers; and Sheriff, Austin Swing; IT Director, Josh Carney; BCSD, Director, Tim Lokey; Animal Control Director, Jack Cooper, ACO, Maria Hughes ; HR Director/Executive Assistant, Anita Epperson; Probation Director, Joyce Reed; Juvenile Director, Michael Bennett; GIS Mapping, Andrew Reed; EMA Assistant, Tammy Anderson; E911 Director, Phillip Noel.

1. **Call Meeting to Order** - Chairman, Eugene Ray
2. **Prayer** – John Brown
3. **Roll Call** - Chairman, Eugene Ray (all present)
4. **Approval of minutes of the May 16, 2017, meeting of the Law Enforcement Committee** – Motion to approve, (Thomas, Anderson) unanimous.
5. **Animal Control Reports** - Reports were mailed to committee members prior to the meeting. Director Jack Cooper was present. He said they are much busier and have more animals but still have a 4% euthanize rate. And they still were getting them out to rescue and adoptions. Construction should start soon.
6. **Sheriff/Jail/Workhouse Reports** - Reports were mailed to committee members prior to the meeting. The sheriff went over the report. He said he is losing a lot of officers to Marshall County due to pay and insurance. The jail is too. Tim Lokey gave the jail and workhouse reports. Workhouse saved a total of 52,800.00 for city and county the jail is down 3 men and 2 women employees they are having a problem finding and keeping employees. The pay is low and the conditions are bad. The jail is overcrowded.

Courtroom report – 1,160 people in court last month. 1,660 spectators in the courthouse.

Drug Task Force- They did 14 investigations 9 in Bedford County including Meth, ICE, and Prescription meds. crack and powder cocaine and marijuana. They have lost 2 agents recently to other counties and one is out in National Guard. That has slowed the operation.
7. **EMA Reports** – Director Scott Johnson was not present. Assistant Director Tammy Anderson was present. Reports were handed out prior to the meeting. She mentioned how well all safety agencies worked together for example with today's bomb threat at the courthouse. Also the tornado shelter is in at EMA.
8. **Juvenile Reports** – Reports were handed out prior to the meeting. Director Michael Bennett was present. He has 6 DCS kids, 3 Bedford Co. kids and is at capacity. He is turning away 3-4 a week.

9. Probation Reports – Reports were handed out prior to the meeting. Director Joyce Reed was present. She went over her report. Shred it is coming every 2 weeks hoping to be able to do 1 time per month soon. She did 85 drug screens and 26 came back positive.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve all reports, Commissioner Brown 2nd, unanimous.

10. Old Business- none

11. New Business –

12. Announcements- June 29th Special Called Meeting 7pm 2nd floor and we have budget books at the Mayor's office.

13. ADJOURN: (Anderson, Ray) unanimous. 6:43