

# LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes for July 16, 2019  
3rd Floor Bedford County Courthouse  
Consecutive after Rules and Legislative Committee



**Present:** Chairman, Mark Thomas; Mayor Chad Graham, Commissioners Anderson, Pinson, Brown

**Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Mayor's Exec Asst, Liz Barnett; County Commissioners: Linda Yockey, Julie Sanders, Don Gallagher, Brent Smith, Chasity Gunn, Jeff Sweeney, Janice Brothers; BCSD Jail Director, Mary West; Times Gazette Reporter, John Carney; IT Director, Josh Carney; Probation Cindy Herring, Rebecca Snyder; Juvenile Director, Cynthia West; BCFD, Brian Cantrell, e-911 Director, Phillip Noel; Asst Fire Chief, Brian Cantrell; Sheriff, Austin Swing; Tabatha; Workhouse, Ronnie Prince; EMA Director, Scott Johnson; BCFD, Brian Cantrell; Animal Control, Maria Hughes

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chairman, Mark Thomas, 5:25
2. **Prayer** – Commissioner Brown
3. **Roll Call** – All present
4. **Approval of minutes of the July 16, 2019 meeting of the Law Enforcement Committee** – Motion to approve, (Anderson, Pinson) unanimous
5. **Animal Control Reports** – Reports in packets. With regards to a replacement vehicle, Maria said they are making a trip to Nashville to see what the State has to offer on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Anderson: Take your time, get what you want, get what you need. Mayor: Maria will get with Scott Johnson because EMA has had success getting vehicles from the State in the past. Anderson: How are you on space? Maria: Last year we had a lot of people with 1 or 2 animals; this year it's a few people with several animals! Commissioner Vick: Receiving calls requesting that spay/neuter is a requirement to adopt. Maria: Our spay & neuter clinic has a voucher system for that at a discounted rate because of a grant. Anderson: Kudos on how clean the place is! It doesn't reek of urine, odor, etc. Much cleaner than other animal facilities!
6. **Sheriff/Jail/Workhouse Reports/Drug Task Force** – Reports in packets. Sheriff reported 941 on the docket; 1,529 in the courtroom for the month of June. Drug Task Force investigated 35. Four thousand Tramadol pills were intercepted by US Customs & turned over to us for a controlled delivery which took place in Chapel Hill. Afterwards, there were another 1,000 additional pills discovered at the residence [Marshall County].  
Jail Report – Mary West: Jail population is 167; 24 State inmates; 143 County. Workhouse: Daily average population of 75; monthly 2,337; workhouse labor saved the County \$79,130.  
Mayor inquired about the staffing progress.
7. **EMA Reports** – Director Scott Johnson not present, Tammy presented. All FEMA paperwork has been submitted from EMA & Hwy Dept for reimbursement on recent flooding. Commissioner Anderson asked for an update on blocking river access points in extreme weather conditions. Tammy: TVA put a pile of gravel at Dement Bridge & have some barriers. Chief Thomas: We're having to work with the State for permission/permits to proceed because it's a State Hwy to do anything with the ROW.

- 8. Juvenile Reports** – Director Cynthia West reported for the 2018-19 school year, over 3800 hours of education instruction, students earned 16 credits in the fall, 15 in the spring, 6 online classes, 2 credit recovery classes. Awesome job! Applauded. Commissioner Yockey: No other facility offers this!
- 9. Probation Reports** – Representatives Cindy Herring & Rebecca Schneider in attendance in place of Joyce Reed. Good time to do a top-to-bottom internal review as we prepare to relocate to the new facility. MTSU is involved with the structure & standardization of the Probation Dept. Should be no issues during this transition.
- 10. Motion to Approve all Reports Submitted:** (Anderson, Pinson) unanimous
- 11. Old Business** – None
- 12. New Business** – None
- 13. Announcements** –
  - a. Commissioner Anderson commended Helen & the workers from the jail for how great the fairgrounds look this year, the Sheriff & Mary West. Mayor: Also recommended Mark Clanton's team for their contributions to the makeover of the fairgrounds.
  - b. Cascade fish fry fundraiser for ~1,200 people in conjunction with Walk of Champions, 500 pounds of fish, 5-9:00 PM, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 14. ADJOURN:** (Anderson, Pinson) unanimous 5:41 p.m.