

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE



Minutes for Tuesday July 18, 2017
3rd Floor Bedford County Courthouse
Consecutive after Rules and Legislative Committee

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

Absent: Chairman, Eugene Ray

Others Present: Finance Director, Robert Daniel; County Commissioners; Tony Barrett, Billy King, Bob Davis, Julie Sanders, Linda Yockey, Jeff Yoes, Janice Brothers; IT Director, Josh Carney; BCSD, Chief, Jason Williams, Jail/Workhouse Director, Tim Lokey; Animal Control Assistant, Josie Lowery, ACO, Maria Hughes ; HR Director/Executive Assistant, Anita Epperson; Probation Director, Joyce Reed; Juvenile Director, Michael Bennett; EMA Director, Scott Johnson, EMA Assistant, Tammy Anderson; E911 Director, Phillip Noel. T-G reporter, John Carney.

- 1. Call Meeting to Order** – Vice Chairman, John Brown
- 2. Prayer** – Mark Thomas
- 3. Roll Call** – 4 present one absent
- 4. Approval of minutes of the June 20, 2017, meeting of the Law Enforcement Committee** – Motion to approve, (Anderson, Thomas) unanimous.
- 5. Animal Control Reports** - Reports were mailed to committee members prior to the meeting. Assistant Josie Lowery was present. She said they are much busier and have more animals but they still were getting them out to rescue and adoptions. The problem they have is kittens and cats everyone is full of those and not as many rescues. Commissioner Sanders asked if a person in the city has an animal and the city animal control will not take owner surrenders, will the county take them. Josie said no because we have a city animal control and they are responsible for city residents. Commissioner Sanders said she thought we had a contract with the city that if they were full we would take them. Josie said no there was not. Julie asked, what are the city residents supposed to do with the animal, it was a problem in the city. Anita Epperson said they should call their city council members and Mayor and just as the County residents would do and if they did not get a response they should not vote for them in the next election. Anita Epperson said the county does have a contract with Wartrace, Bell Buckle and Normandy and if they call animals control they will come out for a fee and pick up the animal. The city would need to talk to the county if they wanted the same contract.
- 6. Sheriff/Jail/Workhouse Reports** - Reports were mailed to committee members prior to the meeting. The Chief went over the report. Tim Lokey gave the jail and workhouse reports. Workhouse saved a total of 86,800.00 for city and county the jail is still down on employees they are having a problem finding and keeping employees. The jail is overcrowded. Especially with the July 4th holiday just passing. They had 161 inmates today. He said he expects an inspection soon. Josh Carney also said he had been working with them to fix cameras but they were so out dated and old they had tried to save money but it is putting the guards in danger the equipment doesn't work well and you can't see clearly on the camera's. He highly advised they not wait to get to the new facility to replace the cameras in the jail and workhouse.

Courtroom report –

Drug Task Force- They did 9 investigations 6 in Bedford County including Meth, ICE, and Prescription meds. crack and powder cocaine and marijuana. Had a large drug bust including two people from California.

- 7. EMA Reports** – Director Scott Johnson was present. Assistant Director Tammy Anderson was also. Reports were handed out prior to the meeting. He mentioned how well all safety agencies worked together with the drowning at the river. It was a team effort and a big one. Billy King asked why the Bedford County Rescue Squad was not used, Johnson said he would be glad to meet with them about that situation but not at this meeting.
- 8. Juvenile Reports** – Reports were handed out prior to the meeting. Director Michael Bennett was present. He has 10 kids and is at capacity. He is turning away 6-7 a month.
- 9. Probation Reports** – Reports were handed out prior to the meeting. Director Joyce Reed was present. She went over her report. She did 112 drug screens and 25 came back positive. 1 refused.

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

10. Old Business- none

11. New Business – Mark Thomas made a motion to form a committee to work with Scott Johnson and all Safety agencies to come up with a plan to report back to the Law Enforcement Committee on getting a resolution or legislature sent to the commission then on to the state to make the rivers safer in our county. It is dangerous when the level rises and there is no way to block it or stop people from putting in. They want to study different ideas and report back. Anderson asked if they could request a second TWRA person here. Fox seconded with a unanimous vote.

12. Announcements- *Aug. 1, will be the National Night Out with Law Enforcement at HV Griffin Park 5-8:30*

13. ADJOURN: (Anderson, Brown) unanimous. 6:00