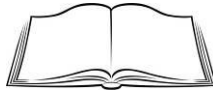


RULES AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes for Jan. 15, 2019

3rd Floor Bedford County Courthouse at 5:00 PM



Present: Chairman Biff Farrar; Commissioners Jimmy Patterson, Greg Vick, Anita Epperson

Absent: Commissioner Castleman

Others Present: Mayor Chad Graham; Mayor's Exec Asst, Liz Barnett; Finance Director, Robert Daniel; County Commissioners: Sylvia Pinson, Mark Thomas, Linda Yockey, Bill Anderson, Julie Sanders, Don Gallagher, Brent Smith, Chasity Gunn, Jeff Sweeney, Janice Brothers; Jail Director, Mary West; Times Gazette Reporter, John Carney; IT Director, Josh Carney; Probation Director, Joyce Reed; Juvenile Director, Cynthia West; EMS Director, Ted Cox; e-911 Director, Phillip Noel; Asst Fire Chief, Brian Cantrell; Sheriff, Austin Swing; Workhouse, Ronnie Prince; Hwy Super, Stanley Smotherman; EMA Director, Scott Johnson; Animal Control, Maria Hughes; Trustee, Tonya Davis; Assessor, Ronda Clanton; City Power, John Freeman; Ben Morales.

- 1. Call the meeting to order:** Chairman Biff Farrar, 5:00 PM
- 2. Roll Call:** Commissioner Castleman absent
- 3. Prayer:** Chairman Biff Farrar
- 4. Elections:** Commissioner Vick moved to keep Commissioner Farrar as Chairman of this Committee & Castleman as Vice-Chair. Epperson seconded. All agreed.
- 5. Approval of Jan. 15, 2019 Rules and Legislative Committee minutes** – Motion made to approve, (Epperson, Patterson) unanimous.
- 6. Consideration of placing the approval Commission minutes on Feb. 12, 2018, County Commission Agenda** – Motion made to place items on county commission agenda, (Epperson without recommendation, Patterson) unanimous.
- 7. Consideration of placing the notary applicants on the March 12, 2019, County Commission agenda as requested by County Clerk, Donna Thomas** – Motion made to approve, (Vick, Epperson) unanimous.
- 8. Veterans Officer Report** – Distributed prior to the meeting. YTD 2018, 479 veterans transported to appointments, 716 visited the veterans office for assistance. Motion made to approve report, (Patterson, Vick) unanimous.
- 9. Community Clinic Report** – FYI. See 80-90 patients/month. No approval needed.
- 10. Ag Center Report** – Included in packet. Commissioner Bill Anderson is the new Chairman for this Committee.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a) **Bedford County Farmers Market Task Force** – Commissioner Vick to form & conduct a Mainstreet Market Study & submit a report within 60 days to determine how to proceed further. Vick motioned to accept for further study, Patterson second.
- b) **BEER Permit Process Review** – Commissioner Smith pointed out key changes, answered questions. Motion made to approve new process & send to full commission, (Vick, Epperson) unanimous.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Adoption of a Legislative Resolution, Restoration of Registers** – Commissioner Vick invited Registrar, Johnny Reed, to speak. Resolution is to get back the County's 2.6% the State took to balance their budget in 2006. We are only getting 2.4% & losing \$22k/year. Approving this Resolution will get the County back at 5%. Epperson motioned to approve & send to full commission, Vick seconded, unanimous.
- b) **Franchise Agreement with Volunteer Wireless, LLC** – Mayor Graham shared that we consulted with our County Attorney on the Agreement & we were recommended to go forward with it. This is for cable services in the Beech Grove area only, Ben Lomand's area, is non-exclusive. Motion to defer for 30 days, have Lomand & United Reps attend February meeting, "10 years" in question. (Vick, Epperson) unanimous.
- c) **CDBG Resolution** – Community Development Block Grant funding for Flat Creek water problem. City to cover the 13% match. Applications due Feb. 22nd. John Freeman, Shelbyville Power, fielded questions. Motion made to approve & send to full commission, (Vick, Epperson) unanimous.
- d) **Property Tax Freeze Program** – Commissioner Brent Smith addressed the Committee, presented his support for the Program. Requirements for this Program: income max \$33,300/year, must be 65 or older.

Ronda Clanton, BC Property Assessor, introduced Ken Morrell, TN Comptroller of 34 years, Division of State Property Assessment, showed a presentation on Tax Freeze vs. Tax Relief. Concerns & comments fielded from attendees.

Clanton & Tonya Davis, BC Trustee, fielded questions.

Commissioner Yockey proposed a study session. What will be the cost to our County?

13. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Chairman Farrar reminded Commissioners about the Jan. 31st deadline to have the annual ethics letter turned into the State. Also reminded everyone of Stanley Smotherman's retirement send-off on the 30th.

14. **ADJOURN:** 6:30 PM (Vick, Patterson) unanimous.