

# RULES AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes for Feb. 21, 2017

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Bedford County Courthouse at 5:00 PM



**Present:** Chairman Biff Farrar, Ed Castleman, Tony Barrett, Jimmy Woodson and Jimmy Patterson.

**Absent:** None

**Others Present:** County Mayor, Eugene Ray; Finance Director, Robert Daniel; County Commissioners, Linda Yockey, Chuck Heflin, Bobby Fox, John Brown, Bill Anderson, Tony Smith, Julie Sanders, Jeff Yoes, Don Gallagher, Mark Thomas, Billy King; Sheriff, Austin Swing, Capt. Jason Williams, BCSD, Ted Hewell, BCSD, Tim Lokey; Probation Director, Joyce Reed; Executive Assistant/ HR Director, Anita Epperson; Animal Control Director, Jack Cooper; Times Gazette Reporter, John Carney; Amy Mitchell and Angie Faulkner with Bedford County Health Dept.

1. **Call the meeting to order:** Chairman Biff Farrar
2. **Roll Call:** Chairman Biff Farrar
3. **Prayer:** Tony Barrett
4. **Approval of the Jan. 17, 2017, Rules and Legislative Committee minutes** – Motion made to approve, (Castleman, Patterson) unanimous.
5. **Consideration of placing the approval of the Feb. 14, 2017, Commission minutes on the March 14, 2017, Commission Agenda** – Motion made to place item on county commission agenda, without a recommendation. (Woodson, Barrett) unanimous.
6. **Consideration of placing the notary applicants on the March 14, 2017, County Commission agenda as requested by County Clerk Donna Thomas** – Motion made to approve, (Barrett, Castleman) unanimous.
7. **Veterans Officer Report-** Reports were handed out prior to the meeting. The Veteran's officer was not present. Commissioner Woodson made a motion to approve, Castleman 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous.
8. **OLD BUSINESS** –
  - A. **The Mayor will visit board appointments of all boards. Mayor Ray said the Planning /Zoning had the 3<sup>rd</sup> district open if someone had a suggestion. Also the 911 board had a position open since Chris White moved out of the district the 5<sup>th</sup> district was open. Motion to place on the Commission Agenda by Woodson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Castleman, unanimous. Item to be placed on the March 14, 2017 Commission Agenda with a recommendation from the Rules and Legislative Committee.**
9. **NEW BUSINESS** – A. **Planning Commission Rezoning-** The planning commission minutes accidentally had not been sent out before the meeting. Jimmy Woodson and Linda Yockey with the Planning Commission were present. The Spence family represented by Betty Spence – 166 Squire Hall Rd., Shelbyville, TN. Tax Map 022; Parcel 010.00, owner requests a zoning change of the portion of this

parcel being sold to the Hawkins Brothers (identified with a legal description – attached) from A-1 to M-1. Tony Smith spoke strongly in support. There was no opposition in the Planning Commission meeting or the Rules meeting. Planning Commission voted unanimously to place on the Rules and Legislative Committee agenda. Commissioner Woodson made a motion to place the request on the March 14, 2017, Commission Agenda with a recommendation, Patterson 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous. ***Item to be placed on the March 14, 2017, County Commission Agenda with a unanimous recommendation from the Rules and Legislative Committee.***

**A PUBLIC NOTICE WILL BE HELD PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**

**B. Distances for beer license in County** - Commissioner Billy King asked that the Rules and Legislative Committee consider placing a discussion on the Agenda for removing all distances for Beer Sales in the county. He said the city of Shelbyville has done away with all restrictions on distance and he would like for the county to do the same. It is only a matter of time until we are in a law suit due to restrictions placed that are unfair or that do not meet State Laws. Commissioner Farrar said he would put it on next month's agenda to be studied but would like to get information from the Beer Board and the Zoning Board if they had any input at that meeting. Commissioner Heflin said he had served on the Beer Board and they had no regulation over the distance they severed at the wishes of the Commission. Also there was nothing in the zoning books about the distance everyone had new zoning books and rules. Commissioner Smith said he agreed with King that there are a lot of small stores that are struggling to make it and the sales would help them. Many were located a mile or two from somewhere you can buy liquor. He said it was voted in to put wine in grocery stores and the city had no problem doing away with the distance. We need to help the few small stores that are struggling. Woodson made a motion to put it on next month's Rules and Legislative agenda and to ask for information from the Beer Board and Zoning if there was any. Castleman 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous.

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS – The architect will be here all week and wants to meet with any Commissioners that can at 11:00 Friday at 200 Dover St.**

**11. ADJOURN: 5:27 PM (Patterson, Farrar) unanimous.**