

# RULES AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes for March 21, 2017

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



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

**Absent:** Ed Castleman

**Others Present:** County Mayor, Eugene Ray; Finance Director, Robert Daniel; County Commissioners, Chuck Heflin, Bobby Fox, Janice Brothers, Bob Davis, John Brown, Bill Anderson, Don Gallagher, Mark Thomas, Billy King; Sheriff, Austin Swing, Capt. Jason Williams, BCSD, Ted Hewell, BCSD, Tim Lokey; Executive Assistant/ HR Director, Anita Epperson; Animal Control Director, Jack Cooper; Times Gazette Reporter, John Carney; Angie Faulkner with Bedford County Health Dept.; 911 Communications Director, Phillip Noel

**1. Call the meeting to order:** Chairman Biff Farrar

**2. Roll Call:** 1 absent, 4 present

**3. Prayer:** Tony Barrett

**4. Approval of the Feb. 21, 2017, Rules and Legislative Committee minutes** – Motion made to approve, (Patterson, Barrett) unanimous.

**5. Consideration of placing the approval of the March 14, 2017, Commission minutes on the April 11, 2017, Commission Agenda** – Motion made to place item on county commission agenda, without a recommendation. (Barrett, Patterson) unanimous.

**6. Consideration of placing the notary applicants on the April 11, 2017, County Commission agenda as requested by County Clerk Donna Thomas** – Motion made to approve, (Barrett, Patterson) unanimous.

**7. Veterans Officer Report-** Reports were handed out prior to the meeting. The Veteran's officer was not present. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to approve, Barrett 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous.

**8. OLD BUSINESS –**

**A. The Mayor will visit board appointments of all boards. Mayor Ray said the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Ag Board and the 2<sup>nd</sup> District 911 Board had openings if someone has a recommendation.** *Motion to place on the Commission Agenda by Patterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barrett, unanimous. Item to be placed on the April 11, 2017 Commission Agenda with a recommendation from the Rules and Legislative Committee.*

**B. Discussion of Rules for the Sale of alcohol in the county-** Billy King said he talked with John T. Bobo and the Beer Board and Chuck Heflin had sent out research from CTAS and the Beer Board to each commissioner. The law is that the Commissioners are to make the ruling and the Beer Board follows it. It is up to the Legislative body to make the decision on it. Chuck said he had just as many call for changing the footage as for keeping it. Billy suggested they send it to the commission with a

change saying they completely do away with the rule as the city has done and it would be 0 feet from the distance of a school, church or meeting place. Commissioner Farrar and Woodson did not want to make a motion for that. Chuck said he had no problem with lowering it to 1,000 or 500 feet. Farrar asked for more research but Chuck said he had already sent all the information. Woodson made a motion to **defer for one month** Patterson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Unanimous. The Mayor explained they could not table it that they must pass it to the full commission for a vote one way or the other next month.

**9. NEW BUSINESS –**

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

**11. ADJOURN: 5:25 PM (Patterson, Farrar) unanimous.**