

RULES AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes for May 21, 2019

3rd Floor Bedford County Courthouse at 5:00 PM



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

Absent: Zero

Others Present: 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; EMA Director, Scott Johnson; Animal Control, Maria Hughes, Jerry Bowman for 11-b Zoning

- 1. Call the meeting to order:** Chairman Biff Farrar, 5:00 PM
- 2. Roll Call:** No one absent
- 3. Prayer:** Chairman Biff Farrar
- 4. Approval of May 21, 2019 Rules and Legislative Committee minutes** – Motion made to approve, (Castleman, Patterson) unanimous.
- 5. Consideration of placing the approval Commission minutes on June 11, 2018, County Commission Agenda** – Motion made to place items on county commission agenda, (Epperson w/o recommendation, Patterson) unanimous.
- 6. Consideration of placing the notary applicants on the July 9, 2019, County Commission agenda as requested by County Clerk, Donna Thomas** – Motion made to approve, (Epperson, Castleman) unanimous.
- 7. Veterans Officer Report** – Distributed prior to the meeting. Motion made to approve report, (Patterson, Castleman) unanimous.
- 8. Community Clinic Report** – FYI. Hosted fundraising golf tournament, raised \$6,600. No approval needed.
- 9. Ag Center Report** – Included in packet. No approval needed. No budget increases for next fiscal year noted.
- 10. Beer Board meeting minutes from April 24th** – Three new board members approved.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a) **Tax Freeze vs. Tax Relief Study Session Update from April 22nd** – Chairman Farrar provided an update from the meeting. Group leaning towards a tax relief with a percentage discounted. City extends 12% now. County considering something similar. Commissioner Thomas mentioned that Robert Daniel was going to pull some numbers together to see where we're headed with this. Commissioner Vick said the 12% computed to \$26k or \$29k. Thomas added, this could be passed in July, but the Relief effective date isn't until January 2020; calendar year vs. fiscal year. So we're in no rush to push for July or August. Vick motioned to defer 30 days so the Mayor could be here, Robert could be in attendance, then collectively decide; Epperson second, unanimous.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Revised Zoning Guidelines** – Chairman Farrar suggested everyone become familiar with the CTAS TN County Government Handbook, Chapter 17 “Planning, Zoning, and Growth Policy” in particular. Chris' revision is very extensive & comprehensive. Read & reread these so you're equipped & ready for your constituents. The new Commissioners especially need to familiarize yourselves with this. Vick acknowledged the Zoning department for doing such a great job on the revision. Commissioner Pinson asked how many readings are we required to have before passing. Vick believes it to be only one, within 30 days. Commissioner Sanders reminded everyone that the book is good to have with you, especially at Public Hearings.

Farrar: Ensure the rezoning of Bowman property is addressed during June's Public Hearing prior to the June Commission meeting.

Vick: Internet Sales Tax – Has been passed through Legislation. The County will get their share from that.

Vick: Electronic Monitoring Devices – Senate Bill 0806, there's a local match if Sheriff has the opportunity to use it for Federal & State match for the non-interlock monitoring device account to be a part of that.

Vick: Mental Health Transportation Costs – Senate Bill 0579 funding the costs associated with transportation. Sheriff: Believes this is for certain counties only at this time as an experiment before providing to all counties. Deputies transport these people & we get no payment for it & it's not fair to treat these 'patients' as 'prisoners'.

Vick: Governor Prioritizing Vocational Programs – \$25MM has been appropriated to the GIVE program, \$4MM to increase vocation access.

Vick: Correctional Educational Program – Funds available for inmates

Vick: Broadband – \$20MM

Vick: Enterprise Innovation Fund through ECD – \$15MM

Vick: Tourism – \$4MM

Vick: Fast Track Development Fund through ECD – \$70MM

Vick: The Commission appointed me to the 231 Industrial Business Park Board & that Board selected me as the Chairman last month, so expect to see some movement at our industrial park. Activity will be seen very soon. Lots going on there.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Memorial Day holiday reminder
- b) Relay for Life begins May 31st
- c) Ross/Raus(?) Ice Cream, June 6th

14. ADJOURN: 5:26 PM (Farrar, Vick) unanimous.