

# RULES AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes for Oct. 17, 2017

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



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

**Absent:** 0

**Others Present:** Finance Director, Robert Daniel; County Commissioners, Julie Sanders, Billy King, Linda Yockey, Bob Davis, John Brown, Bill Anderson, Chuck Heflin; Juvenile Director, Michael Bennett; IT Director, Josh Carney; Probation Director, Joyce Reed; BCSD, Jail and Workhouse Director, Tim Lokey; BCSD, Chief, Jason Williams; Sheriff, Austin Swing; Executive Assistant/ HR Director, Anita Epperson; Administrative Assistant, Janis Cannon; Zoning Director, Chris White; EMA Director, Scott Johnson and Assistant Tammy Anderson; Probation Director, Joyce Reed; BCAC Director, Jack Cooper; T-G reporter, John Carney;

- 1. Call the meeting to order:** Chairman Biff Farrar
- 2. Roll Call:** All present
- 3. Prayer:** Tony Barrett
- 4. Approval of the Sept. 19, 2017, Rules and Legislative Committee minutes** – Motion made to approve, (Castleman, Patterson) unanimous.
- 5. Consideration of placing the approval of the Oct. 10, 2017, Commission minutes on the Nov. 14, 2017, Commission Agenda.** – Motion made to place items on county commission agenda, without a recommendation. (Woodson, Castleman) unanimous.
- 6. Consideration of placing the notary applicants on the Nov. 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, Patterson 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous.
- 8. Free Health Care Clinic Report** – May be handed out FYI (no action required)
- 9. OLD BUSINESS** – Commissioner Anderson said he wanted to bring up from last month where they talked about going thru the proper committees and then they turned around and passed a 5 million dollar increase thru the finance committee. Anderson said he believed it should have gone thru courthouse and property committee first. He also said it was not on the finance agenda and he had an issue with that. He said those that work would have taken off work if they had known. Then they could have debated it there instead of on the floor at the Commission Meeting. Commissioner Farrar asked if anyone from the finance committee would like to answer. When no one answered Commissioner Anderson said they did the same thing with the VOTEC School Commissioner Farrar said he agreed with Commissioner Anderson they had

already discussed it. Commissioner Farrar said he understands the jail is under state mandate. He understands it involves money so it could be done the next week but he agrees. Commissioner Sanders said she thinks it should have gone to the Courthouse and Property Committee because she thinks it is just hearsay what they are doing and they don't get information first hand until time to vote on it. Commissioner Anderson said it looks bad to the public because it is not discussed. Commissioner Farrar said it is not as transparent as it should be. Commissioner King said you have to realize Courthouse and Property does handle the upkeep of the courthouse and the properties but it still falls on finance and finance is the final call. Commissioner Farrar said he hopes that Robert Daniel has his numbers right and the money is there. Commissioner King said finance has a lot on their plate and they have a heavy burden. Commissioner Farrar said he had to process a lot of information in just a few minutes in the Commission meeting but he voted for it. Commissioner Woodson said if they didn't like what was happening and it not going thru the proper committees he thought what the commissioners would have to do is get together and stand up and vote no and send it back to the proper committees. But in this case he thought that because Robert did find a way to find the money to build plan A and if as a Commission since they had already voted to build a jail and a justice system together and had a set time to start drawing out the money, it would be more embarrassing as a Commission to try to explain to the taxpayers why they waited another month and maybe faced a penalty when it has been almost a year. Woodson said, So in this case he thought time was of the essence and they did what they had to do. If the Commissioners don't get started regardless if the people like what is going on in the world or not there is things being built and the contract price could go up the longer you wait so even though I don't like the fact it didn't go through the committees I am like Billy, it would have still ended up in finance. So in this case I voted yes and I am not mad at nobody.

**10. NEW BUSINESS** –Rezoning application for 2174 Hwy. 41 A South, Shelbyville, Grady Cunningham, Item placed on the agenda by the Planning Commission with a unanimous vote for approval with a favorable recommendation. Woodson, Castleman, unanimous with a favorable recommendation. Map handed out to Commissioners at meeting. *Item to be placed on the Oct. 10, 2017 County Commission agenda by the Rules and Legislative Committee with a favorable recommendation. A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD.*

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS** –

**12. ADJOURN:** 5:17 PM (Patterson, Farrar) unanimous.