

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bedford County Planning Commission Resolution to Amend and Correct Technical Errors to the Zoning Resolution of Bedford County, Tennessee Version 10.9

Purpose of Resolution: To correct typographical and formatting mistakes, errors in reference sections and numbers due to multiple reformatting and the alphabetizing of development standards, along with minor articulations, clarifications and explanations for agricultural exemptions. To add language regulating the construction of commercial solar power operations and prohibited tree and plant species for required landscaping plans.

On April 21, 2020 the Bedford County Rules and Legislative committee unanimously recommended the resolution be voted on by the Bedford County Commission.

The public hearing will occur immediately before the Bedford County Commission meeting which will begin at 7:00 p.m. on May 12, 2020. The public hearing and commission meeting will be held at the Bedford County historic courthouse in the second-floor courtroom.

Accommodations

Persons with a disability who wish to request accommodation to participate in the Public Meeting should notify Anna Frazier at least three (3) business days prior to the Meeting at (931) 684-7944 or email your request to anna.frazier@bedfordcountyttn.org to discuss accommodations. Every reasonable effort will be made to meet your need.

Chairman Chad Graham opened the public hearing and invited anyone to speak for or against. No one came forward. Meeting closed.

Pursuant to Governor Lee's Executive Order No. 16, Commissioners may participate by telephonic or other electronic means.

Be it remembered that the Bedford County Commissioners, acting as the County Legislative Body, met in a regular session in the Bedford County Courthouse in Shelbyville, Tennessee on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Chairman Chad Graham called the meeting to order. Prayer was led by Commissioner Jeff Sweeney. Graham led the Pledge of Allegiance and County Clerk Donna Thomas called the roll.

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| MARK THOMAS | BRENT SMITH | BRIAN FARRIS |
| BILL ANDERSON | JULIE SANDERS | JOHN BROWN |
| JANICE BROTHERS | JEFF SWEENEY | PHILIP FARRAR |
| ED CASTLEMAN | GREG VICK | TONY SMITH |
| SYLVIA PINSON | LINDA YOCKEY | ANITA EPPERSON |
| DON GALLAGHER | CHASITY GUNN | JIMMY PATTERSON |

There were 18 commissioners present.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 14, 2020 COMMISSION MINUTES – Placed on the agenda by Rules and Legislative Committee.

Motion to approve by Thomas. Second by Yockey. Passed by roll call vote. 18 Ayes 0 Noes

ELECTIONS & CONFIRMATIONS

1. Elect Notaries – June 2020 list – Placed on the agenda by Rules and Legislative Committee.

Motion to approve by Yockey. Second by Anderson. Passed by roll call vote. 18 Ayes 0 Noes

1. Elect Notaries – June 2020 (continued)

FROM: BEDFORD COUNTY CLERK RE: NOTARY APPLICANTS FOR June 2020
 TO: RULES AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE DATE: 4-14-20

NAME	NEW/RENEW	RECOMMENDED BY
1. Lucy Aderholdt	Renew	
2. Chad D. Graham	Renew	
3. Keeta Banks	Renew	
4. Larry P. Shavers	Renew	
5. David Coffey	Renew	
6. Marie Smith	Renew	
7. Honey O. Bushnell	Renew	
8. Maleah Claxton	Renew	
9. Andrea Sublett	Renew	
10. Lisa Smith	Renew	
11. Rachel Brady	Renew	
12. Valerie LaCoss	Renew	

2. Appointments

A. Ethics Committee

Graham put forth Kathy Prater, Janice Brothers, Tony Smith, Julie Sanders, and Tonya Davis. Motion to approve by Vick. Second by Anderson. Passed by roll call vote. 16 Ayes 0 Noes 2 Pass Commissioners Brent Smith and Julie Sanders passed.

PRESENTATIONS

None

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 20-23

Amend and correct technical errors within the county zoning resolution.

Sponsor: Commissioner Greg Vick. *Placed on the agenda with recommendation by the Rules and Legislative Committee.*

Motion to approve by Vick. Second by Brent Smith. Vick stated that this is just a clean-up measure. Passed by roll call vote. 18 Ayes 0 Noes

A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office.

Resolution No. 20-22

A resolution requesting the State Department of Finance and Administration for initial approval to fund Capital Projects in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Public Chapter No. 651, Title III-22, Items 10.33-34. *Placed on the agenda by Commissioners Linda Yockey and Greg Vick.*

Motion to approve by Vick. Second by Anderson. Graham stated that this is the Governor's attempt to infuse funds back into counties across the state. There are restrictions on how the funds can be used. These projects fit the requirements. Vick said that this is almost \$800K in new funds for Bedford County. Farrar asked whether this is grant money. Graham said that it is grant money with no match requirement, but the resolution is required in order to specify the projects to be funded.

Passed by roll call vote. 18 Ayes 0 Noes

Resolution No. 20-22 (continued)

BEDFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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WHEREAS, Tennessee Public Chapter No. 651, Title III-22, Items 10.33-34 established the Governor's Local Government Support Grants which provides funding that local governments may request, and,

WHEREAS, Bedford County is in need of funding for a project(s) that meets all of the requirements of Tennessee Public Chapter No. 651, Title III-22, Items 10.33-34, and,

WHEREAS, Bedford County is requesting \$200,000 for a project in the spending category of Road Projects, and,

WHEREAS, Bedford County is requesting \$100,000 for a project in the spending category of IT Hardware Upgrades, and,

WHEREAS, Bedford County is requesting \$300,000 for a project in the spending category of Public Safety Projects, and,

WHEREAS, Bedford County is requesting \$250,000 for a project in the spending category of Courthouse Capital Maintenance Projects, and,

WHEREAS, Bedford County is requesting \$30,000 for a project in the spending category of Historic Jail Capital Maintenance Projects, and,

WHEREAS, it is agreed that this county will comply with the Terms of Agreement prescribed by the State Department of Finance and Administration, and,

WHEREAS, Bedford County hereby authorizes the County Mayor to submit the application to the State Department of Finance and Administration, requesting approval to proceed with this project, and,

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget a total of \$880,000 in additional funds in the Capital Fund, and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the local legislative body of Bedford County requests the State Department of Finance and Administration for initial approval of this project to fund Capital Projects in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Public Chapter No. 651, Title III-22, Items 10.33-34. A list of expenditures included in this project on behalf of this county and is attached.

Adopted this 12 day of May, 2020, by the local legislative body of Bedford County, Tennessee.

APPROVED:



Chad D. Graham

Bedford County Mayor

ATTEST:
Bedford County Clerk

I hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the foregoing Resolution which was approved and adopted at a meeting held on the 12 day of May, 2020 the original which is on file in this office in Minute Book 17 page 811.

I further certify that the local legislative body of Bedford County consists of 18 members, and that 18 members voted in favor of the Resolution.

Donna Shuman (Signature)
County Clerk (Title)

Resolution No. 20-21

Refugee resettlement resolution in Bedford County, Tennessee.

Sponsor: Commissioner Brent Smith. *Placed on the agenda by Commissioners Anita Epperson and Bill Anderson.*

Motion to approve by Epperson. Second by Anderson. Anderson said that the reason the COVID-19 numbers are so high here is because of the refugees being bussed in from Davidson County to our chicken plant.

Brent Smith said that by 1991 the federal government had virtually eliminated financial support to the states for refugee resettlement. At that time the federal government designated Catholic Charities of Tennessee, which is a private organization, to continue the program with state dollars. Between 2007 and 2019 resettlement agencies pumped more than 15,000 refugees from all over the world into Tennessee. They often

Resolution No. 20-21 (continued)

arrived from United Nations camps in poor health, with no job skills or English language ability. The cost to taxpayers amounts to tens of millions of dollars. In 2015 alone, the refugee-related Medicaid cost, paid by Tennessee tax dollars, topped \$30M. The fiscal cost of refugee admission at the federal, state and local levels from 2005 to 2014 was \$52.8 billion. The net benefit was \$35.9 billion.

Vick made a motion to postpone the item indefinitely. He said that there had been two Rules Committee meeting devoted to the topic with various speakers. The resolution is propelling us into a national and state issue over which we have no authority. We are not at a point of consensus where we want to instruct Governor Lee or others on how to do their job. The county has no business in this. Anderson said that other counties have done this. We should vote on it. Chairman Graham consulted Attorney John T. Bobo, who state that the motion to defer must be voted on first.

Brent Smith stated that this is a county issue, because when you bring in non-English speaking people it costs the school system money to bring in translators. He echoed Anderson regarding the COVID-19 situation and its impact on our county. Epperson said that her constituents are in favor of the resolution because they don't want to build more schools or pay more property tax. She agreed with Anderson that other counties have voted on this and we should too.

The amendment to postpone indefinitely was brought to a roll call vote. During the vote Commissioner Brent Smith called for a point of order and stated that a Commissioner had told another Commissioner how to vote. Attorney Bobo said that has no legal effect. Amendment passed. 12 Ayes 6 Noes
Commissioners Brent Smith, Epperson, Anderson, Gunn, Sanders, and Farrar voted No.

Resolution No. 20-12

Second Amendment clarification to the United States Constitution.

Sponsor: Commissioner Brent Smith. *Placed on the agenda by Commissioners Anita and Bill Anderson.*

Motion to approve by Epperson. Second by Anderson. Anderson said that Coffee, Marshall and Rutherford Counties have passed this. He said that people in Virginia thought things were one way and woke up one morning and they were another way. He urged everyone to vote yes. Brent Smith state that 59 out of 95 Tennessee counties have adopted pro-2nd Amendment resolutions. He reminded the body that he took the word "sanctuary" out of the resolution. He read aloud the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Sweeney said that the resolution itself states that each Commissioner took an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution and he is unsure why we are doing a resolution. Brent Smith said the purpose of the resolution is to send a clear message that we do support the 2nd Amendment and if a Commissioner has already taken an oath to support it they shouldn't have a problem voting yes.

Thomas stated that in November this item was discussed and tabled and he believed it would have to be taken from the table before being discussed any further. Attorney Bobo stated that is correct and needs 10 votes to be taken from the table. Brent Smith wanted it on the record that it is shameful that everyone is afraid to vote for the 2nd Amendment. Epperson moved to take the item from the table. Second by Anderson. Motion to remove from the table failed on roll call vote. 8 Ayes 10 Noes
Commissioners Anderson, Gunn, Sanders, Castleman, Farrar, Brent Smith, Epperson, Farris voted Yes.
Commissioners Pinson, Brown, Thomas, Gallagher, Vick, Tony Smith, Brothers, Patterson, Yockey, and Sweeney voted No.

Note: During the meeting, the Clerk miscounted the votes and initially declared the vote 9-9. When composing the minutes, the error was discovered. These minutes reflect the correct tally of 8 ayes and 10 noes. A copy of the Clerk's roll call sheet, along with an audio recording of the meeting, is included in the Commission packet on file in the Clerk's office.

REPORTS BY STANDING COMMITTEES

Rules and Legislative Committee

1. Ethics Policy Update

Motion to approve by Tony Smith. Second by Sanders. Farrar made a motion to defer and send back to the Rules and Legislative Committee for further discussion. Second by Yockey. Motion to defer passed by roll call vote. 18 Ayes 0 Noes

2. Ratify Senate Bill 1645 (hotel/motel tax act)

Graham asked to defer the item until he and the Clerk can work through the logistics of collecting the tax. Motion to defer by Yockey. Second by Epperson. Motion to defer passed by roll call vote.

18 Ayes 0 Noes

A copy of Senate Bill 1645 is on file in the Clerk's office.

Law Enforcement Committee

None

Courthouse and Property Committee

None

Financial Management Committee

1. 2020-Q3 Financial Reports

Motion to approve by Brothers. Second by Tony Smith. Passed by roll call vote. 18 Ayes 0 Noes

A copy the financial report is on file in the Clerk's office.

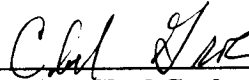
2. For Your Review – Letter from Bedford County Department of Education – No action at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- An update to the Employee Policy Manual regarding the COVID-19 rules for tele-commuting and extended family medical leave. No action required. Based on federal law.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board, Vick made a motion to adjourn and Chairman Graham declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



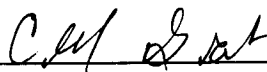
Chairman Chad Graham
Bedford County Board of Commissioners

I certify that the minutes were completed on the 14th day of May and delivered to the Bedford County Mayor's Office.



Donna Thomas
Bedford County Clerk

I certify that I received these minutes on the 14 day of May, 2020.



Chad Graham
Bedford County Mayor

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