

# COURTHOUSE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Minutes for Jan. 15, 2019  
3rd Floor Bedford County Courthouse  
Consecutive after Law Enforcement



**Present:** Chairman, Julie Sanders; Commissioners, Brian Farris, Chasity Gunn, Brent Smith, Jeff Sweeney

**Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Mayor Chad Graham; Mayor's Exec Asst, Liz Barnett; County Commissioners: Biff Farrar, Jimmy Patterson, Greg Vick, Anita Epperson, Sylvia Pinson, Mark Thomas, Linda Yockey, Bill Anderson, Don Gallagher, Janice Brothers; BCSD Jail Director, Mary West; Times Gazette Reporter, John Carney; IT Director, Josh Carney; Probation Director, Joyce Reed; Juvenile Director, Cynthia West; e-911 Director, Phillip Noel; Asst Fire Chief, Brian Cantrell; Sheriff, Austin Swing; EMA Director, Scott Johnson; EMS Director, Ted Cox

1. **Call the meeting to order** – Chairman, Julie Sanders, 6:45 PM
2. **Prayer** – Commissioner Sweeney
3. **Roll Call** – All present
4. **Elections:** Commissioner Gunn moved to keep Commissioner Sanders as Chairman of this Committee & Sweeney as Vice-Chair. Smith seconded. All agreed.
5. **Approval of the Jan. 15, 2019 Courthouse and Property Committee minutes** – Motion to approve, (Gunn, Farris) unanimous
6. **Zoning Reports** – Director, Chris White not present, report in packets
7. **IT Reports** – Josh Carney, Director, report distributed prior to the meeting, nothing additional.

Commissioner Sweeney commended Carney for his diligence & dedication, long hours he's putting in, with all the county construction projects currently going on.

Chair Sanders spoke to ensure an electronic approach in regards to the paperwork associated with our meetings is still on the radar. Carney: When converting systems from legacy to modern, there are related expenses that come with that change which falls back into the taxpayers' laps.

8. **Health Dept** – No one present

9. **Fire Dept Report** – Mark Thomas, Fire Chief, provided a truck update. Currently need a compressor, \$2200 repair; \$23k invested in this one truck alone; new truck is \$1MM.

**10. 911 Communications Director Report** – Phillip Noel, nothing to add to reports, but mentioned his department is down 2 employees. The downside of a good economy is the lack of applicants, not many looking for employment.

**11. Motion to approve all reports** – (Sweeney, Gunn) unanimous

**12. Old Business**

- a) **Bell Construction Update** – Mr. Thayer not present. Commissioner Sweeney provided an update. Met all of our judges at the construction site to ensure everyone is on the same page.
- b) **Occupy Annex** – Commissioner Sweeney said we are not behind on this project, will be finished by month's end, the transition to move into the renovated space has to do with the timing for the fee offices because this is their busy time of year. Mention of a ribbon cutting once moved in.
- c) **Post-Move Joint Task Force/Special Committee** – Chairperson Sanders holding first meeting with this new sub-committee

**13. New Business**

**14. Announcements** – Commissioner Smith voiced concern with the last Commissioner meeting that several thought they were voting on the actual loan for the \$1MM note to complete the Annex project, not voting on the approval to borrow the money. Bid letters were mailed to area banks last Friday. The Commission approved the action to go borrow money. Then the Commission will again vote on the actual loan.

**15. Adjourn** 7:15 PM (Gunn, Smith) unanimous