

# COURTHOUSE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Minutes for August 20, 2019  
3rd Floor Bedford County Courthouse  
Consecutive after Law Enforcement



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

**Absent:** All present

**Others Present:** 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 Cindy Herring, Rebecca Snyder; 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** – Chair Sanders, 5:45 PM
2. **Prayer** – Commissioner Sweeney
3. **Roll Call** – One absent
5. **Approval of the July 16, 2019 Courthouse and Property Committee minutes** – Motion to approve (Farris, Smith) unanimous
6. **Zoning Reports** – Director Chris White absent
7. **IT Reports** – Director Josh Carney
  - a) Justice complex in full swing right now. Two contractors are onsite. Commissioner Sweeney added that at the last project meeting, it was decided there would be no more changes. Thousands of miles of cable being pulled. CCTV cameras going in. New employee, Austin DeFoe, started Monday. Alex will eventually be dedicated to the Justice Complex & office there.
  - b) Scott Rozanski of Spirit Architecture in attendance. Project 87% complete. Carpet going down, ceiling tiles going in. Security systems to be tested late Sept. Small delay with closure of alternate area. On schedule overall, on budget. Completion date end of Oct. HVAC will be tested, lots. HVAC is always, always the biggest difficulty. Once 'substantial completion' is reached, contractor has 30 days to complete punch list.
  - c) Transition Team Minutes distributed. Critical dates listed. Sweeney shared contacts for each dept responsible for their respective move. 2 weeks designated for testing only. Final inspection Oct. 20. Move in last week of Dec.
8. **Fire Dept Report** – Chief Thomas absent – horse show. Brian Cantrell reported on truck maintenance issues. "It's been Monday all week!"
9. **911 Communications Director Report** – Phillip Noel reported his dept has an opening. State Board voted to increase the 911 surcharge rate from \$1.16 to \$1.50. Support is needed from the County, City, Sheriff, etc. before it goes to the General Assembly. A resolution will be drafted for the Commission.

“Base rate funding” was put in place in 2015 based on 2012 numbers. 85-90% of that comes back to Bedford.

Discussions around current space, need for space, lack of space of 911 office. Currently ‘wall locked’.

**10. Motion to approve all reports** – (Smith, Gunn) unanimous.

**11. Old Business**

- a) **Elections Commission** – Summer & Danny Robbins, Election Chair, present. A/C did not need a remote; it needed to be hooked up, so it’s working now. The entire Annex has ONE unit, so the entire building either freezes or overheats, but it is cold! Cabinets – If material is here Friday, you’ll have cabinets Wedn. 3-day assembly per Sweeney.
- b) **Cascade Update** – Sweeney: It’s open! Sewer issues resolved. Trying to get the State to approve a turning lane & traffic light. WIP.
- c) **Commissioner Farris** – Asked about decision on Kevlar regarding security at the Justice Complex. Sweeney – Adding [8] 15’ security lights. Implementing pretty much most of what Brian Grisham recommended in regard to security.

**12. New Business**

- a) Chair Sanders – We will begin getting copies of the Court Security Committee’s meeting minutes. May’s minutes included in this month’s packet. CH Security balance \$789,318.19.

**13. Announcements**

**14. Adjourn** 6:30 PM (Smith, Farris) unanimous.