

COURTHOUSE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Minutes for Dec. 18, 2018
3rd Floor Bedford County Courthouse
Consecutive after Law Enforcement



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

Absent: Commissioner Farris

Others Present: Mayor Chad Graham; Mayor's Exec Asst, Liz Barnett; County Commissioners: Biff Farrar, Ed Castleman, Jimmy Patterson, Greg Vick, Anita Epperson, Sylvia Pinson, Mark Thomas, Linda Yockey, John Brown, 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; BCFD, Brian Cantrell; e-911 Director, Phillip Noel; Asst Fire Chief, Brian Cantrell; Sheriff, Austin Swing; Archives, Anna Frazier; Zoning Director, Chris White; Hwy Super, Stanley Smotherman; EMA Director, Scott Johnson; City Manager, Shanna Boyette, Kenny Parsons, Jay Graham

- 1. Call the meeting to order** – Chairman, Julie Sanders, 6:27 PM
- 2. Prayer** – Commissioner Sweeney
- 3. Roll Call** – One absent, Farris
- 4. Approval of the Dec. 18, 2018, Courthouse and Property Committee minutes** – Motion to Approve, (Sweeney, Gunn) unanimous
- 5. Zoning Reports** – Director, Chris White present
- 6. IT Reports** – Josh Carney, Director, report distributed prior to the meeting. IT handled 22 website updates, closed 214 tickets, 434 security detections – 51 categorized high risk, the recent fiber optic install increases service speed from 40 Mpgs to 1,000 Mbps. Estim completion of migration – 2 weeks.
- 7. Health Dept** – No one present. Yockey to contact Health Dept after the holidays for update reports going forward.
- 8. Fire Dept Report** – Mark Thomas, Fire Chief, two rescue trucks are back in service. However, there appears to be an antifreeze issue, too much/not enough, & we need to figure it out quick because it's \$19/gal for this truck.
- 9. 911 Communications Director Report** – Phillip Noel, nothing to add to reports, but duplicate names of streets vs. roads vs. lanes list & whether they are in town or in the county needs to be reviewed deeper. Duplicates contribute to confusion & misdirection & could cost lives.
- 10. Motion to approve all reports** – (Smith, Gunn) unanimous

11. Old Business

- a) **Bus barn parking lot expansion** – Kenny Parker present & distributed a new, to scale, drawing of the expanded lot. Moving the fence for the expansion will allow for double-sided fueling & get buses out of the road quicker. As it is currently, only 3 buses fit in the lot while lined up to refuel which puts all the others in the street, waiting in line.

Sweeney motioned to move forward with this project, Gunn seconded, will go to full Commission.

- b) **Bell Construction Update** – Mr. Thayer not present. Mayor will discuss with them. At the next construction meeting (Thursday), Sweeney will ask to change the date of that meeting so our Committee isn't getting 'month-old' information. Sweeney added they are getting a lot of phone calls on the "shark bite", the section of beds, taken out of the floor plan. Wants to explore how much it will cost to roof that area so it can be used for something & not wasted. Will discuss with Bell at tomorrow's meeting.

Commissioner Smith inquired about the water situation. Sweeney admitted, right now our biggest issue is gas, what it will cost to get what we need. And wiring, too. And there's pressure to get gas not only to the jail, but also Wal-Mart & the hospital. Different scenarios have been considered, yet natural gas remains to be the best option, as far as cost, & the advantages of having gas. The Mayor is working with BCUD & they are our only gas option. However, their timeline doesn't sync up with ours. Working on getting them back into the Mayor's office to discuss further. The lines currently in place are unable to handle the new load, doesn't have the CFM flow we need. BCUD wants the County to pay for the improvement although we'll only be using a portion of the gas that flows through there. But we are at their mercy for gas, but it's their responsibility to be able to provide for their infrastructure. All roads lead to the BCUD.

- c) **Post-Move Joint Task Force/Special Committee** – Chairperson Sanders appointed herself as Chair, Commissioners Vick, Yockey; Allen Pitner, Chamber; Rep Pat Marsh. Committee formed to address all County vacated buildings. First meeting will be Jan. 15, 2019 immediately following CH & Property Committee meeting.

12. New Business

- a) **Court Square Sidewalk Project** – City/County sidewalk agreement. Shanna Boyette, City Manager, presents agreement & the need to become ADA compliant to accommodate the ADA transition plan. Grant from TAP – TN Alternative Program. Soliciting Committee support/approval to send to the County Commission. Will add 88 accessible ramps, crosswalks, signals. City will need permission to access County property for this project.

Commissioner Smith asked if becoming ADA compliant in this regard will help us be more qualified for grants, such as beautification grants to "spruce up" our town square. Boyette: We need to decide how we do this yet maintain the uniqueness of our town square, while at the same time not deterring urban growth. Seeing the County officials excited about this is encouraging & results in determination to see it through, make it happen!

Mayor Graham added that this is a great opportunity for the County & City to work together. We're all on the right track to do so & continue to do so going forward.

Smith is excited about this; a lot of people have given up on our little town. We have gem here in

Bedford County & we are strategically located for growth.

Commissioner Gunn motioned to send agreement to full Commission; Smith seconded; unanimous.

- b) Flat Creek Fire Hall Roof** – Commissioner & Fire Chief Mark Thomas presented 3 quotes to replace the roof where fire training takes place. These quotes do not include an additional estimate of ~\$500 to remove a tree (& stump) that has contributed to the need to replace the roof. Commissioner Sweeney commented that Clint will actually do & warranty the work, although the lesser bid.

Motion placed to send to the Finance Committee to figure out funding. Sweeney motioned; Gunn seconded; unanimous.

Sweeney amended his motion to include the estimate for the tree removal. Gunn seconded, unanimous. Sending to full Commission.

13. Announcements – None

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