



BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2020
Time: Consecutive After Rules and Legislative
Location: Third Floor Courtroom, Bedford County Courthouse

Present: Chairman Mark Thomas; Mayor Chad Graham; Commissioners Bill Anderson, and Sylvia Pinson

Absent: Commissioner John Brown

Others Present: County Commissioners: Chasity Gunn, Julie Sanders, Sheriff: Austin Swing, EMA Assistant Director: Tammy Anderson, Juvenile Detention Director: Cynthia West, Probation Director: Elizabeth Stejskal, Fire Assistant Chief: Brian Cantrell, IT Director: Josh Carney, Assistant to the Mayor: Anna Frazier, Times-Gazette Reporter: Terry Corrigan, Cole Kreig, Brian Brenton and others not identified

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Mark Thomas, 6:00 PM
- 2. Prayer:** Commissioner Mark Thomas
- 3. Roll Call:** All Present
- 4. Approval of January 21, 2020 Law Enforcement Committee minutes:** Motion made to approve, (Pinson, Anderson) unanimous
- 5. Animal Control Report:** Report submitted; director not present.
- 6. Sheriff/Jail/Workhouse Reports/Drug Task Force:** Sheriff Swing commented that the Drug Task Force had 28 investigations, 14 weapons seized, and 38 defendants were identified and charged. Crystal methamphetamine continues to be the drug of choice. The sheriff's department continues to operate out of the former sheriff's office and the new location. The delay is due to AT&T and the lines with TBI.
Commissioner Sanders asked on behalf of Commissioner Farrar if the security wire and fencing around the old jail may be removed as it is an eye sore. Sheriff Swing said that was a county commission decision. The security wire must be removed by a licensed contractor.
Commissioner Thomas asked if the judicial commissioners' house at the old jail property was being used. Sheriff Swing said the judicial commission has moved to the new jail, but he was unsure if the structure was still in use, however the water has been turned off at the old property.
Commissioner Yockey asked if the old rock jail has been cleaned out. Sheriff Swing said no, and there a lot of records in it that will need to be reviewed.
Mayor Graham asked if the items in the jail are surplus or evidence. Sheriff Swing said there is a little of everything in there, but the lawn equipment will be utilized at the new location.
Commissioner Anderson asked about the status of the fence at the new jail. Sheriff Swing said Commissioner Sweeney would be the best one to ask (not in attendance). Commissioner Anderson



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asked about guidelines around inmates receiving fresh air. Sheriff Swing said the jail has an open area inside the jail that allows credit for outside time for both males and females.

7. **EMA Report:** Assistant Director Tammy Anderson was present and stated she had nothing to add to the director's monthly report and asked if there were any questions.
8. **Juvenile Reports:** Director Cynthia West was in attendance, with nothing to add.
9. **Probation Report:** Director Elizabeth Stejskal was in attendance. Commissioner Thomas asked if the department had any computer issues like the sheriff's office, after moving to the judicial center, Director Stejskal said no.
10. **Motion to Approve all Reports Submitted:** (Anderson, Pinson) unanimous.
11. **Old Business:** None.
12. **New Business:** None.
13. **Announcements:**
14. **Adjourn:** (Thomas motioned, Pinson) unanimous. 6:14 P.M.