



BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020
Time: Consecutive After Rules and Legislative
Location: Second Floor Courtroom, Bedford County Courthouse

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

Absent: None

Others Present: County Commissioners: Jeff Sweeney, Greg Vick, Anita Epperson, Julie Sanders, Linda Yockey, Jeff Sweeney, Brent Smith, EMA Director: Scott Johnson, IT Director: Josh Carney, GIS/Media Manager: John Carney, Assistant to Mayor Graham: Anna Frazier, EMS: Chris Cox, Randy Saddler with Shelbyville Record Shop

Via Phone/Internet: Commissioners John Brown, Brian Farris, Sheriff: Austin Swing, Probation Director: Elizabeth Stejskal, Animal Control Director: Maria Hughes, Juvenile Detention Director: Cynthia West, Juvenile Detention Incoming Director: Kellee Smith, Planning & Zoning Director: Chris White, Times-Gazette Reporter: David Melson and others not identified

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Mark Thomas, 5:38 PM
- 2. Prayer:** Commissioner Mark Thomas
- 3. Roll Call:** All Present with Commissioner Brown participating via telephone
- 4. Approval of February 18, 2020 Law Enforcement Committee minutes:** Motion made to approve, (Pinson, Anderson) unanimous
- 5. Animal Control Report:** Report submitted; Director Hughes via phone said the shelter is operating at reduced intakes. The public has been very understanding. Animals returned to owners has been high during this time, but animals are easily returned as owners are staying at home. Animals at the shelter have been placed with a local rescue. Currently the shelter does not have animals and is providing dog and cat food to area animal owners who are in need during COVID-19.
- 6. Sheriff/Jail/Workhouse Reports/Drug Task Force:** Sheriff Swing was present via phone. Sheriff Swing recapped monthly report. After the shutdown due to COVID-19, inmates received up to one hour each week of free visitation with family and friends online since the computer visitation up front at the sheriff's department was closed. This option has been stopped since the visitation window is now open. Work schedules both in sheriff's office and jail have been modified to help mitigate spread of COVID-19. Intake cells and sally port are cleaned and disinfected every two hours and the jail itself is cleaned twice each day. New inmates are kept separate from current inmates for a certain amount of time to hopefully avoid an outbreak in our jail.



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7. **EMA Report:** Director Scott Johnson was present and did not have a report since the majority of work in the past six weeks has been COVID-19 work. Director Johnson talked about COVID-19 Task Force and the different sectors and leaders within the task force.
8. **Juvenile Reports:** Director Cynthia West stated the center was not accepting out-of-county juveniles at this time. This meeting is Director West's last committee meeting. Incoming Director Kellee Smith participated via phone.
9. **Probation Report:** Director Elizabeth Stejskal participated via phone and said activity had slowed down the past few weeks.
10. **Motion to Approve all Reports Submitted:** (Anderson, Graham) unanimous.
11. **Old Business:** None.
12. **New Business:** None.
13. **Announcements:** None.
14. **Adjourn:** (Pinson motioned, Brown) unanimous. 5:51 P.M.