



BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2020
Time: Consecutive After Rules and Legislative
Location: Second Floor Courtroom, Bedford County Courthouse

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

Absent: Chairman Mark Thomas

Others Present: County Commissioners: Greg Vick, Anita Epperson, Julie Sanders, Linda Yockey, Sheriff: Austin Swing, Chief Deputy: Nikia Elliott, EMA Director: Scott Johnson, Assistant Fire Chief: Brian Cantrell, Planning & Zoning Director: Chris White, IT Director: Josh Carney, GIS/Media Manager: John Carney, Assistant to Mayor Graham: Anna Frazier, EMS: Chris Cox, Randy Saddler with Shelbyville Record Shop, and others not identified

Via Phone/Internet: Commissioners John Brown, Brian Farris, Probation Director: Elizabeth Stejskal, Animal Control Director: Maria Hughes,

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Commissioner Bill Anderson, 5:39 PM
- 2. Prayer:** Commissioner John Brown
- 3. Roll Call:** Chairman Mark Thomas absent. Commissioner Brown participating via telephone.
- 4. Approval of April 21, 2020 Law Enforcement Committee minutes:** Motion made to approve, (Pinson, Graham) unanimous
- 5. Animal Control Report:** Report submitted; Director Hughes was present via telephone. Mayor Graham said that modified work schedules will end on Tuesday, May 26th and the shelter will be open. Maria said the shelter is taking in animals, but not accepting at this time owner-surrender animals. The shelter has asked people during the stray hold period to take care of the animals, with animal control providing food and assistance until the animal can be transferred to a shelter or rescue, bypassing animal control. At the time of the meeting, animal control had two cats at the facility that have rescue commitments.
- 6. Sheriff/Jail/Workhouse Reports/Drug Task Force:** Report submitted; Sheriff Swing was present. Sheriff Swing said to his knowledge there have been no COVID-19 cases at the jail; employees or inmates. There is no report for drug task force as that group was ordered to stay in for the month of April. Commissioner Anderson asked when workhouse inmates will be allowed to work in the county. Sheriff Swing stated there was no specific date at this time as to when workhouse inmates will be allowed to work in the county.
- 7. EMA Report:** Director Scott Johnson was present and did not have a report to present. Since early March the majority of EMA's work has been COVID-19 related. Over 300 individual issues have been logged in the past nine weeks regarding COVID-19. Commissioner Anderson asked if EMA still shut off



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access to rivers when water was high. Director Johnson said yes. TVA installed at Dement Bridge parking lot a perimeter barrier, although cars can drive past the barriers on the left side. Highway Superintendent Mark Clanton will assist EMA in the coming weeks to help reinforce the barriers. At Three Forks Bridge all “no parking” signs have been installed on both sides of the road. Access points are shut down when water is flowing out of the damn at over 500 cubic feet per second. Although 500 cubic feet per second is the criteria set for closing access points, Commissioner Anderson stated that at 370 or 400 the water is moving fast and stressed how dangerous it is for boaters and kayakers to be on the water when it is flowing fast and particularly for people who are unaccustomed to being on local waters.

8. **Juvenile Reports:** Report submitted; Director Kellee Smith was not present.
9. **Probation Report:** Report submitted; Director Elizabeth Stejskal participated via phone and did not have anything to add. Director Stejskal stated that activity should increase as clients begin coming into the office and court traffic increases.
10. **Motion to Approve all Reports Submitted:** (Pinson, Graham) unanimous.
11. **Old Business:** None.
12. **New Business:** None.
13. **Announcements:** None.
14. **Adjourn:** (Pinson motioned, Brown) unanimous. 5:49 P.M.