



BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

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

Absent: Chairman Mark Thomas

Others Present: County Commissioners: Greg Vick, Julie Sanders, Linda Yockey, Chasity Gunn, Road Superintendent: Mark Clanton, Chief Deputy: Nikia Elliott, Animal Control Director: Maria Hughes, IT Director: Josh Carney, Probation Director: Jason Sudberry, Juvenile Detention Director: Kellee Smith, GIS/Media Director: John Carney, Assistant to Mayor Graham: Anna Frazier, EMS: Chris Cox, Randy Saddler with Shelbyville Record Shop, Times-Gazette: David Melson
Via Phone/Internet: Commissioners John Brown, Animal Control Director: Maria Hughes, and others not identified

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Commissioner Bill Anderson, 5:50 PM
- 2. Prayer:** Commissioner John Brown
- 3. Roll Call:** All present except Chairman Mark Thomas
- 4. Approval of July 21, 2020 Law Enforcement Committee minutes:** Motion made to approve, (Pinson, Graham) unanimous
- 5. Animal Control Report:** Report submitted; Director Hughes was in attendance and said July was busiest month to date with 90 animals brought in, no animals euthanized. One city resident was charged with animal cruelty for abandoning ten dogs in the county. Decals have been put on the new animal control truck. Director Hughes plans to purchase a cargo trailer for disaster and/or animal cruelty cases.
- 6. Sheriff/Jail/Workhouse Reports/Drug Task Force:** Report submitted; Chief Deputy Nikia Elliott was present on behalf of Sheriff Swing. Chief Deputy Elliott reviewed with the committee the 17th Judicial District Drug Task Force report. Availability of ecstasy and LSD is the biggest problem in the district. The drug of choice continues to be crystal methamphetamine.
Last month Chief Elliott presented to the committee the Sheriff's Office jail inmate phased "Back to Work" program. The program has been successful and will move to phase II, pick-up litter crews.
- 7. EMA Report:** No report submitted. Director was not present.
- 8. Juvenile Reports:** Report submitted; Director Kellee Smith was present. Last month 16 youth were detained, with a combined 130-night stay. School started back up with four hours per day.



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9. **Probation Report:** Report submitted; Director Jason Sudberry was present.
10. **Motion to Approve all Reports Submitted:** (Pinson, Graham) unanimous.
11. **Old Business:** None.
12. **New Business:**
 - a.) Large venue concerts/agribusinesses – Commissioner Anderson requested clarification from the county attorney on whether concerts fall under agribusiness and is there a prohibition on indoor/outdoor concerts during COVID-19. Mayor Graham made the motion to send the request to the county attorney. Commissioner Pinson seconded the motion, unanimous.
13. **Announcements:** None.
14. **Adjourn:** (Graham motioned, Pinson) unanimous. 6:01 P.M.