



## BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

**Date:** Tuesday, November 19, 2019  
**Time:** Consecutive After Rules and Legislative  
**Location:** Third 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: Linda Yockey, Chasity Gunn, Brian Farris, Julie Sanders, Finance Director: Robert Daniel, Sheriff: Austin Swing, Juvenile Director: Cynthia West, IT Director: Josh Carney, Probation Director: Elizabeth Stejskal, Probation Assistant Cindy Herring, Assistant to the Mayor: Anna Frazier, Times-Gazette Reporter: John Carney

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Mark Thomas, 5:40 PM
- 2. Roll Call:** All Present
- 3. Prayer:** Commissioner John Brown
- 4. Approval of October 15, 2019 Law Enforcement Committee minutes:** Motion made to approve, (Anderson, Pinson) unanimous
- 5. Animal Control Report:** no report
- 6. Sheriff/Jail/Workhouse Reports/Drug Task Force:** Sheriff Swing gave the Drug Task Force information for the month of October as follows: 42 investigations, of the 42, thirty were in Bedford County. Ten weapons were seized in October. Regarding the court docket in October, 1,456 people on the docket, 2,132 occupants.
- 7. EMA Report:** Director Scott Johnson was in attendance and requested that EMA vehicles are sent to surplus. There was a discussion regarding safety at public venues. The committee asked for Mayor Graham and Scott Johnson to present at the next meeting a public safety event resolution.
- 8. Juvenile Reports:** Director Cynthia West was in attendance. Director West informed the committee that the department purchased another transport vehicle. Commissioner Gunn asked Director West to confirm that the department had to turn away 52 juveniles and why the increase. Director West confirmed the number and stated they were not residents of the county and that juvenile crime is increasing. Chairman Thomas asked about rehabilitation programs. Director West said there were no rehabilitation programs, but assistance with schoolwork. Chairman Thomas said we need to rehabilitate versus just lock them up. Per Commissioner Yockey, juvenile detainees are not in detention long enough to go through a rehabilitation program. Since it is a temporary facility it is important to keep the juveniles on track to stay in high school.



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9. **Probation Report:** Cindy Herring introduced the new Probation Director, Elizabeth Stejskal.
10. **Motion to Approve all Reports Submitted:** (Anderson, Pinson) unanimous.
11. **Old Business:** None.
12. **New Business:** None.
13. **Announcements:**
  - a. Christmas parade December 7, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.
14. **Adjourn:** (Pinson motioned) unanimous. 6:06 P.M.