



## BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 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, Animal Control Director: Maria Hughes, EMA Director: Scott Johnson, Juvenile Director: Cynthia West, Assistant to the Mayor: Anna Frazier, Times-Gazette Reporter: John Carney

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Mark Thomas, 6:01 PM
- 2. Prayer:** Commissioner John Brown
- 3. Roll Call:** All Present
- 4. Approval of November 19, 2019 Law Enforcement Committee minutes:** Motion made to approve, (Anderson, Pinson) unanimous
- 5. Animal Control Report:** Director Maria Hughes present, no questions were asked. Commissioner Pinson was honored and thanked Animal Control for being at Celebration Christmas with animals for adoption.
- 6. Sheriff/Jail/Workhouse Reports/Drug Task Force:** Sheriff Swing commented that the Drug Task Force had 19 investigations. The Sheriff's Department completed public tours of the Judicial Center recently and had quite a few visitors. Sheriff Swing said that prisoners may not be moved until the State Fire Marshall, TBI, and Tennessee Corrections have signed off. Only Tennessee Corrections has signed off on the transport of the inmates.
- 7. EMA Report:** Director Scott Johnson stated he had nothing to add to his monthly report and asked if there were any questions. He then spoke about counties passing safety resolutions for large crowd events. Counties rarely do this, cities often do. Maury County has passed such a resolution, but for example, Coffee County, where Bonaroo is located, does not. Director Johnson said he would coordinate with Chief Mark Thomas, Sheriff Swing and check with the county attorney to make sure there are no pitfalls. Director Johnson said hopefully he will have more information at next month's meeting to present to the committee.
- 8. Juvenile Reports:** Director Cynthia West did not have anything to add to the report but did inform the committee that the department is turning down juveniles at an alarming rate due to lack of space,



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however, no Bedford County juvenile is turned away. Mayor Graham stated that at the finance committee has requested a feasibility study to address additional space needs.

9. **Probation Report:** Director Elizabeth Stesjskal was unable to attend as she was subpoenaed to court in Lincoln County.
10. **Motion to Approve all Reports Submitted:** (Pinson, Anderson) unanimous.
11. **Old Business:** None.
12. **New Business:** None.
13. **Announcements:**
14. **Adjourn:** (Thomas motioned, Pinson) unanimous. 6:15 P.M.