



## BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RULES AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Date:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020  
**Time:** 5:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Second Floor Courtroom, Bedford County Courthouse

**Present:** Chairman Biff Farrar; Commissioners Jimmy Patterson, Anita Epperson, Greg Vick

**Absent:** Commissioner Ed Castleman

**Others Present:** Mayor Chad Graham, County Commissioners: Sylvia Pinson, Bill Anderson, Julie Sanders, Linda Yockey, Brent Smith, Jeff Sweeney, Greg Vick, Brian Farris, Highway Road Superintendent: Mark Clanton, EMA Director: Scott Johnson, Planning & Zoning Director: Chris White, IT Dept: Austin DaFoe, Animal Control Director: Maria Hughes, Probation Interim Director: Jason Sudbury, GIS/Media Manager: John Carney, Assistant to Mayor Graham: Anna Frazier, EMS: Chris Cox, Randy Saddler with Shelbyville Record Shop, Tracy Strassner, Duane Smith, Brian Brenton, Tamia Stanton, Joann Vasil, Kelly Waller, Times-Gazette: Terence Corrigan, and others not identified  
Via Phone/Internet: Commissioners John Brown, and others not identified

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Biff Farrar, 5:00 PM
- 2. Prayer:** Commissioner Biff Farrar
- 3. Roll Call:** Commissioner Castleman is absent.
- 4. Approval of May 19, 2020 Rules and Legislative Committee minutes:** Motion made to approve, (Epperson, Vick) unanimous
- 5. Consideration of placing the approval June 9, 2020 Commission minutes on July 14, 2020, County Commission agenda:** Motion made to place items on county commission agenda, Motion made to approve without recommendation, (Epperson, Vick), unanimous
- 6. Consideration of placing the notary applicants on the July 14, 2020, County Commission agenda as requested by County Clerk, Donna Thomas:** Motion made to approve, (Epperson, Patterson), unanimous
- 7. Veterans Officer Report:** Report submitted; 14 veterans were transported in May to VA hospitals and 22 veterans visited the local Veterans Office.
- 8. Community Clinic Report:** Reports for March, April and May submitted. The clinic saw 68 patients in March, 45 patients in April and 74 patients in May.
- 9. Ag Center Report:** No report submitted.



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### 10. OLD BUSINESS

- a) **Main Street Market** – Commissioner Vick and Main Street Market viability committee member, Tracy Strassner, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the committee and proposed a 90-day feasibility task force chaired by Ms. Strassner. Mayor Chad Graham spoke about the value of a Main Street Market and his support of downtown revitalization initiatives by both the city and county.
- b) **Rural Broadband Update** – Commissioner Vick said he and Commissioner Tony Smith have been working this project for nine months and plans in the next 30 days to provide a report to the committee regarding the project.

### 11. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Rezoning Application: Highway 231N, Shelbyville (laying to the north of intersection Highway 231N and Eady Road), owned by DHRK Properties, LLC** – Commissioner Patterson made a motion to approve the application and to send the application to the commission for a full hearing at the July meeting. Second by Commissioner Anita Epperson. Commissioner Vick voted no. Motion passed.
- b) **Speeding on Rural Roads in 5<sup>th</sup> District** – Commissioner Yockey said the fifth district has a lot of joggers, walkers and bikers and that she has received several complaints and concerns regarding cars speeding. Commissioner Yockey has spoken to Highway Superintendent Mark Clanton, who has the authority to set speed limits on the county's rural roads. Currently there is a 45-mph speed limit on rural roads. Highway Superintendent Mark Clanton said he will provide a road overview, classifying roads as dead-ends, residential roads, collector roads, etc. and traffic volume to the committee with a recommendation to the committee and commission for speed limits. Commissioner Vick made the motion to allow a study and report back to the committee and asked about a timeline. Superintendent Clanton said going through individual roads could take time, but a basic overview to review might take a couple of hours and for example, dead end roads at 15 mph, residential roads at 30 mph, collective roads at 45 mph. Commissioner Epperson provided a second to the motion authorizing a study and report to the committee. Motion passed unanimously.
- c) **Bedford County Listening Project** – Chairman Farrar gave a brief overview of the Bedford County Listening Project's last visit speaking before the committee. Commissioner Epperson spoke with some people who own larger rental properties, one said he was not for URLTA. She spoke with the county attorney who said the county does not meet the 75,000 in population threshold. Commissioner Epperson mentioned organizations renters could reach out to for financial assistance. Commissioner Epperson said ultimately, we will pass it on to the commission so everyone can vote on it and not keep it in committee. Commissioner Vick said he helped during the markup process for URLTA for the state legislature thirty years ago and stated it was a very slanted agreement in favor of the tenant versus the landlord, but over the years it has become more balanced.



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Commissioner Vick is very reluctant to go forward with the county being involved in a civil process matter that is contract related.

Chairman Farrar went over URLTA highlights and mentioned a letter received by the Peacock Realty Group. Chairman Farrar reiterated the various organizations to assist renters in need. Chairman Farrar agreed with Commissioner Vick that renter disputes are a civil matter.

Joanne Vasil from the Bedford County Listening Project pointed out that URLTA would not only help during COVID-19, but over the long-term would clarify the tenant/landlord relationship with clear guidelines

#### **12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

#### **13. ADJOURN: 5:34 P.M. (Farrar, Vick)**