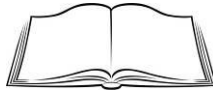


RULES AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes for Feb. 19, 2019

3rd Floor Bedford County Courthouse at 5:00 PM



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

Absent: Zero

Others Present: Mayor Chad Graham; Mayor's Exec Asst, Liz Barnett; Finance Director, Robert Daniel; County Commissioners: Sylvia Pinson, Mark Thomas, Linda Yockey, Bill Anderson, Julie Sanders, Don Gallagher, Brent Smith, Chasity Gunn, Jeff Sweeney, Janice Brothers; Jail Director, Mary West; Times Gazette Reporter, John Carney; IT Director, Josh Carney; Probation Director, Joyce Reed; Juvenile Director, Cynthia West; EMS Director, Ted Cox; e-911 Director, Phillip Noel; Asst Fire Chief, Brian Cantrell; Sheriff, Austin Swing; Workhouse, Ronnie Prince; EMA Director, Scott Johnson; Animal Control, Maria Hughes

1. **Call the meeting to order:** Chairman Biff Farrar, 5:00 PM
2. **Roll Call:** No one absent
3. **Prayer:** Chairman Biff Farrar
4. **Approval of Jan. 15, 2019 Rules and Legislative Committee minutes** – Motion made to approve, (Castleman, Vick) unanimous.
5. **Consideration of placing the approval Commission minutes on March 12, 2018, County Commission Agenda** – Motion made to place items on county commission agenda, (Epperson, Castleman) unanimous.
6. **Consideration of placing the notary applicants on the April 9, 2019, County Commission agenda as requested by County Clerk, Donna Thomas** – Motion made to approve, (Patterson, Castleman) unanimous.
7. **Veterans Officer Report** – Distributed prior to the meeting. 25 veterans transported; 80 visited veteran's office. Motion made to approve report, (Castleman, Vick) unanimous.
8. **Community Clinic Report** – FYI. Saw 93 patients. No approval needed.
9. **Ag Center Report** – Included in packet. Commissioner Bill Anderson is the new Chairman for this Committee.
10. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a) **Property Tax Freeze Program** – Discussion evolved around comparisons of neighboring County programs, what does the City of Shelbyville currently offer to our senior citizens, the need to possibly increase employee headcount to accommodate this program. Commissioner Vick moved to the Program, no second. Study session recommended by some Commissioners to include what the City is doing-explain their program, try to capture what the program will cost the County, etc. Epperson motioned for a study session, Vick seconded. Mayor to form a study

committee with a representative from the City, the Trustee, our Property Assessor, & any interested Commissioners.

- b) **Ben Lomand Volunteer Wireless Franchise Agreement** – Representatives from Volunteer Wireless in attendance. Jarrod Sain, Controller, Jennifer Gillam, Franchise Agreements & Regulatory Division. Volunteer Wireless is a subsidiary of Ben Lomand offering cable TV, faster internet, phone & security to existing customers in an expanded Beechgrove area. Ten year, non-exclusive agreement. Motion to approve the Agreement & send to full Commission made by Commissioner Vick, second from Epperson, no further discussion, unanimous.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Agriculture Committee Appointments** – Recommendations submitted to Rules & Leg Committee by UT Extension Director, John Teague. Commissioner Epperson motioned to put on next Commission agenda, Castleman seconded, unanimous.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) **County Business** – Commissioner Vick addressed how busy our County will be in the next several months with annexation issues, state grant programs, senior's program, new jail, vacant property, etc. Vick plans to bring up blighted property & chronic vacant property. Update fee schedules/old formulas, update outdated methods/forms, zoning, overlays. We need to change our trajectory & our thought process. We need to find job-creating projects that cater to hardworking people, & millennials & people who will find workforces here capable of sustaining itself better. Replace bottom-feeding businesses that feed off the poor & replace them with high-end jobs. We are making Bedford County to be the top place to live in TN.

13. ADJOURN: 5:50 PM (Castleman, Vick) unanimous.