

# RULES AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes for Mar. 19, 2019

3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 5:02 PM
2. **Roll Call:** No one absent
3. **Prayer:** Chairman Biff Farrar
4. **Approval of Mar. 19, 2019 Rules and Legislative Committee minutes** – Motion made to approve, (Patterson, Castleman) unanimous.
5. **Consideration of placing the approval Commission minutes on April 9, 2018, County Commission Agenda** – Motion made to place items on county commission agenda, (Epperson w/o recommendation, Castleman) unanimous.
6. **Consideration of placing the notary applicants on the May 14, 2019, County Commission agenda as requested by County Clerk, Donna Thomas** – Motion made to approve, (Epperson, Castleman) unanimous.
7. **Veterans Officer Report** – Distributed prior to the meeting. 42 transported, 71 visited office. Motion made to approve report, (Castleman, Epperson) unanimous.
8. **Community Clinic Report** – FYI. 86 served in Feb. No approval needed.
9. **Ag Center Report** – Included in packet.
10. **Beer Board** – Minutes from Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> meeting included in packet. Approved off-premise permit, Dollar General, #20133. Addressed recent turnover. Motion made to approve report, (Patterson, Vick) unanimous.
11. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - a) **Commissioner Vick: Farmer's Main Street Market** – On hold pending development of our downtown area

- b) **Property Tax Freeze Program** – Meeting Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Annex conference room

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Resolution** – Sales Tax Revenue of out of state sales tax being collected. The County Mayor's Assn decided wherever the package is delivered, that's where the tax for that purchase will go. Motion to approve (Patterson, Vick) & send to the full Commission in April.

## 13. PRESENTATION

- a) **Commissioner Vick: Broadband Internet** – United Communications, Josh Lynch, & Middle TN Electric representatives at the meeting. Vick: How do we achieve the rural broadband coverage we need & how do we become a 'Giga Community'? We need to set ourselves apart from the rest. The two companies are partners. The money invested in Bedford County through 2018 was \$951,000 on new infrastructure. Have over \$600,000 budgeted for Bedford County for 2019. Most of budget is for fiber, a portion is for fixed wireless. Several new fixed wireless towers in Bedford County this year. In 2017, United started fiber from Fosterville through the center of Shelbyville, servicing businesses, the library. Shelbyville is a 'Gig City' today. Our industrial park is 'Gig Ready'. State grant funding, tier 1 & tier 2, discussed. To be eligible for a grant, there has to be no service in that area.

Vick proposed putting a sample non-binding broadband community ordinance agreement on next month's agenda.

## 14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) **Census Day reminder** – Commissioner Pinson, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00  
b) **Commissioner Vick** – Asked for a Zoning Resolution Amendment from Chris White. White provided an update.

White: Fee Structure is also ready. Must go to Planning Commission first, then to Rules Committee, then to Commission possibly.

Vick: Blight Tax for neglected property. This Commission is taking a strong stand in cleaning up our community. Chris White to study.

15. **ADJOURN:** 5:34 PM (Castleman, Vick) unanimous.