



BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COURTHOUSE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2020
Time: Consecutive After Law Enforcement
Location: Second Floor Courtroom, Bedford County Courthouse

Present: Chairman: Julie Sanders, Co-Chairman: Jeff Sweeney, Commissioners Chasity Gunn, Brian Farris

Absent: Commissioner Brent Smith

Others Present: County Commissioners: Linda Yockey, Sylvia Pinson, Mark Thomas, Greg Vick
IT Director: Josh Carney, GIS/Media Director: John Carney, IT Employee Austin Defoe, Planning & Zoning Director: Chris White, EMA Director: Scott Johnson, Assistant to Mayor Graham: Anna Frazier, EMS: Chris Cox, Randy Saddler with Shelbyville Record Shop, and Times-Gazette: David Melson, Jay Graham, Tracey Strassner, Brian Brenton, and others not identified
Via Phone/Internet: others not identified

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Julie Sanders, 6:05 p.m.
2. **Prayer:** Chairman Sanders
3. **Roll Call:** four present, one absent
4. **Approval of September 15, 2020 Courthouse & Property Committee meeting minutes:** Motion made to approve, (Sweeney, Gunn) unanimous.
5. **Zoning and Planning Reports:** Report submitted. Director White was present. Director White informed the committee the transportation plan is 50% completed. Chairman Sanders asked if Director White had filled the office's open job position. Director White said he is interviewing applicants next week.
6. **IT Reports:** Report submitted. Director Josh Carney was present. Director Carney followed up with Commissioner Thomas' request regarding security cameras for the annex building. Assessment of need, location, storage devices and installation services is currently underway.
7. **Fire Department:** Report submitted. Chief Mark Thomas was present. Chief Thomas did not have anything to add to his report. No questions were asked.
8. **911 Communications Report:** Report submitted. Director Noel was not present.
9. **GIS/Media Report:** Director John Carney was present. Last month Director Carney has completed two days of GIS training and participated in the state trade group training. Construction of the county's new website is underway and will soon be up and running.
10. **Motion to approve all reports:** (Gunn, Farris) unanimous.



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11. OLD BUSINESS

- a) **Judicial Center Update:** Commissioner Sweeney said the engineer designed an HVAC system that was not compatible with the thermostats. A third party was brought in to perform an analysis on the thermostats. New thermostats have been ordered. The engineer, architect and HVAC company will share the cost, including reimbursement for Jeremy's time checking the thermostats for a month, three times a day for his rate. There is no cost to the county. There was a drainage issue in the holding fence area in the back. It was put in correctly, but there were problems with the heavy rains. Bell Construction has completed the work at cost. The cost to the county was \$28,000. Approximately 4,000 square feet was sodded, two box drains added, and the asphalt redone to carry the water away from the site. The project is pretty much wrapped up. The total cost for the project totaled \$1,245,000 less than anticipated cost. Bell Construction has been diligent to stay on the job for nine months after the completion of the project to make sure the loose ends were wrapped up at no charge to the county. Commissioner Sweeney pointed out it is rare to have a large construction company stay onboard and thanked Tony Hayes with Bell Construction as he has done an outstanding job.
- Chairman Sanders thanked Commissioner Sweeney for the work he has done on the Judicial Center, the money he has helped save the county and his role as a commissioner.
- b) **Driver License Center Update** – Chairman Sanders said she has received several questions about the center. EMA Director Scott Johnson said the state is considering first floor space in the Dover Center. There is a meeting October 28th with the state office. There will be a lease agreement, but the state does not pay rent.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Strategic Preservation Exchange Resolution. Introduced by Commissioner Greg Vick, Sponsored by Commissioner Vick, Commissioner Sweeney, Commissioner Pinson and Commissioner Sanders** – Commissioner Vick said this resolution is part of the Main Street Project. One of the main issues is the county must own the property to receive the grant money. The county has worked out an arrangement to receive the property, land which is the gateway into the county, in exchange for two acres in the Harts Chapel Road area. Commissioner Vick and sponsors ask the commission to approve the strategic preservation property exchange whereby the county receives the three parcels that make up what is known as the box factory in exchange for the two acres.

Commissioner Sweeney said over the past nine months the main street market study group has done its due diligence, made sure utilities were on site and would carry the needs for intended use, completed viability and phase I environmental studies. Commissioner Sweeney also stated this is an opportunity for the county to control a huge corridor coming into the city and county. According to Commissioner Sweeney, approximately 28,000 people travel daily past the site and about 250,000 visitors to the Jack Daniel's distillery drive by each year. Mr. Farrar has graciously payed for the environmental study, which was about \$5,000. \$13,000 in grant money was used for engineering and other studies. The group's feasibility study is about 80% completed. Both



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Commissioners Vick and Sweeney reiterated the project has not spent tax-payer money and the land swap will not cost the county money. Commissioner Sweeney requested the land swap go to the full commission. Commissioner Gunn made the motion. Second made by Commissioner Farris. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- b) **Harris School Gym** - Chairman Sanders said the county's surplus is held in the gym. Currently there are two people interested in purchasing the gym. Gary King has indicated interest in the past and may still be interested in the building as well as Cooper Steel. To sell the gym, the county will need to house temporarily or permanently surplus in the old workhouse. Commissioner Sweeney said if the facility is used to house records and storage, the biggest expense will be the roof. There is also a maintenance building onsite and the parking lot can be opened and accessible for animal control's usage. Commissioner Sweeney made the motion to bring to the full commission to use the workhouse as the new storage facility. Second made by Commissioner Gunn. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Sanders asked the committee's wishes on the Harris School Gym. Commissioner Sweeney requested to defer sending to the Finance Committee until the committee can get a plat of what the county will be selling. Commissioner Sweeney also mentioned the committee needs to know if the utilities are shared. If the gym currently utilizes the school's power supply the purchase agreement should include language the buyer will have to pay for the cost of establishing separate power. Commissioner Sanders is going to check with the Property Assessor's office regarding the plat and Commissioner Thomas will speak with Shelbyville Power regarding the utilities. Commissioner Sweeney made the motion to defer sending to the Finance Committee until next month. Second made by Commissioner Gunn. Motion passed unanimously.

- c) **Surplus: Mayor's Office and Human Resources** – Chairman Sanders said request to send items to surplus were received from the following offices, Mayor's Suite: a reception desk, credenza, two reception chairs and a lamp
Human Resources: a small folding table. Commissioner Gunn made the motion to send to the commission. Second made by Commissioner Farris. Motion passed unanimously.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

14. Adjourn: (Gunn motion, Sanders) unanimous. 6:33 P.M.