



## BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COURTHOUSE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021  
**Time:** Consecutive After Law Enforcement  
**Location:** Second Floor Courtroom, Bedford County Courthouse

**Present:** Chairman Julie Wells Sanders, Commissioner Brian Farris  
Via phone: Commissioners Chasity Gunn and Brent Smith

**Absent:** Co-Chairman Jeff Sweeney

**Others Present:** County Mayor Chad Graham, County Commissioners: Sylvia Pinson, Bill Anderson, Linda Yockey, Mark Thomas, IT Director: Josh Carney, GIS/Media Director: John Carney, Assistant to Mayor Graham: Anna Frazier, Times-Gazette: David Melson, Shelbyville Record Shop: Randy Saddler, Jay Graham, Perry Sanders, Rodney Schmiede, and other not identified  
Via Phone/Internet: others not identified

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Julie Wells Sanders, 6:07 p.m.
2. **Prayer:** Commissioner Farris
3. **Roll Call:**
4. **Approval of February 23, 2021 Courthouse & Property Committee meeting minutes:** Meeting quorum was not met. Approval of minutes deferred until April committee meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Farris. Second made by Commissioner Gunn. (unanimous)
5. **Approval of March 16, 2021 Courthouse & Property Committee meeting minutes:** Motion made by Commissioner Gunn. Second made by Commissioner Farris. (unanimous)
6. **Zoning and Planning Reports:** Report submitted. Director White was present.
7. **IT Reports:** Report distributed to the committee. Director Josh Carney was present and discussed cyber-security training offered to county government employees as well as the on-going state IT audit.
8. **Fire Department:** Report submitted. Chief Mark Thomas was present. The City of Jackson Fire Department donated air packs and other items, total value, about \$150,000. Breathing Air Systems donated a cascade system, estimated value, about \$50,000.
9. **911 Communications Report:** Report submitted. Director Noel was not present.
10. **GIS/Media Report:** Report submitted. Director John Carney was present and stated this week he is participating in a GIS conference.
11. **Motion to approve all reports:** Motion made by Commissioner Farris. Second made by Commissioner Gunn. (unanimous)
12. **OLD BUSINESS** – None



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### 13. NEW BUSINESS –

- a) **Surplus** – County Clerk’s office: Dell Power Edge T610 Server to IT for destruction. Motion made by Commissioner Farris to approve. Second made by Commissioner Gunn. (unanimous)
- b) **Access to Duck River at Warner Bridge Road** – Chairman Wells Sanders explained there is confusion over who owns the land providing access to Duck River. A private landowner installed a gate eliminating public access to the river at Warner Bridge Road. The land in question may be owned by the county. The committee was given a copy of the deed and tax map for the county-owned land. Commissioner Brent Smith asked the committee to exercise due diligence. Before opening the floor to the public, Chairman Wells Sanders read a memo from the county attorney, John T. Bobo, regarding his research, at the request of County Mayor, Chad Graham, if a gate or fence installed by a private landowner is improperly placed. Bedford County residents Perry Sanders and Rodney Schmiede both expressed their multiple concerns over eliminating this public access and requests to keep the access open. Commissioner Farris stated he did not believe the gate was put up with malicious intent, but due to a safety issue. Commissioner Biff Farrar stated he would contact TWRA about the situation. Commissioner Gunn made the motion to defer the issue until next month. Second made by Commissioner Smith. (unanimous)
- c) **Convenience Centers** – Commissioner Smith said there is excessive amounts of trash in his district, District 1, and voiced his concerns regarding the convenience center at Deason. Commissioner Smith suggested the possibility of buying more property for additional centers or expanding the dump site. Chairman Wells Sanders opened the floor to Highway Superintendent Mark Clanton, who manages the convenience centers. Mr. Clanton said he will do what the commission and mayor recommend. Mr. Clanton stated additional services will require additional money and provided the example, to open on Sundays, will cost the county an additional \$200,000. Mr. Clanton stated the centers may be closed briefly to change out bins. Since 2019, the centers close when the county government is closed for holidays. Commissioner Linda Yockey suggested a study session for commissioners to attend along with Mr. Clanton and Mayor Graham. Commissioner Yockey asked Mr. Clanton if he has a multi-year plan. Mr. Clanton said yes, he does and may need to add a ninth center due to population growth. Chairman Wells Sanders asked if Mr. Clanton would head up the study session. Mr. Clanton said yes, he would.

### 14. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

### 15. Adjourn: (Gunn motioned) 6:49 P.M.