



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

**Date:** Tuesday, May 18, 2021  
**Time:** Consecutive After Law Enforcement  
**Location:** Second Floor Courtroom, Bedford County Courthouse

**Present:** Chairman Julie Wells Sanders, Co-Chairman Jeff Sweeney, Commissioners Brian Farris, Brent Smith, Chasity Gunn

**Absent:** None

**Others Present:** County Mayor Chad Graham, County Commissioners: Linda Yockey, Janice Brothers, Bill Anderson, Mark Thomas, Biff Farrar, Greg Vick, Anita Epperson, Jason Sanders, Sheriff Austin Swing, Chief Deputy Nikia Elliott, Animal Control Director: Maria Hughes, Animal Control: Josie Lowery, Chase Roberts, Juvenile Director: Kellee Smith, GIS/Media Director: John Carney, EMA Director Scott Johnson, Assistant to Mayor Graham: Anna Frazier, Times-Gazette: David Melson, Shelbyville Record Shop: Randy Saddler, Denise Graham, Jay Graham, Phillip Heath

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Julie Wells Sanders, 5:39p.m.
2. **Prayer:** Commissioner Farris
3. **Roll Call:**
4. **Approval of April 20, 2021 Courthouse & Property Committee meeting minutes:** Motion made by Commissioner Smith. Second made by Commissioner Sweeney. (unanimous)
5. **Zoning and Planning Reports:** Report submitted. Director White was not present.
6. **IT Reports:** Report distributed to the committee. Director Josh Carney was not present.
7. **Fire Department:** Report submitted. Chief Mark Thomas was present. Commissioner Farris asked how the department was doing regarding fuel prices. Commissioner Thomas said the county is under contract and does not pay sales tax. Mayor Graham said he believed the contract is so many cents plus cost. Mayor Graham also stated finance monitors every month budgets cost which may fluctuate, such as fuel and utility costs.
8. **911 Communications Report:** Report submitted. Director Noel was not present.
9. **GIS/Media Report:** Report submitted. Director John Carney was present.
10. **Motion to approve all reports:** Motion made by Commissioner Smith. Second made by Commissioner Sweeney. (unanimous)
11. **OLD BUSINESS –**
  - a) **Driver License Center –** Chair Wells Sanders asked Director Johnson for an update on the driver license center. Director Scott said he is waiting on an update from the state and will forward it upon receipt. Construction on the space should be near completion.



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- b) **Warner Bridge Road River Access** – Chair Wells Sanders stated the gate seems to be on county property. Commissioner Smith said the owner should at the very least open the gate. Commissioner Sweeney spoke with the surveyor and agreed the gate is on county property. Commissioner Sweeney requested for the realtor to talk to the owner so the gate will stay open until the survey is completed and the county receives the report. Discussion ensued regarding the gate and possible solutions. Chair Wells Sanders asked for the county attorney, John T. Bobo, to formulate a letter to the owner requesting the gate open. Discussion continued regarding river access. Commissioner Gunn said she spoke with Mr. Cannon and the intent to sell the land to the county was to originally give the public access to the river. Commissioner Sweeney made a motion to unlock the gate for 30 days, until the survey is completed and work on a resolution between the county and landowner. County attorney, John T. Bobo, was present and said the gate is on county property and there is a strip of property from the gate to the river that is county property. Additional discussion continued regarding surveys, the deeds and water rights. Commissioner Sweeney made the motion to have the gate unlocked with two weeks to resolve the matter. Second made by Commissioner Gunn. Motion passed unanimously.
- 12. NEW BUSINESS –**
- a) Surplus – Workhouse: 2007 Dodge Charger for scrap.
- b) Surplus - Probation: office equipment. Motion made by Commissioner Gunn to send both requests to the full commission. Second made by Commissioner Smith. Motion passed unanimously.
- 13. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Commissioner Smith said last week’s convenient center study session was great. The study group received information regarding new compactors and potentially extending convenience centers’ hours. Commissioner Smith appreciated Mayor Graham’s and Superintendent Clanton’s time.
- 14. Adjourn:** (Smith motioned) 6:25 P.M.