



## BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Date:** Tuesday, May 18, 2021  
**Time:** Consecutive After Rules and Legislative  
**Location:** Second Floor Courtroom, Bedford County Courthouse

**Present:** Chairman Mark Thomas, Commissioners Bill Anderson, Mayor Chad Graham

**Absent:** Co-Chairman John Brown, Commissioner Sylvia Pinson

**Others Present:** County Commissioners: Linda Yockey, Janice Brothers, Jeff Sweeney, Brent Smith, 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 Mark Thomas, 5:10 P.M.
- 2. Prayer:** Chairman Thomas
- 3. Roll Call:**
- 4. Approval of April 20, 2021 Law Enforcement Committee minutes:** Motion made to approve, (Anderson, Graham) unanimous
- 5. Animal Control Report:** Report submitted; Director Maria Hughes was present. Director Hughes clarified and defined the board policy regarding stray and owned animals in Bedford County.

**Sheriff/Jail/Workhouse Reports/Drug Task Force:** Report submitted; Sheriff Swing said over 2,200 miles patrolled every day, 739 warrants served, and 333 arrests for the month of April. Courts: 1,150 listed on the court docket and 1,735 occupants in the courts in April. The 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Drug Task Force report for April: Of the 21 investigations, \$5,261 of suspected illegal drug proceeds were seized. Four search warrants executed. Twenty-seven defendants were identified as being involved in illegal drug activity in Bedford County.

- 6. EMA Report:** No report submitted. Director Scott Johnson was present. Director Johnson said vaccinations have ended at the Agriculture Center and are now given at the local health department. There is a new traffic pattern at the Business Complex to accommodate visitors arriving for COVID testing or vaccinations. Volunteer fire departments will be a point for vaccine distribution to rural areas in the county. Director Johnson thanked Superintendent Mark Clanton for fuel assistance during the gasoline shortage. Active shooter, medical, fire and severe weather training are being conducted at the Annex, Courthouse, Justice Center and Business Complex Center. EMA recently had their annual audit and received no findings. School evacuation drills were conducted recently.
- 7. Juvenile Reports:** Report submitted; Director Kellee Smith was present. Commissioner Sweeney asked if loss revenue, due to lack of space, will continue. Director Smith said yes.



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8. **Probation Report:** Report submitted; Director Jason Sudberry was not present.
9. **Motion to Approve all Reports Submitted:** (Anderson, Graham) unanimous.
10. **Old Business:**
  - a) **Special Events Permit** – Mayor Graham said none of the commissioners has reached out to him regarding comment on the county attorney’s memo. Commissioner Anderson said the permit seemed wordy and a little long. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to defer, second made by Mayor Graham. Motion passed unanimously.
11. **New Business:** None.
12. **Announcements:** Mayor Graham announced all committee meetings will be held, beginning in June, at the Bedford County Business Complex (200 Dover Street). Commission meetings will be held in the auditorium at Central High School.
13. **Adjourn:** (Pinson motioned, Graham) unanimous. 5:36 P.M.