



Bedford County Board of Commissioners Courthouse and Property Committee Minutes

Date: **Tuesday, September 21, 2021**
Time: Meeting to be held consecutively after Law Enforcement Committee Meeting.
Location: Bedford County Business Complex Center, 1st Floor Conference Room

Minutes

Courthouse and Property Committee Members

Commissioner Julie Sanders, Chair
Commissioner Jeff Sweeney, Co-Chair
Commissioner Brian Farris
Commissioner Adam Thomas

Call to Order

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PRESENT

Brian Farris
Julie Sanders
Jeff Sweeney
Adam Thomas

Minutes Approval:

1. Approval of June 15, 2021 Courthouse & Property Committee meeting minutes.
Commissioner Sanders corrected the date of the minutes to July 20, 2021.
Motion to approve the July minutes was made by Sanders, Seconded by Sweeney.
Motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

2. Zoning and Planning - report enclosed
Director Chris White was not present.
3. IT Department
Director Josh Carney was present. Director Carney spoke about the importance in educating employees about cyber security and protecting the county's data. Director Carney said he has submitted a contract to finance for review to move to a modern e-fax solution instead of using traditional land lines. The change should save the county about \$15,000 annually. The IT Department saved the Finance Department \$7,152 in hardware and installation fees versus a quote provided by a third-party vendor. EMA Department has been switched to VOIP phone service.
Commissioner Pinson commended the department for their assistance with the bypass naming ceremony for former mayor Eugene Ray.
4. Fire Department - report enclosed
Chief Mark Thomas was present and did not have anything to add to his report.
5. 911 Communications - report enclosed
Director Phillip Noel was present. Director Noel said about 92% of calls to E-911 are made using a wireless phone. Director Noel went on to discuss texting to E-911. Director Noel

explained there are five tiers regarding texting to E-911. 11 counties are in the top tier, tier 5, and are live texting. Bedford County, along with seven other counties, is in tier 4, text ready. The process is slow, due to technology upgrade rollouts by the major cellular carriers, and will therefore take time to implement.

6. GIS and Media - report enclosed

Director John Carney was present and did not have anything to add to his report.

Old Business:

Commissioner Sanders said Harris Middle School Gym is ready for surplus.

Motion made by Farris, Seconded by Sweeney to send to the full commission.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Graham said the courthouse renovation should begin later this year.

New Business:

Mayor Graham said recently the annex first floor's acoustics were tested due to the difficulty with hearing patrons when there are many people visiting the county clerk's and trustee's offices. Once the testing summary is received, Mayor Graham will forward the recommendations to the commissioners.

7. Surplus - IT Department

There is no surplus at this time from the IT Department.

Announcements

Mayor Graham said the courthouse annex elevator will be replaced at the end of November.

Adjourn

6:23PM (Sanders, Farris)