



Bedford County Board of Commissioners Courthouse and Property Committee Minutes

Date: **Tuesday, October 18, 2022**
Time: Meeting to be held consecutively after Law Enforcement Committee Meeting.
Location: Bedford County Historic Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Community Room

Minutes

Courthouse and Property Committee Members

Commissioner Julie Sanders, Chair
Commissioner Adam Thomas
Commissioner Drew Hooker
Commissioner Diane Neeley
Commissioner Troy Thompson

Call to Order

Prayer

Roll Call

PRESENT

Julie Sanders
Drew Hooker
Diane Neeley
Troy Thompson

ABSENT

Adam Thomas

Minutes Approval:

1. Approval of July 19, 2022 Courthouse & Property Committee minutes.
Motion to approve by Neeley; Seconded by Thompson (unanimous).
2. Approval of August 16, 2022 Courthouse & Property Committee minutes.
Motion to approve by Hooker; Seconded by Thompson (unanimous).
3. Approval of September 20, 2022 Courthouse & Property Committee minutes.
Motion to approve by Hooker; Seconded by Thompson (unanimous).

Reports:

4. **Fire Department Report** – Enclosed.
Chief Thomas noted that the department is still repairing trucks and waiting on parts which should be in Thursday. One part that controls the whole pump costs \$6k. There is another issue with a gas filling up the cabin that parts are 12 weeks out on delivery. The Chief also talked about replacement vehicles being two years out and prices cannot be guaranteed. International Freightliner has been cancelling orders and he discussed the enormous increase in pricing. He also noted that the department is now attracting higher quality employees and are one away from being fully staffed. Commissioner Hooker asked if there were any demo fire trucks available but Chief Thomas said they had already been snapped up and that it is a real possibility he may have to go to the finance committee and ask for additional funds and purchase a lesser quality vehicle than has been purchased in the past.
5. **E911 Report** – Enclosed.
There was no one present from the department.

6. **GIS Report** – Enclosed

Director Carney said he did not have much to add to his report but did note that a meeting had been held that morning on how better to market the River Life specialty license plate. The committee felt that timing was working against them as people are now not thinking about being on the river and also because people are taking advantage of the reduced price of plates at the moment, so they are going to ask for an extension of time. Proceeds will be used for river projects here and in other areas as well and it was noted that other counties can also participate. Commissioner Hooker suggested reaching out to Nashville media to help spread the word statewide.

7. **IT Department** - No report enclosed.

Director Carney distributed a report and thanked the new commissioners for their service. He noted that the software training mentioned is regarding the jail intake software and data is currently being transferred from the old system to the new. Due to a safety grant from the Department of Homeland Security through EMA, IT was able to purchase a vulnerability assessment tool. The help desk generally processes 100-150 help desk tickets and the department is constantly doing maintenance and system replacements as well as pushing out upgrades consistently.

The Director noted the environment of the renovated courtroom and the efforts to transform. His department has assisted with audio visual and those systems are currently being completed. There will be a wired internet connect and a tablet/netbook for commissioners to use. Electronic voting will be available through the device. He noted speakers with wires hidden and the ability to livestream on screen facing either way. There will also be a document scanner at the podium and lectern.

8. **Planning/Zoning Report** - No report enclosed.

There was no report however Director White was present and noted that FEMA has gone up on their flood rates. Bedford County has quite a few people in flood zones. This year was the first year for a program (CRS) that will allow Bedford Countians to get a reduction based on all the things we do as a county on risk, knowledge, and growth based on a rating system. Director White said there are a lot of things that are being done to work with FEMA to take advantage of these premium reductions. The info is posted to our website. He is working with John Carney on GIS to create the zoning map which has been a big project but is now 100 percent and only lacks coloring to be ready to post. The goal is to get a 20% reduction.

9. **Codes Report** - No report enclosed.

Director Amy Peterson was not present but had presented a report for distribution earlier in the evening.

Approve Reports: *Motion to approve by Thompson; Seconded by Neeley (unanimous).*

Other Reports - For Information Only:

Old Business: *There was discussion regarding footers being poured at Community High School.*

New Business:

10. **Request by Judge Charles Rich to Name Judicial Commissioner's Office for Terry Stacey**

Judge Charles Rich presented his request to the Committee regarding naming the Judicial Commissioner's Office for Terry Stacey, who he described as a long time servant of Bedford County that had held about every position within the Sheriff's Office during his tenure. Judge Rich said he himself had been the Judicial Commissioner until he was elected in 1998 at which time Mr. Stacey took over and retained that position until his passing in February 2022. The Judge became emotional as he spoke and said, "He was and is the Judicial Commissioner's Office." Judge Rich showed the Committee a picture of the sign that he was proposing and asked that the Committee would recommend to the full commission so that Terry Stacey's family could be present.

Commissioner Thompson said you could not find a finer gentleman than Terry Stacey and moved to send to the full commission with a favorable recommendation. Commissioner Hooker seconded the motion (unanimous).

11. Square Traffic/Safety Concerns

Chair Sanders explained that the Mayor who had to leave earlier said that he had sent a letter to the City Manager Scott Collins as requested, and had heard from Mr. Collins that they are meeting and feel they can address the matter and will get back with the Committee in future.

Announcements

The Chair said she is working to get an updated list of property in the county for new members.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Neeley.