

Mayor Chad D. Graham's BEDFORD COUNTY OVERVIEW

2022-26

53,055 residents, 14.696% growth in 10 years
Bedford County ranks 21st in growth amongst 95 TN counties
Over 500 new residents expected annually over next 5 years
Current Tax Rate \$2.3252

Core Beliefs



Strategic Areas of Focus

Funded Projects

Carwright Elementary

Emergency Ops Center

TACN Radio System

Capital Projects

Liberty School Wing

Juvenile Facility

Surplus Facility

Public Safety Training Range

EDUCATION

- End Use of Portable Classrooms
- Enhance K-3 Programs
- Collaboration w/ TCAT, MTSU, Motlow

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Highly Trained & Equipped Professionals
- Improve Pay and Benefits
- Next Generation Public Safety Systems

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Industrial Development
- Workforce Development
- Infrastructure Improvements

Our Vision

An efficient and forward-thinking system of government that promotes quality of place while maintaining our culture and traditions.

Our Mission

We are engaged professionals committed to serving and assisting our constituents. We will make Bedford better by seeking opportunities to improve and exceed constituent's expectations.

Accomplishments

- Low Income Elder Tax Relief
- Kids Out of Portables!
- Public Safety Enhancements

EDC Investment

- Uncle Nearest Visitor Center - 70 million
- Uncle Nearest Bottling - 100 million
- Duksan - 100 million - 100 jobs
- Cooper Steel - 54 million
- Broadband - 11 million+ toward becoming "the first fully connected rural county"
- Downtown Investments : Classic Hops - 8 million; Glass Hollow - 7.5 million; Grindstone Cowboy
- Higher Education Investments : TCAT - 54 million; MTSU - 74 million - Motlow - 500,000

Challenges of Managing Growth

- K-12 Enrollment
- Affordable Housing
- Infrastructure Investments
- Alternative Funding Sources



Chad D. Graham was elected as Mayor of Bedford County on August 2, 2018.

Mayor Graham believes that county government has three responsibilities: Educate our Kids, Provide Public Safety, and Support Infrastructure That Leads to Economic Development.

Chad is dedicated to promoting a vibrant local economy, strong neighborhoods, a high quality of life, a thriving downtown, and a Better Bedford for all of us.