

**Prior to opening the meeting, Mayor Chad Graham made the following statement:**

“These are uncertain and dangerous times. The County Mayor’s Office and all of the other county officials, including department heads, together with the Cities of Shelbyville, Bell Buckle, Wartrace, and Normandy, have worked very hard to continue essential and important government services. In doing so, we were ever mindful of protecting the health of our citizens and our dedicated employees.

“As the elected body of Bedford County, it is incumbent upon us to perform our duties, even in times of emergency or crisis. Governor Lee has signed an executive order that temporarily authorizes county governments to conduct official county business in a virtual or hybrid public meeting setting due to the COVID-19 outbreak. There are commissioners present both physically and by telephone for tonight’s meeting. We have limited the number of visitors in the audience for public health reasons.

“We have only placed items on this agenda that are time-sensitive. Commissioners Anderson and Epperson have agreed to postpone action on their resolutions until the May meeting. Quarterly report information is being provided, however we have temporarily suspended presentations by the elected officials. Please contact our office for any clarifications you may need.

“Since not all members are physical present, we will conduct all business tonight by roll call vote. This meeting is being live-streamed on Facebook and will be posted within 48 hours to our county websites.”

**Be it remembered that the Bedford County Commissioners, acting as the County Legislative Body, met in a regular session in the Bedford County Courthouse in Shelbyville, Tennessee on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Chairman Chad Graham called the meeting to order. Prayer was led by Attorney John T. Bobo. Graham led the Pledge of Allegiance and County Clerk Donna Thomas called the roll.**

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| <b>MARK THOMAS</b>     | <b>BRENT SMITH</b>   | <b>BRIAN FARRIS</b>   |
| <b>BILL ANDERSON</b>   | <b>JULIE SANDERS</b> | <b>JOHN BROWN</b>     |
| <b>JANICE BROTHERS</b> | <b>JEFF SWEENEY</b>  | <b>PHILIP FARRAR</b>  |
| <b>ED CASTLEMAN</b>    | <b>GREG VICK</b>     | <b>TONY SMITH</b>     |
| <b>SYLVIA PINSON</b>   | <b>LINDA YOCKEY</b>  | <b>ANITA EPPERSON</b> |

**There were 15 commissioners present. Commissioners Don Gallagher, Chastity Gunn, and Jimmy Patterson were absent.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 10, 2020 COMMISSION MINUTES – Placed on the agenda by Commissioners Farrar and Vick.**

Motion to approve by Thomas. Second by Anderson. Passed by roll call vote. 15 Ayes 0 Noes

**ELECTIONS & CONFIRMATIONS**

**1. Elect Notaries – May 2020 list – Placed on the agenda by Commissioners Farrar and Vick.**

Motion to approve by Anderson. Second by Epperson. Passed by roll call vote. 15 Ayes 0 Noes

NAME	NEW/RENEW	RECOMMENDED BY
1. Tina Davenport	Renew	
2. Gayle Winnet	Renew	
3. Leba Marlow	Renew	
4. Tabitha Philpott	Renew	
5. Korrle Upchurch	Renew	
6. Tina Fay Arnold	Renew	
7. Stephanie C. Reed	Renew	
8. Loretta J. Pipkin	Renew	
9. Michael J. Clemons	Renew	
10. Shelley Lovvorn	Renew	
11. Brenda S. Brantlett	Renew	
12. Wanda Lee Woodlee	Renew	
13. Jonathan Boyce	Renew	
14. Jennifer McWhirter	Renew	
15. Tricha Prater	Renew	
16. Dale Cobb	Renew	
17. Blake Smith	New	Sweeney/Thomas
18. Narsha Eddle	New	Thomas/Sweeney
19. Catherine D. Jenkins	New	Thomas/Sweeney
20. Souja H. Pinnaural	New	Thomas/Sweeney

FROM: BEDFORD COUNTY CLERK RE: NOTARY APPLICANTS FOR MAY 2020  
 TO: RULES AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE DATE: 3-10-20

**2. Appointments – Placed on the agenda by Mayor Graham.**

**A. Board of Equalization**

Graham put forth Wayne Williams, Debbie Flippo, Larry Hasty. Motion to approve by Thomas. Second by Anderson. Passed by roll call vote. 15 Ayes 0 Noes

**B. Planning Commission**

Graham put forth Steve Feldhouse. Motion to approve by Thomas. Second by Epperson. Passed by roll call vote. 15 Ayes 0 Noes

**C. Beer Board**

Graham put forth Tony Smith. Motion to approve by Vick. Second by Thomas. Anderson asked if this would make the Beer Board full and Graham said yes. Anderson stated that the Beer Board should meet with the Commission regarding an ongoing issue that all are aware of. Motion passed by roll call vote. 14 Ayes 1 Pass  
Commissioner Tony Smith passed.

**PRESENTATIONS**

None

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 20-12** – *Deferred at the request of Commissioners Epperson and Anderson.*

A resolution declaring support of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution.  
Sponsor(s): Commissioners Brent Smith, Anita Epperson, Bill Anderson

**Resolution No. 20-21** – *Deferred at the request of Commissioners Epperson and Anderson.*

A resolution of no consent to refugee resettlement in Bedford County, Tennessee.  
Sponsor(s): Commissioners Brent Smith, Anita Epperson, Bill Anderson

**REPORTS BY STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Rules and Legislative Committee**

None

**Law Enforcement Committee**

None

**Courthouse and Property Committee**

None

**Financial Management Committee**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mayor Graham stated that Commissioners may have received calls and emails from the Bedford Listening Project regarding landlord evictions. Evictions are a civil matter which the County has no jurisdiction over. Representatives from the Bedford Listening Project are scheduled to present their concerns to the Rules and Legislative Committee in May.
- Sylvia Pinson reminded everyone that they should complete their Census questions as soon as possible and gave an update on the status of the process. Commissioner Sweeney expressed his thanks to Pinson and her team for their hard work.
- Commissioner Yockey thanked the Courthouse and Property Committee, both past and present, as well as all the other people who had a hand in getting the new justice center up and running. She said that things could have been much worse had that move not taken place.
- Commissioner Vick reminded the Rules and Legislative Committee that they have a full agenda at next week's meeting.
- Commissioner Castleman expressed his appreciation for how well tonight's meeting was conducted. Chairman Graham and Commissioner Epperson thanked all those who contributed to the success of the meeting.

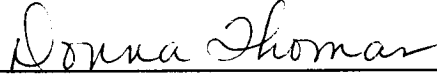
**ADJOURN**

**There being no further business before the Board, Yockey made a motion to adjourn and Chairman Graham declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.**



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**Chairman Chad Graham**  
**Bedford County Board of Commissioners**

**I certify that the minutes were completed on the 16th day of April and delivered to the Bedford County Mayor's Office.**



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**Donna Thomas**  
**Bedford County Clerk**

**I certify that I received these minutes on the 15th day of April, 2020.**



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**Chad Graham**  
**Bedford County Mayor**

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