



**BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COURTHOUSE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**Date:** Tuesday, November 19, 2019  
**Time:** 5:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Third Floor Courtroom, Bedford County Courthouse

**Present:** Chairman Julie Sanders; Commissioners Chasity Gunn, Brian Farris, Jeff Sweeney

**Absent:** Commissioner Brent Smith

**Others Present:** Mayor Chad Graham, County Commissioners: Sylvia Pinson, Mark Thomas, Linda Yockey, Bill Anderson, Greg Vick, Finance Director: Robert Daniel, Sheriff: Austin Swing, IT Director: Josh Carney, Assistant to the Mayor: Anna Frazier, Times-Gazette Reporter: John Carney

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Julie Sanders, 6:10 p.m.
2. **Prayer:** Commissioner Sweeney
3. **Roll Call:** 1 absent
4. **Approval of October 15, 2019 Courthouse & Property Committee meeting minutes:** Motion made to approve, (Sweeney, Gunn) unanimous.
5. **Zoning and Planning Reports:** Director not in attendance. Commissioner Farris said there was an appeal coming up regarding cell phone towers.
6. **IT Reports:** Director Josh Carney said that a website vendor has been selected. Work is continuing at the Justice Center. Thirty miles of cable have been installed to date. Chairman Sanders asked if all is going well with staff. Director Carney said yes and that his employees are cross-trained so that they can work in all facets of IT support.
7. **Fire Department:** Fire Chief Mark Thomas was in attendance. Chief Thomas advised the committee that the last employee hired just finished the Fire Academy and now the employee will begin intense training. Three are currently testing at the Fire Academy. Chairman Sanders asked about the condition of the fire trucks. Chief Thomas said there is everyday maintenance. Chief Thomas said the department was approved for and has sent out bids for a water rescue boat. After the boat has been purchased, a fire truck will be purchased through a purchasing alliance. Chairman Sanders mentioned the information Chief Thomas handed out explaining the reasons for multiple fire trucks and personnel at a fire.
8. **911 Communications Report:** Director not in attendance.
9. **Motion to approve all reports:** (Sweeney, Farris) unanimous.
10. **Old Business**



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- a) **Criminal Justice Center Update:** Commissioner Sweeney discussed the recent walk-through with Commissioners and other officials. Senator Shane Reeves texted Commissioner Sweeney after the tour and said it was a very impressive complex and he was proud of the county making that happen. Asphalt should be completed this week, except for around the service area. The maintenance building will be started in the next two weeks. Cleaning is in progress. IT is doing a great job pulling wire and the transition team is working together. EMA and EMS has been out there. Signage going up, flagpoles going in and seeding straw in the next two weeks. Public tours will be December 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. The public is invited to come see what they've paid for, but we ask that you don't bring children as it is a large building. It will be a controlled tour. The Sheriff's Department will lead the tour. Commissioner Sweeney pointed out that Circuit Court Clerk Michelle Murray and Deputy Tommie Boleyn have spent an enormous amount of time outside of their every day jobs working with him to make things happen. Deputy Boleyn has taken the security part and done a great job. There are about eight people on the transition team, and we've added and removed people as we've moved along. Aramark joined the team last week for maintenance and has been doing walk-throughs with their staff preparing for any maintenance issues that might come up. The mandated time to move will begin December 16<sup>th</sup>. The DA's office has already started moving furniture. There are some outstanding items that are being worked through but should be completed within the next 15 days.
- b) **Cascade Highschool Roundabout:** Mayor Chad Graham received a notice that the edges of the road were not conducive to expanding the traffic out on them as it is so they will have to go to a four way stop until they can build the sides up.
- c) **Archives** – Some of the archives fund may be used to renovate a building to store permanent records. Mayor Graham said that County Clerk Donna Thomas has stated the fees from her office have exceeded her expectations and are on pace to go beyond original projections.
- d) **Gun Range** – Chairman Sanders spoke with Mike Davis about the city's use which is no more than twice per year. The city police are usually there from 5-6:00 p.m. to the latest 9:30 p.m., but even if they are there during the day, they receive complaints.

11. **NEW BUSINESS** – None.

12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

13. **Adjourn:** (Sanders motioned, Farris) unanimous. 6:41 P.M.