

**Bedford County Board of Commissioners  
Commissioner Board Meeting**

Date: **Tuesday, May 10, 2022**

Time: **7:00 PM**

Location: **Bedford County Central High School Auditorium**

**Minutes**

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**Public Hearing** (to be held prior to the meeting).

1. Rezoning Request: Lot 6, Vanatta Crossings Sec. II, Corner of Unionville-Deason Rd. and Midland Rd., Map 030M; Parcel 006.00, from A-1 to R-1. Owner(s) Tracey Vanatta and Vida Haynes. This parcel was identified as Lot #6 of Vannatta Crossings Subdivision (2001) - Vanatta Crossings Subdivision was rezoned from A-1 to R-1 in 2001.

At the time it was rezoned, Lot 6 was intentionally left as A-1, for potential future commercial development opportunities. The owner(s) have decided to abandon their ideas for a future commercial development and are wanting to rezone the lot to match the surrounding lots and, if successfully rezoned, subdivide the parcel into three separate residential building lots.

Graham asked if anyone would like to speak either for or against the rezoning. No one responded. Graham closed the hearing.

**Call to Order:** Chairman, Mayor Chad D. Graham

**Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Open Meeting:** Sheriff Austin Swing

**Roll Call:** County Clerk Donna Thomas

**PRESENT**

Bill Anderson  
Janice Brothers  
John Brown  
Anita Epperson  
Biff Farrar  
Brian Farris  
Bobby Fox  
Don Gallagher  
Sylvia Pinson  
Julie Julie Sanders  
Tony Smith  
Adam Adam Thomas  
Mark Mark Thomas  
Greg Vick  
Linda Yockey

**ABSENT**

Ed Castleman  
Jason Sanders  
Jeff Sweeney

**Minutes Approval:**

2. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes from April 12, 2022 – *Placed on agenda without a recommendation by Rules & Legislative Committee.*

Motion to approve by Mark Thomas. Seconded by Pinson. Passed by voice vote.

**Elections & Confirmations:**

3. Elect Notaries for June 2022 - *Placed on agenda by Rules & Legislative Committee.*

Motion to approve by Epperson. Seconded by Anderson. Passed by voice vote.

**Presentations:** None.

**Resolutions:**

4. Resolution No. 22-22. A Resolution in Support of Upgrading the Emergency Communications Radio System Utilizing the American Rescue Plan Funding. *Placed on the agenda by the Financial Management Committee.*

Motion made by Vick. Seconded by Yockey.

Yockey asked whether this would deplete the remainder of the COVID funds. Graham said that although the funds have not yet been paid out, the entire amount has been designated.

Voting Yea: Anderson, Brothers, Brown, Epperson, Farrar, Farris, Fox, Gallagher, Pinson, Julie Sanders, Smith, Adam Thomas, Mark Thomas, Vick, Yockey.

**Additional Items by Standing Committees:**

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Rules and Legislative Committee:

- 5. Rezoning of Lot 6, Vanatta Crossings Sec. II, Corner of Unionville-Deason Rd. and Midland Rd., Map 030M; Parcel 006.00, from A-1 to R-1. Owner(s) Tracey Vanatta and Vida Haynes. *With a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission.*

Motion to approve by Smith. Seconded by Fox. Passed by voice vote.

Law Enforcement Committee: None.

Courthouse and Property Committee: None.

Financial Management Committee:

- 6. Approve letter to Kent Archer, TDECD Program Manager, requesting to amend the 2020 Community Development Block Grant contract scope of services from construction of a water storage tank to a water line extension project for the Union Ridge Community.

Gallagher explained that the town of Wartrace applied for a community development block grant to run a water line to Union Ridge to serve about 40 families. In conjunction with this, the county applied for a block grant to build a storage tank on Union Ridge to help make the water supply more stable and to extend water service to up to 300 people.

When the bids came in they were exceedingly high due to the cost of steel being inflated. The engineers redesigned the tank to an elevated tank, reducing the size from 100K gallons to 50K gallons and rebid the project. Again, the bids were exceedingly high.

The county petitioned the Office of Economic Development for permission to reallocate the \$400K grant toward the water line. Permission was granted. This letter is a formal request to reallocate the funds.

Motion made by Gallagher to authorize the Mayor to send the letter. Seconded by Yockey. Passed by voice vote.

Graham stated there might be opportunities in the future for block grants that could make a tank possible.

Gallagher said the original agreement with the town of Wartrace was that Wartrace would apply for a grant for the water line and the county would apply for a grant for the tank. This agreement will not cost the county.

- 7. Quarterly Financials

Motion made by Brothers, Seconded by Smith. Passed by voice vote.

- 8. Surplus - Board of Education

Motion made by Mark Thomas, Seconded by Yockey. Passed by voice vote.

- 9. Surplus - County

Motion made by Mark Thomas, Seconded by Brothers. Passed by voice vote.

**Other Business:**

**Announcements**

The United Way Shrimp & Crawfish Boil will be held May 20 at the Blue Ribbon Circle.

Graham reminded commissioners that budget hearings are coming up and we will be studying how the county can remain competitive with employee salaries in order to maintain our level of service.

Commissioners were given a copy of the County Clerk Personnel Policy which will go into effect June 1.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

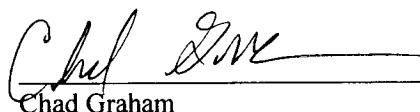
**Attestation**

I certify that the minutes were completed on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May and delivered to the Bedford County Mayor's office.



Donna Thomas  
Bedford County Clerk

I certify that I received these minutes on the 12 day of May, 2022.



Chad Graham  
Bedford County Mayor