



## Bedford County Board of Commissioners

### Commissioner Board Meeting

Date: **Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

Time: **7:00 PM**

Location: **Bedford County Historic Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Courtroom**

### Minutes

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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### The Bedford County Board of Commissioners

On November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Bedford County Regional Planning Commission unanimously recommended a zoning classification change to a parcel identified as Map 079, Parcel 010.00, from its current classification of A-1 (Agriculture-Forestry) to C-2 (General Commercial) for commercial uses ancillary to the adjoining property known as Brad's Market. The owner, Mukesh Chaudhary, wishes to update and remodel the existing market and add new fuel islands to the business which would be located on this parcel on the North side of the market. This parcel is a one (1) acre parcel that abuts the municipal city boundary of Shelbyville. On January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Bedford County Rules and Legislative Committee placed this item on the agenda with a favorable recommendation by a unanimous decision.

The public hearings will occur immediately before the Bedford County Commission meeting which will begin at 7:00 p.m. on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The public hearing and commission meeting will be held in the old Courthouse, 1 Public Square, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Chamber., Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160.

### Accommodations

Persons with a disability who wish to request accommodation to participate in the Public Meeting should notify Suzanne Alexander at least one (1) business days prior to the Meeting at (931) 684-7944 or email your request to [Suzanne.Alexander@bedfordcountyttn.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Alexander@bedfordcountyttn.gov) to discuss accommodations. Every reasonable effort will be made to meet your need.

Mayor Graham called the public hearing to order and asked for anyone to come forward to speak either for or against the rezoning. No one came forward. Mayor 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  
John Boutwell  
Jason Boyette  
Janice Brothers  
Anita Epperson  
Biff Farrar  
Drew Hooker  
Scott Johnson  
Eric Maddox  
Diane Neeley  
Sylvia Pinson  
Julie Sanders  
Tony Smith  
Adam Thomas  
Mark Thomas  
Troy Thompson  
Greg Vick  
Linda Yockey

### Minutes Approval:

1. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2024 - *Placed on the agenda without a recommendation by Rules & Legislative Committee (4-0).*

Mark Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Pinson. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

### Public Comment Period:

No public comment.



## Elections & Confirmations:

2. Elect Notaries for March 2024 - *Placed on agenda by the Rules & Legislative Committee (4-0).*

Yockey made a motion to approve. Seconded by Hooker. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

BEDFORD COUNTY CLERK  
DONNA THOMAS COUNTY CLERK  
100 PUBLIC SQ STE 104  
SHELBYVILLE TN 37160  
Telephone 931-684-1921  
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Notaries to be elected February 13, 2024

EDNA I BIDDY	MCKAYLA REED
ANGELA BOYCE	JANALYN DENISE ROOKER
CAROLE A CHUNN	KAREN W SWING
ZACHARY A CLEAVER	TABITHA TALAEAI
GABRIELA LYNCH	GREGORY G VICK
DIANNA H MCBEE	AMANDA WHEELER
PHILLIP D NOEL	KELLI L WILKERSON
SHEILA GRACE PENDLETON	

3. UT/TSU Extension Committee Appointment

Mayor Graham put forth a recommendation by the committee to appoint Terry Smith (3rd District) for a second term. Mark Thomas made a motion to approve. Seconded by Anderson. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. Audit Committee Appointments

Mayor Graham put forth David Crowell to fill the vacancy left open by the late Virgil Johnson. Epperson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Pinson. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. Beer Board Appointments

Mayor Graham put forth the following members to be re-appointed: Lisa Carden, Wayne Hart, Amy McCullough, Larry Joyce, and Fredia Lusk. Pinson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Epperson. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Presentations:** None.

## Resolutions:

6. Resolution 24-13 - Bedford County Transportation Planning Grant, *Placed on the agenda by the Financial Management Committee.*

Vick made a motion to approve. Seconded by Epperson. Passed unanimously by voice vote.



### RESOLUTION No. 24-13

#### Bedford County Transportation Planning Grant

**WHEREAS**, Bedford County Government/Highway Department is submitting an application for the Tennessee Department of Transportation Planning Grant to develop a professional study of potential turning lane(s) on US Hwy 231 North and alternate routes to US Hwy 231 in Northern Bedford County; and

**WHEREAS**, Bedford County continues to experience residential and commercial growth and a professional study of potential turning lane(s) and alternate routes will assist with traffic volume and congestion to the major thoroughfare of US Hwy 231 in the northern portion of Bedford County; and

**WHEREAS**, Bedford County Government/Highway Department has previously completed a 231 Corridor Study in 2023 and has identified a further need for a transportation plan specific to potential turning lane(s) and alternate routes for US Hwy 231 north; and

**WHEREAS**, Bedford County Government/Highway Department has an opportunity to apply for funding assistance through the Tennessee Department of Transportation Planning Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, if awarded Bedford County Government/Highway Department will adopt a resolution for the completed transportation study.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Bedford County Board of Commissioners:

1. That the Mayor be authorized to execute and submit an application for funds to the Tennessee Department of Transportation for a 2024 Transportation Planning Grant.
2. The total project cost not to exceed \$200,000. The local match portion funded by the Bedford County Highway Department will not exceed \$20,000 or 10% of the cost of the project if awarded.

PASSED AND SO ORDERED THIS 13 DAY OF February, 2024.

  
Chad Graham, County Mayor

  
Robert Daniel, Finance Director



## Additional Items by Standing Committees:

### Rules and Legislative Committee:

7. Zoning Change Request - On November 28, 2023, the Bedford County Regional Planning Commission unanimously recommended a zoning classification change to a parcel identified as Map 079, Parcel 010.00, from its current classification of A-1(Agriculture-Forestry) to C-2 (General Commercial) for commercial uses ancillary to the adjoining property known as Brad's Market. The owner, Mukesh Chaudhary, wishes to update and remodel the existing market and add new fuel islands to the business which would be located on this parcel on the North side of the market. This parcel is a one (1) acre parcel that abuts the municipal city boundary of Shelbyville. *Placed on the agenda by the Rules & Legislative Committee (4-0).*

Yockey made a motion to approve. Seconded by Vick. Zoning Director Chris White said the rezoning is to allow the market to put a fuel island there.

Motion passed by roll call vote. 18 Ayes 0 Noes

Voting Yea: Anderson, Boutwell, Boyette, Brothers, Epperson, Farrar, Hooker, Johnson, Maddox, Neeley, Pinson, Sanders, Smith, Adam Thomas, Mark Thomas, Thompson, Vick, Yockey

Law Enforcement Committee: None.

Courthouse and Property Committee: None.

Financial Management Committee:

8. Quarterly Financials

Brothers made a motion to approve. Seconded by Pinson. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

*A Copy of the Quarterly Financial Report is on file in the Clerk's office.*

9. Report of Audit Committee

Yockey made a motion to enter the report into the minutes. Seconded by Brothers. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **REPORT OF THE BEDFORD COUNTY AUDIT COMMITTEE TO THE BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Bedford County Audit Committee has met and has reviewed the *Summary of Audit Findings* from the annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2023 as prepared by the Tennessee Comptroller's office, and makes the following statement to the Bedford County Board of Commissioners:

*"The Bedford County Audit Committee reviewed the results of the Bedford County Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2023 as prepared by the State of Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury. Also reviewed was the action plans prepared and implemented by Robert Daniel, Director of Finance for Bedford County, and by Austin Swing, Sheriff of Bedford County. It is our opinion that the actions taken fully answer the criticisms shown in the Audit Report and that we hereby approve those actions and the Report in full."*

Respectfully submitted,

BEDFORD COUNTY AUDIT COMMITTEE

Bailey Little, Chairperson



Shelia Orrell, Secretary



### Other Business:

Mark Thomas made a motion to recess in order to have an attorney-client meeting. Seconded by Epperson. Meeting recessed.

Mayor Graham called the meeting back to order.

Hooker made a motion to suspend the rules to discuss a response to the City's recent action regarding sales tax. Seconded by Anderson. Motion to suspend the rules passed by show of hands.

Vick made a motion to authorize the law firm of Holland & Knight to respond to the letter received from the City of Shelbyville on November 17, 2023; and secondly, to authorize Holland & Knight to take the appropriate measures and any potential actions; and further, to designate Mayor Chad Graham as the sole point of contact with Holland & Knight. Seconded by Mark Thomas.

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Motion passed by roll call vote. 18 Ayes 0 Noes

Voting Yea: Anderson, Boutwell, Boyette, Brothers, Epperson, Farrar, Hooker, Johnson, Maddox, Neeley, Pinson, Sanders, Smith, Adam Thomas, Mark Thomas, Thompson, Vick, Yockey

**Announcements**

- Early voting will be held at the election office February 14 – 27.
- County offices will be closed on Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents Day.
- Cascade High School will be hosting regional tournaments.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**Attestation**

I certify that the minutes were completed on the 16th day of February 2024 and delivered to the Bedford County Mayor's office.



Donna Thomas  
Bedford County Clerk

I certify that I received these minutes on the 20 day of February 2024.



Chad Graham  
Bedford County Mayor