



## Bedford County Board of Commissioners

### Commissioner Board Meeting

Date: **Tuesday, April 09, 2024**

Time: **7:00 PM**

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

### Minutes

**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  
Scott Johnson  
Eric Maddox  
Diane Neeley  
Sylvia Pinson  
Julie Sanders  
Tony Smith  
Adam Thomas  
Mark Thomas  
Troy Thompson  
Greg Vick  
Linda Yockey

**ABSENT**

Drew Hooker

**Minutes Approval:**

1. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2024 - *Placed on the agenda without a recommendation by Rules & Legislative Committee (unanimous).*

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

**Public Comment Period:**

None

**Elections & Confirmations:**

2. Elect Notaries for April 2024 - *Placed on the agenda by the Rules & Legislative Committee (unanimous).*

Motion to approve by Vick. Seconded by Pinson. Passed by voice vote.

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Notaries to be elected April 09, 2024

AMY CARNEY  
MICHAEL J CLEMENTS  
TINA DAVENPORT  
NATASHA EDDE  
JESSICA GILL  
SHELLEY LOVVORN

LETHA MARLOW  
FERNANDA PEREZ  
SONJA H PIMENTAL  
TRICINA PRATER  
RUBY STALLINGS  
YOLETTE TAYLOR

3. Board of Equalization Appointments

Graham put forth Larry Hasty, Debbie Flippo, Reid Farmer, Ed Kowalski (alternate), Joanne Gaunt (city representative). Motion to approve by Mark Thomas. Seconded by Pinson. Passed by voice vote.

4. Building Code of Appeals Appointments

Graham put forth Mark Thomas, Mark Clanton, Jeff Sweeney, Judy Gambill, and Tommy Johns. Yockey made a motion to approve. Seconded by Pinson. Passed by voice vote.

5. Planning Commission Appointments

Graham put forth Larry Hasty and Jay Graham. Vick made a motion to approve. Seconded by Anderson. Passed by voice vote.

**Presentations:** None.

**Resolutions:**

6. Resolution 24-15 - A Resolution Urging Expedited Completion of the Shelbyville Bypass, *put forth by Commissioner John Boutwell with endorsement (4-0) of the Rules and Legislative Committee.*

Motion to approve by Mark Thomas. Seconded by Boutwell.

Graham stated that the resolution will be sent to TDOT and copied to Pat Marsh, Shane Reeves, and the governor's office.

Motion passed by voice vote.



**RESOLUTION No. 24-15**

**Bedford County Resolution Urging Expedited Completion of the Shelbyville Bypass**

**WHEREAS**, the completion of the new Shelbyville Bypass (State Route 437) from US 41-North/State Route 16 to Highway 231 has significantly contributed to the mobility, economic development, and safety of Bedford County;

**WHEREAS**, the Shelbyville Bypass was designed to enhance access to industrial developments within Bedford County and provide an alternate route for commercial traffic, thus relieving congestion in downtown Shelbyville; and

**WHEREAS**, the ongoing expansion and development projects in the vicinity of the Shelbyville Bypass, such as the new Cartwright Elementary School, the TCAT-Shelbyville campus, the Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey distillery expansion, Tennessee Downs Auto Club track, and Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital, indicate a substantial increase in economic activity and population growth in the 231 Highway North area; and

**WHEREAS**, projections based on population growth trends indicate a significant increase in student enrollment in Bedford County schools, necessitating the need for adequate transportation infrastructure to support the growing population; and

**WHEREAS**, the completion of the Shelbyville Bypass expansion from Highway 231 North to Highway 41-A North would further improve traffic flow, enhance connectivity, and accommodate the anticipated increase in vehicular traffic associated with the aforementioned development projects and population growth;

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

1. The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) is hereby urged to expedite the completion of the Shelbyville Bypass expansion from Highway 231 North to Highway 41-A North, in order to accommodate the growing transportation needs of Bedford County and facilitate continued economic development.
2. TDOT is further urged to prioritize funding and resources necessary for the timely completion of this critical infrastructure project, recognizing its significance in supporting the current and future growth of Bedford County.

This resolution shall be transmitted to the Tennessee Department of Transportation Commissioner, Butch Eley, as well as relevant state and local officials, to express the urgent need for action on this matter.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Bedford County Board of Commissioners remains committed to working collaboratively with state and local stakeholders to ensure the timely and successful completion of the Shelbyville Bypass expansion for the benefit of all residents and businesses in Bedford County.

PASSED AND SO ORDERED THIS 9 DAY OF April, 2024.

  
Chad Graham, County Mayor

  
Donna Thomas, County Clerk

**Additional Items by Standing Committees:**

Rules and Legislative Committee: None.

Law Enforcement Committee: None.



Courthouse and Property Committee: None.

Financial Management Committee:

7. BOE Budget Amendment No. 3 - *Deferred at March 12, 2024 Commission Meeting.*  
Motion to approve by Brothers. Seconded by Vick. Passed by voice vote.  
*A copy of the Budget Amendment is on file in the Clerk's office.*
8. BOE Budget Amendment No. 4  
Motion to approve by Mark Thomas. Seconded by Pinson. Passed by voice vote.  
*A copy of the Budget Amendment is on file in the Clerk's office.*
9. County Budget Amendment No. 3  
Motion to approve by Smith. Seconded by Yockey.  
Farrar asked for explanation for the \$224K to local health services and the \$450K to economic and community development. He said after the sale of the hospital there was \$7 or \$8 million in restricted fund balance, but this will bring it down to \$2.5M.  
Finance Director Robert Daniel explained that the restricted fund balance consists primarily of traffic fines, which must go to courthouse and jail renovation, and opioid funds. The \$224K is opioid money that has to go to the opioid committee for opioid abatement. The \$450K is a grant from the state for Uncle Nearest. The county is just the flow through for those funds. As to the hospital money, this report shows the assigned fund balance as \$9M - more than \$5M of that is hospital money and the remaining \$4M is held back for outstanding purchase orders.  
Motion passed by voice vote.  
*A copy of the Budget Amendment is on file in the Clerk's office.*
10. Quadient Postage Meter Contract for Finance Department  
Motion to approve by Yockey. Seconded by Brothers. Passed by voice vote.



Postage Meter Rental Agreement

Product: Quadient IX1

<b>Offer Includes</b> Products: 10 lb Scale Service Products: Depot Maintenance Rate Change Protection EasyLink: (Quadient Postage Funding and LAN required)	<b>Payment Information and Schedule</b> Billing Frequency: Quarterly Monthly Payment: \$21.24 (Plus applicable taxes) Shipping and handling: \$19.99 Number of Months: 36
<b>Billing Information</b> Billing CSN#: 60957376 Company Name: BEDFORD COUNTY FINANCE DEPT DBA: Address: 200 Dover St Ste 102 SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160 Contact: HEIDI FARRIS Email: heidi.farris@bedfordcountyttn.com Phone: (931) 685-2024 Fax: Office#: 9120 - Dex Imaging & Mailing, Inc Main Post Office / Mail Drop: Post Office ZIP Code:	<b>Installation Address</b> Company Name: BEDFORD COUNTY FINANCE DEPT Address: 200 Dover St Ste 102 SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160 Contact: HEIDI FARRIS Email: heidi.farris@bedfordcountyttn.com Phone: (931) 685-2024 Fax: Office#: 9120 - Dex Imaging & Mailing, Inc Main Post Office / Mail Drop Off: Post Office ZIP Code:
<b>Agreement Information</b> Date Sent: 2/29/2024 Offer Valid Until: [Valid Until MM/DD/YYYY] Replaces Meter S/N: 14817231	<b>Postage Meter Funding</b> Postage Funding Option: Quadient Postage Funding Use my POC/TMS Account #: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> My POC/TMS Account#: 8059443

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**Approval & Terms**

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Title:  
Date:

Authorized Signature:

### Q3 Reports:

#### 11. Clerk & Master - Absent

Circuit Court Clerk/Driving School Director – Absent, submitted written report.

County Clerk – Donna Thomas presented written report.

Director of Schools – Dr. Tammy Garrett updated the commission on building program progress, graduation dates, CTE classes, and the use of growth money .

Economic Development – Shane Hooper reported on workforce development, tourism, economic development, and the chamber of commerce.

Election Registrar – Absent, submitted written report.

Highway Superintendent – Mark Clanton presented written report.

Property Assessor – Ronda Clanton reported on personal property, assessment change notices, and the progress of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter inspection cycle. She talked about the proposed bill to shorten the reappraisal cycle.

Register of Deeds – Absent, submitted written report.

Trustee – Tonya Davis presented written report.

### Other Business:

There will be an attorney-client session after the meeting tonight.

### Announcements

- Marsha Blackburn will be at Cooper Steel Arena, Hall of Fame Room on April 19.
- Chamber Luncheon, May 7, 11:30, Mayor Graham will be the guest speaker.

### Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

### Attestation

I certify that the minutes were completed on the 12th day of April 2024 and delivered to the Bedford County Mayor's office.



Donna Thomas  
Bedford County Clerk

I certify that I received these minutes on the 15 day of April 2024.



Chad Graham  
Bedford County Mayor