

LOUDON COUNTY COMMISSION
STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF LOUDON
December 07, 2009
6:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING

- (1) **Opening of Meeting** **BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Board of Commissioners of Loudon County convened in regular session in Loudon, Tennessee on the 7th day of December 2009. The **Honorable Roy Bledsoe** called the meeting to order.
- Commissioner Gardin** opened the County Commission Meeting, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and gave the invocation.
- (2) **Roll Call** Present were the following Commissioners: **Marcus, Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, and Gardin: (8)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: Park and Miller: (2)**
Thereupon **Chairman Bledsoe** announced the presence of a quorum.
Present was the **Honorable Mayor Doyle Arp.**
- (3) **Agenda Adopted** **Chairman Bledsoe** requested that the December 7, 2009 Agenda be adopted. **Commissioner Shaver** requested to add an item to the Agenda following **Commissioner Meers** items: The School Building Program.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Gardin** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to adopt the Agenda as amended.
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.
- (4) **Minutes for November 2, 2009 Approved** **Chairman Bledsoe** requested that the November 2, 2009 County Commission Minutes be approved and accepted.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Gardin** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to approve the November 2, 2009 County Commission Minutes.
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.
- (5) **Comments: Agenda Items** **Chairman Bledsoe** asked that any visitor wishing to address the Commission regarding items on the planned agenda come forward.
Larry Anderson came forward to speak about the School Board's use of funds and, in his opinion, their lack of due diligence in managing the money. He feels that the purchase of property on Route #321 for \$2.3 million was a total waste of money.
Doyle E. Arp, Loudon County Mayor, requested discussion and possible action on the following items:
- (6) **Board/Committee Appointments Approved** 1. Consideration of Approving Resolutions for Appointments to the following Boards/Committees:
a. Loudon County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Gardin** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to approve the appointments.
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

b. Loudon County Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a second by **Commissioner Gardin** to approve the appointments.
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

c. Loudon County Visitors Bureau Board
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Gardin** with a second by **Commissioner Duff** to approve the appointments.
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

(7)
**2010 Workshop
and Commission
Meeting Dates
Approved**

2. Consideration of Approving Loudon County Government Workshop and Commission Meeting Dates for 2010.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Marcus** with a second by **Commissioner Gardin** to approve the meeting dates.
Commissioner Shaver questioned several of the meeting dates and **Mayor Arp** provided responses. Following discussion it was agreed that the date for the March Workshop Meetings should be moved back to 15 March.
Chairman Bledsoe asked **Commissioners Marcus and Gardin** if they agreed with the changes and stood with their original motion and both responded affirmatively.
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

(8)
**2010 Holidays
Approved**

3. Consideration of Approving Loudon County Government Holidays for 2010.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Gardin** to approve the holidays.
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

(9)
**Agreement
Between
Loudon County
and Loudon
County
Emergency
Communications
District
Approved**

4. Consideration of Approving an Agreement Between Loudon County, Tennessee and the Loudon County Emergency Communications District, a Duly Created and Authorized Emergency Communications District and Municipality in the State of Tennessee.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Gardin** to approve the agreement.
Commissioner Shaver moved to amend one sentence on page 3, paragraph 3, regarding funding, to insert after the words "\$540,000.00", the words "to be reviewed" before the words "on an annual basis". **Commissioner Maples** seconded the amendment. **Commissioner Duff** asked to also add the words "up to" preceding the "\$540,000.00". **Commissioner Maples** seconded this change also. **Commissioner Meers** asked that the Commission also request a meeting with the 911 Managers on a quarterly basis, at least during the first year of the agreement, to resolve any issues or differences that might arise. Following discussion, it was agreed that this would be a "gentlemen's agreement" to hold these meetings and did not require formal Commission action.
Chairman Bledsoe requested a vote on the amendment to the motion.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Gardin, and Marcus. (8)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: Park and Miller. (2)**
Thereupon the Chairman announced the amendment to the motion **Passed: (8,0,2)**

Chairman Bledsoe then requested a vote on the original motion as amended.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Gardin, Marcus, and Meers. (8)**

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**

The following Commissioners were **Absent: Park and Miller. (2)**

Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (8,0,2)**

(10)
Loudon County
Chapter of
American Red
Cross
Assistance
Approved

Consideration of Approving a Request from the Loudon County Chapter of the American Red Cross for Loudon County Assistance in their Efforts to Maintain a Location in the County.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a second by **Commissioner Gardin** to approve providing forgiveness of the rent on the house the Chapter is currently occupying in the county.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Gardin, Marcus, Meers, and Maples. (8)**

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**

The following Commissioners were **Absent: Park, and Miller. (2)**

Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (8,0,2)**

(11)
TASS
Construction
Contract
Approved

Consideration of Approval of a Resolution to Authorize the Tellico Area Services System (TASS) to Award a Construction Contract to Judy Construction Company for Upgrade Improvements to Expand the TASS Wastewater Treatment Plant.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Gardin** to approve the Resolution.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Gardin, Marcus, Meers, Maples, and Shaver. (8)**

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**

The following Commissioners were **Absent: Park and Miller. (2)**

Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (8,0,2)**

(12)
Budget
Committee
Recommendations
for Loudon
County Schools
Approved

Consideration of Approval of Budget Committee Recommendations for the Loudon County School System.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Gardin** with a second by **Commissioner Marcus** to approve the recommendations of the Budget Committee for the Loudon County School System in the budget.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Bledsoe, Duff, Gardin, Marcus, Meers, Maples, Shaver, and Franke. (8)**

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**

The following Commissioners were **Absent: Park and Miller. (2)**

Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (8,0,2)**

(13)
Matlock
Shores Drive
Property Issues
Addressed

Commissioner Meers reported that the disputed property issues on Matlock Shores Drive had been addressed and that the property owners understood what actions to pursue. They will hire a property surveyor to attempt to resolve the problem.

(14)
Notaries
and Bonds
Approved

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a second by **Commissioner Marcus** to approve the following **Notaries**: *Staci Antoinette Monroe; James R. Thomason; Joel D. Malone; Aimee A. Camp; Darren Albert Searle; Clyde E. Brooks; Sandra Kay Brooks; Whiteny L. Cardin; Connie A. Clark; Michelle Lynn Coggins; Janice T. Parks; Rebecca C. Vannier; Elizabeth Anne Clark*, and the following **Bond**: *Whitney L. Cardin*.
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

(15)
School
Building
Program
Funding
Proposal
Failed

Commissioner Shaver requested discussion and possible action on the School Building Program Funding.
Commissioner Shaver made a **motion** that the Commission ask the County Finance Director to seek the best available rates, debt service requirements, etc., for the School Building Program for a range of possibilities. He believes that seeking what those rates would be for a debt in the range of \$30-\$50 million would be a place to start but he would need to discuss this further with the Finance Director. He introduced **Mr. Don Shell** who is the CEO of Community Tectonics to discuss where the School Building Program stands. Lengthy discussion followed. **Chairman Bledsoe** asked **Commissioner Shaver** if he had made his request a motion and **Commissioner Shaver** responded affirmatively.
Chairman Bledsoe asked for a second on the motion.
Commissioner Shaver repeated his motion and **Commissioner Maples** seconded the motion. Lengthy discussion continued.
Chairman Bledsoe asked **Commissioner Maples** to chair the meeting so that he could speak as a Commissioner. Following further discussion, **Commissioner Gardin** requested that they take a vote.
Chairman Maples requested a roll call vote.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Maples, Shaver, and Franke. (3)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Duff, Gardin, Marcus, Meers, and Bledsoe. (5)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: Park and Miller. (2)**
Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Failed: (3,5,2)**

(16)
Comments:
Non-agenda
Items

Chairman Bledsoe asked that any visitor wishing to address the Commission regarding items not on the Agenda come forward.
Commissioner Shaver commented that he wished to defend Ms. Hines of the News Herald against any allegation that some people were trying to seek political favor by raising issues to make headlines in the newspaper.
David Colvin from the 4th District spoke about what he called "a communications issue" between the School Board and the Commission and encouraged all to work together for the benefit of the county's school children.
Pat Hunter from the 5th District spoke in support of Mr. Anderson's opening comments regarding the land purchase by the School Board on Rt. 321, but wished to address the focus of the School Building Plan commenting that there have been numerous Fire Marshall documented safety issues cited for the current school buildings and she hopes the Commission won't prolong resolution of the building plan issue at the expense of the safety of the children's lives.

Commissioner Shaver spoke in agreement with Mr. Colvin's comments regarding "a communications issue" on the School Building Program.

Richard Truitt spoke about the School Building Program encouraging the Commission and the School Board to work together to get the job done.

Commissioner Meers requested that Mayor Arp and Mr. Honeycutt set up a meeting between the School Board and the Commission to discuss the School Building Program.

Chairman Bledsoe asked if there were any further comments and, upon receiving none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

(17)
Adjournment

There being no further business, a **motion** being duly made and seconded, the December 7, 2009 County Commission Meeting stood adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

COUNTY MAYOR