

LOUDON COUNTY COMMISSION

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF LOUDON

March 01, 2010

6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING

(1) Loudon County Plans and Codes - Russ Newman

**Public
Hearing**

1. A Resolution to Recommend that the Loudon County Commission Request the Tennessee State Legislature to Amend TCA §5-1-115(e) Excluding Loudon County from the Limitation on Regulating Overgrown Vegetation of Owner-Occupied Lots.

REGULAR MEETING

**(2)
Opening
of Meeting**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Commissioners of Loudon County convened in regular session in Loudon, Tennessee on the 1st day of March 2010. The **Honorable Roy Bledsoe** called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Meers opened the County Commission Meeting, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and gave the invocation.

**(3)
Roll Call**

Present were the following Commissioners: **Marcus, Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Park, Gardin, and Miller: (10)**

The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**

Thereupon **Chairman Bledsoe** announced the presence of a quorum.

Present was the **Honorable Mayor Doyle Arp**.

**(4)
Agenda
Adopted
As Amended**

Chairman Bledsoe requested that the March 1, 2010 Agenda be adopted.

Mayor Arp requested that the Public Hearing item be included in the Agenda for voting prior to his Officials Report and that an item be added to his Officials Report regarding a road project on Harrison Road.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a second by **Commissioner Park** to adopt the Agenda as amended.

Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

**(5)
Minutes for
February 1, 2010
Approved**

Chairman Bledsoe requested that the February 1, 2010 County Commission Minutes be approved and accepted.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a second by **Commissioner Gardin** to approve and accept the February 1, 2010 County Commission Minutes.

Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

**(6)
Mayor's
Announcement**

Mayor Arp made an announcement that there was a distinguished guest in the audience from Eagle Scout Troop 15 who was working on his merit badge in Government and wanted to see the process in action.

(7)
Comments:
Agenda Items

Chairman Bledsoe asked that any visitor wishing to address the Commission regarding items on the planned Agenda come forward.
Terri Johnson came forward to voice her opinion on recent Channel 6 News interviews of several Commissioners regarding the School Building Program.
Pat Hunter spoke about the proposed Harrison Road Project and requested that the Commission keep the people who live in the area well informed about the project.

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(8)
Regulating
Overgrown
Vegetation
Resolution
Tabled

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A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Marcus** with a second by **Commissioner Gardin** to approve this resolution. Following discussion and further clarification **Commissioners Marcus** and **Gardin** withdrew their motions and **Chairman Bledsoe** announced that the item was **tabled**.

Resolution 030110-A

Loudon County Mayor - Doyle Arp

(9)
Board
Appointments
Approved

1. Request Consideration of Approving Resolutions for Appointments to the Following Committees/Boards:

a. E-911 Board

A motion was made by **Commissioner Miller** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to approve these Appointments.

Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

b. Solid Waste Disposal Commission

A motion was made by **Commissioner Gardin** with a second by **Commissioner Marcus** to approve these Appointments.

Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

Resolutions 030110-B & C

(10)
Resolution
Opposing
Unfunded Local
Government
Mandates
Approved

2. Request Consideration of a Resolution Opposing Unfunded Local Government Mandates and Additions to Local Government Maintenance of Effort Requirements.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a second by **Commissioner Maples** to approve this Resolution.

Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

Resolution 030110-D

(11)
Support State
Bridge Bond
Program
Resolution
Approved

3. Request Consideration of a Resolution by the Loudon County Commission Supporting the State Bridge Bond Program Being Considered by the Tennessee General Assembly.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Miller** to approve this Resolution.

Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

Resolution 030110-E

(12)
Harrison Road
Project Funding
Approved

4. Request Consideration of Approving Funding for a Highway Project on Harrison Road from Norwood Street to Hubbard Road to Support a Contract for Development of this Project to TDOT.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Park** with a second by **Commissioner Duff** to approve this funding.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Park, Gardin, Miller, and Marcus: (10)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (10,0,0)**
Exhibit 030110 - F

Loudon County Commissioner - David Meers

(13)
Request to
State
Legislature for
Referendum
on Elected
Director of
Schools
Passed

1. Request Consideration of a Recommendation that the Commission Support the Elected Director of Schools in Loudon County.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a second by **Commissioner Shaver** to ask the State Legislature to allow Loudon County to hold a Referendum on whether County residents would prefer an elected Director of Schools or continue with the current system.
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed.**

Loudon County Commissioner - Bob Franke

(14)
Direct Mayor
and Staff to
Acquire Funding
For School
Building
Program
Failed

1. Request Consideration of a Recommendation that the Commission Support the Loudon County School Board's Proposed Phase One Building Program.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Shaver** to direct the Mayor and his staff to initiate the process necessary to the appropriate Agencies to acquire funding for up to \$40 million to fund the proposed Loudon County School's Building Program.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Shaver, Franke, and Duff: (3)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Maples, Bledsoe, Park, Gardin, Miller, Marcus, and Meers: (7)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Failed: (3,7,0)**

Loudon County Purchasing Director - Leo Bradshaw

1. Request Consideration and Possible Action on the Following Items:

(15)
Postage
Machine
Lease
Agreements
Approved

- a. Postage Machine Lease Agreements
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Maples** to approve the Lease Agreements.
Upon roll call vote the following commissioners voted **Aye: Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Park, Gardin, Miller, Marcus, Meers, and Maples: (10)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (10,0,0)**

(16)
Quarterback
Lease
Agreements
Approved

b. Quarterback Lease Agreements

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a second by **Commissioner Marcus** to approve the Lease Agreements.

Upon roll call vote the following commissioners voted **Aye: Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Park, Gardin, Miller, Marcus, Meers, Maples, and Shaver: (10)**

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

The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**

Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (10,0,0)**

Loudon County Budget Director - Tracy Blair

1. Request Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve Grant Applications as follows:

(17)
Public
Library
Grants
Approved

a. Greenback Public Library - matching funds provided by the Loudon County Library Board and Friends of the Library.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Park** to approve this recommendation.

Upon roll call vote the following commissioners voted **Aye: Bledsoe, Duff, Park, Gardin, Miller, Marcus, Meers, Maples, Shaver, and Franke: (10)**

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

The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**

Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (10,0,0)**

b. Lenoir City Public Library - no matching funds required.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Gardin** with a second by **Commissioner Park** to approve this recommendation.

Upon roll call vote the following commissioners voted **Aye: Duff, Park, Gardin, Miller, Marcus, Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, and Bledsoe: (10)**

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

The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**

Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (10,0,0)**

2. Request Consideration of Approving Amendments and/or Line Adjustments in the Following Funds:

(18)
County
General
Fund 101
Approved

a. County General Fund 101

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a second by **Commissioner Park** to approve this recommendation.

Upon roll call vote the following commissioners voted **Aye: Park, Gardin, Miller, Marcus, Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe and Duff: (10)**

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

The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**

Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (10,0,0)**

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(19) b. Public Library Fund 115
Public A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Gardin** with a second by **Commissioner**
Library **Miller** to approve this recommendation.
Fund 115 Upon roll call vote the following commissioners voted **Aye: Gardin, Miller, Marcus,**
Approved **Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, and Park: (10)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (10,0,0)**
Exhibit 030110 - H

(20) c. Solid Waste/Sanitization Fund 116
Solid A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a second by **Commissioner**
Waste/
Sanitization **Marcus** to approve this recommendation.
Fund 116 Upon roll call vote the following commissioners voted **Aye: Miller, Marcus, Meers,**
Approved **Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Park, and Gardin: (10)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (10,0,0)**
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(21) d. Highway Fund 131
Highway A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Park** with a second by **Commissioner**
Fund 131 **Franke** to approve this recommendation.
Approved Upon roll call vote the following commissioners voted **Aye: Marcus, Meers, Maples,**
Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Park, Gardin, and Miller: (10)
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (10,0,0)**
Exhibit 030110 - J

(22) e. General Purpose School Fund 141
General A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a second by **Commissioner**
Purpose **Gardin** to approve this recommendation.
School Upon roll call vote the following commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Maples, Shaver**
Fund 141 **Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Park, Gardin, Miller, and Marcus: (10)**
Approved The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (10,0,0)**
Exhibit 030110 - K

(23) **Loudon County Budget Director, Tracy Blair,** requested that the records reflect
Financial that the Summary Financial Statements for February 2010 have been distributed.
Statements **Exhibit 030110 - L**
Distributed

(24) A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a second by **Commissioner**
Notaries **Maples** to approve the following **Notaries: Angela Vance Rogers; Lesia G.**
Approved **Wallace; Rani Nicole Bullington; J. Paige Davis; Cynthia Garren;**
Denisa D. Matlock; Jerald M. Smith; Ann R. Pettitt; Tammy Ray;
John W. Evans; Donna L. Montooth; and Sara Tallant.
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.
Exhibit 030110- M

(25)
Comments:
Non-Agenda
Items

Chairman Bledsoe asked that any visitor wishing to address the Commission regarding items not on the Agenda come forward.
No one came forward.

(26)
Mayor's
Announcements

Mayor Arp announced that WATER, an organization whose members are dedicated to improving and protecting the environment in the Tellico Reservoir Watershed, is holding a lake-clean-up campaign on March 20th. He has also been contacted by the Fort Loudoun Lake Association regarding clean-up campaigns for two spots in the County - one at Yarberrry Landing and the other the lake area around the Dam in Lenoir City. The County will be responsible for the Yarberrry Landing areas and Lenoir City will take care of the areas around the lake.

There will be a Public Hearing in late March or early April regarding the roads project at the Intersection of Highways 70 and 11 at Dixie Lee Junction. The company that has been commissioned to do the design work on the project has submitted preliminary layouts.

Mayor Arp complimented Ms. Blair and her Staff who presented a well received seminar in Oak Ridge last Friday on the Grants process and how the Loudon County Budget Office functions.

Mayor Arp has received a Moody's Investment Services report upgrading Loudon County's credit rating to A1 from A2 and removing the "positive outlook" from the rating. He read the report which showed that the County is doing well in managing reserves and he advised the Commission to try to keep those reserves intact.

Mayor Arp announced that **Commissioner Gardin** has received a letter regarding the Tennessee Department of Transportation awarding of a contract on the Shaw Ferry Road and U.S. 11 road project which he read. The letter states that the estimated completion date for the project is October 31, 2010.

Chairman Bledsoe thanked Mr. Millhouse for bringing our distinguished visitor from the Eagle Scouts to the Commission Meeting and asked if there were any further comments or business and upon receiving none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

(27)
Adjournment

There being no further business, a **motion** being duly made and seconded, the March 1, 2010 County Commission Meeting stood adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

MAYOR

