

## LOUDON COUNTY COMMISSION

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF LOUDON

June 28, 2012

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 28th day of June, 2012. The **Honorable Chairman Roy Bledsoe** called the meeting to order. **Commissioner Duff** 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: **Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, and Miller: (10)** The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)** Thereupon **Chairman Bledsoe** announced the presence of a quorum. Present was the **Honorable Mayor Estelle Herron.**
- (3) **Agenda Adopted** **Chairman Bledsoe** requested that the June 28, 2012 Agenda be adopted. A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to adopt the Agenda. Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.
- (4) **Comments: Agenda Items** **Chairman Bledsoe** asked that any visitor wishing to address the Commission regarding items on the planned Agenda come forward. **Richard Truitt** spoke again about the Sheriff's budget saying that the Sheriff has made no cuts to spending in his department even though he campaigned saying that he would. **Mr. Truitt** also requested that funds be restored for Loudon County Fire and Rescue. **Bill Hart, Loudon County Fire & Rescue Chief**, requested that funding for his organization be restored. **Matthew Tinker, new Principal of Ft. Loudon Middle School**, requested that the Commission leave the funding designated for schools in the School Fund. **Penny Glasgow, Chief Deputy, Loudon County Circuit Court**, said that she had sent an email to each of the Commissioners asking them to please reconsider giving County employees a raise and emphasizing that living expenses are constantly going up. **Kim Greenway, educator and taxpayer of Loudon County**, asked that the Commission please leave the money for schools in the School Fund. **Kathy Proaps** asked that the money for schools be kept in the School Fund. **Pandora Vreeland** requested that the "excess" money in the school building program be used to pay down the debt or be refunded to the tax payers. She also requested that the Mayor consider appointing **Pat Hunter** as a County resident member of the Budget Committee. **Pat Hunter** suggested keeping 20 cents of the excess funds in the school building program and use the remaining excess to pay down the debt. She offered suggestions of places to cut the budget – Commissioners salaries, meals, travel and furniture, etc.

**Sheriff Tim Guider** appealed for funding for his department saying that the people of the County need to feel safe and that currently the scales were tipping toward the perpetrators. He said that patrols need to be beefed up and that the drug problem is getting worse. He said that it's his job to provide services to the County and to keep the Commission informed of his department's needs.

**Wayne Schnell** said that Legislators were doing a good job in lowering taxes and keeping services in place. He thinks the County needs a 10% reduction in spending. He applauded the recommendations of the Budget Committee. He wants to see a hiring freeze on County employees and wants the Rural Debt money to stay there.

**David Clinton, Principal of Highland Park Elementary**, urged the Commission to keep the funding in the School Fund and said the School Board and the Commission should be working together.

**Allison Millsaps, Loudon County School System**, urged the Commission to leave the pennies in the School Fund.

**Teresa Stang**, speaking for her husband also, asked that there be no increase in County employees salaries stating that others in the County are not so fortunate as they are and don't have the benefits that they have. She stated that Medicare costs are up 66%.

**Cheri Parrish, Principal, Loudon County High School**, urged the Commission not to move the money from the school fund.

**Marcia Warren, Philadelphia School**, said that the kids in Philadelphia School were very excited about their new cafeteria and she urged the Commission to protect the school funding for the schools - don't move it.

**Loudon County Budget Director, Tracy Blair**, requested consideration and possible action on the following items:

**FY 2011 – 2012 Considerations:**

**(5)  
Animal  
Shelter  
Donation  
Approved**

1. Consideration of Approval of a Resolution to Accept a \$4,209.00 Donation to Loudon County Animal Shelter.  
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a second by **Commissioner Meers** to approve this resolution.  
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, and Jenkins: (10)**  
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**  
The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**  
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**  
**Resolution 062812-A**

**(6)  
Senior  
Center  
Donation  
Approved**

2. Consideration of Approval of a Resolution to Accept a \$500.00 Donation to the Loudon County Senior Center.  
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Miller** with a second by **Commissioner Jenkins** to approve this resolution.  
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, and Meers: (10)**  
The following Commissioner voted **Nay: (0)**  
The following Commissioner was: **(0)**  
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**  
**Resolution 062812-B**

**(7)**  
**Project**  
**Lifesaver**  
**Donation**  
**Approved**

3. Consideration of Approval of a Resolution to Accept a \$5,410.00 Donation to Project Lifesaver.  
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Jenkins** with a second by **Commissioner Harrelson** to approve this resolution.  
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, and Maples: (10)**  
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**  
The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**  
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**  
**Resolution 062812-C**

**(8)**  
**Amendments**  
**To Fund 101**  
**Approved**

4. Consideration of Approval of Amendments in County General Fund 101.  
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Miller** to approve this request.  
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, and Shaver: (10)**  
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**  
The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**  
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**  
**Exhibit 062812-D**

**(9)**  
**Amendments**  
**To Fund 141**  
**Approved**

5. Consideration of Approval of Amendments in General Purpose School Fund 141.  
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a second by **Commissioner Shaver** to approve this recommendation.  
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Shaver, and Franke,: (10)**  
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**  
The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**  
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**  
**Exhibit 062812-E**

**Commissioner Miller** asked **Ms. Blair** to clarify a fund balance figure and she explained that this line item balance had not been updated since the recent audit and that next year's budget number is the correct number.  
**Commissioner Yarbrough** also asked about fund balances and **Ms. Blair** explained.

**(10)**  
**FY 2012-2013**  
**Considerations**

**FY 2012 – 2013 Considerations:**

- Ms. Blair** outlined revisions to the proposed 2012 – 2013 budget and tax rate recommended by the Budget Committee at a meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- A \$1M transfer from General Capital Projects Fund 171 to County General Fund 101. These funds were previously transferred from Fund 101 to Fund 171 with the Resolution at that time stating that the Commission could transfer them back in the future if desired.
  - Move \$300,000. from General Capital Projects Fund 171 Expenses. This was originally recommended for renovations to the County Office Building.
  - An increase of \$4,000. to Non-Profits to include the Loudon County Dive Rescue Team.
  - A 50% reduction in County Commissioner's pay.
  - Moving one penny in property taxes income from General Capital Projects Fund to County General Fund.

**(11)**  
**Appropriations**  
**For Various Funds,**  
**Departments,**  
**Institutions**  
**Offices, and**  
**Agencies**

1. Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve a Resolution Making Appropriations for the Various Funds, Departments, Institutions, Offices, and Agencies of Loudon County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2012.

**Chairman Bledsoe** asked how the Commissions wished to consider these appropriations. **Commissioner Franke** responded that they usually take the funds one at a time and there was general agreement to this process.

**Resolution 062812-F**

**(12)**  
**Fund 101**

- A. County General Fund 101

**Commissioner Franke** made comments regarding Line Item 51100 County Commission. He stated that he wasn't opposed to lowering the Commissioner's salaries but he thinks this needs to be discussed by all the Commissioners in a Commission Workshop Meeting before making any changes and he recommends that it not go lower than it was 5-6 years ago. He wants to amend the Budget Committee's recommendation for a 50% cut in Commissioner's salaries to leave the salaries as they currently are and consider this change at a future Commission Workshop.

**Chairman Bledsoe** said that he could not accept an amendment until there was a motion on the floor to be amended.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Harrelson** with a second by **Commissioner Miller** to approve Fund 101 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

**(13)**  
**Amendment #1**  
**Approved**

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Harrelson** to amend Line Item 51100 to reflect Commissioner's salaries remain at their current level and consider an adjustment at a future Commission Workshop Meeting.

There was lengthy discussion of the vote on this item in the Budget Committee meeting with **Commissioner Yarbrough** saying that she recommended this reduction at the Budget Committee meeting because she had reviewed the TCA's recommendation for Commission salaries and it was \$30. per commission meeting and \$15. per committee meeting and she believed the 50% cut was appropriate. **Commissioner Miller** said that he had seconded her motion in the committee vote because he believed that it was appropriate since the Budget Committee wasn't recommending salary increases for County Employees. He distributed a graph that he had from CTAS showing that Loudon County Commissioner's salaries were out of line with counties of similar size and therefore they should be reduced. He said that how much of a reduction can be discussed and agreed upon in a full Commission Workshop. **Commissioner Franke** asked if these other counties paid mileage, etc. and **Commissioner Miller** responded that this information was not available. **Commissioner Harrelson** said that he agrees with this amendment and the recommendation to discuss this further at a future Workshop meeting. There was further discussion regarding the vote on this item at the Budget Committee meeting which included a legal opinion that **Mayor Herron** had requested from the County Attorney. **Commissioner Shaver** also clarified that opinion. **Commissioner Meers** concluded the discussion by saying that he agrees that the Commission needs to make cuts across the board and he hopes they will be fair cuts and that County residents will be fair with the Commission.

**Chairman Bledsoe** asked for a vote on this amendment.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Duff, Harrelson, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Franke, and Bledsoe: (7)**

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Yarbrough, and Miller: (2)**

The following Commissioner **Abstained: Shaver: (1)**

Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (7, 2, 1)**

**(14)**  
**Amendment #2**  
**Approved**

**Chairman Bledsoe** recognized **Commissioner Harrelson** who requested to make a second amendment to the recommendations of the Budget Committee.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Harrelson** with a second by **Commissioner Shaver** to amend the recommendation for Fund 101, Line Item 54320 for Loudon County Fire and Rescue by increasing the funding by \$15,000. He commented that these are volunteers who have been helping the County since 1968 and that they have recently lost other sources of income.

**Commissioner Yarbrough** asked where this money was going to come from. She said that this is a non-profit organization and as such they have the opportunity to raise their own funds and other departments that are not non-profit cannot. **Commissioner Franke** agreed with **Commissioner Yarbrough** saying that other fire departments do their own fund raising and they seem to operate successfully and that this group has had that same opportunity and has not taken advantage of it. **Commissioner Jenkins** said that other fire departments are getting raises and he didn't feel that it was fair for Loudon County not to get one also. **Commissioner Meers** stressed that these were volunteers who have full-time jobs and do this part-time. He suggested they look into asking the Vocational School for possible help with cutting the organization's costs. **Commissioner Miller** supported **Commissioners Yarbrough** and **Franke** saying that the other three fire departments in the County raise their own funds and he would like to see this group do the same. **Commissioner Yarbrough** stated that this decision was not based on the quality of services but on the economic situation and she encouraged this group to work with citizen's groups. **Commissioner Harrelson** said that this group has a larger budget but they have a very large area to serve and that they do a good job for the County and he extended his gratitude and appreciation for the job they have done.

**Chairman Bledsoe** asked for a vote on Amendment #2 to Fund 101.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Harrelson, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Shaver, Bledsoe, and Duff: (7)**

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Yarbrough, Miller, and Franke: (3)**

The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**

Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (7, 3, 0)**

**(15)**  
**Fund 101**  
**Approved**  
**With Two**  
**Amendments**

**Chairman Bledsoe** asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none he asked for a vote on Fund 101 with these two amendments.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, and Yarbrough: (10)**

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

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

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

**Exhibit 062812-G**

**(16)**  
**Fund 114**  
**Approved**

B. Law Library Fund 114

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

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, and Harrelson: (10)**

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

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

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

**Exhibit 062812-H**

- (17) Fund 115 Approved C. Public Libraries Fund 115  
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Harrelson** to approve this recommendation.  
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson and Miller: (10)**  
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**  
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**  
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**  
**Exhibit 062812-I**
- (18) Fund 116 Approved D. Solid Waste/Sanitation Fund 116  
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a second by **Commissioner Meers** to approve this recommendation.  
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, and Jenkins: (10)**  
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**  
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**  
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**  
**Exhibit 062812-I**
- (19) Fund 119 Approved E. Industrial/Economic Development Fund 119  
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Yarbrough** to approve this recommendation.  
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, and Miller: (10)**  
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**  
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**  
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**  
**Exhibit 062812-K**
- (20) Fund 122 Approved F. Drug Control Fund 122  
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Yarbrough** with a second by **Commissioner Duff** to approve this recommendation.  
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, and Jenkins: (10)**  
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**  
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**  
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**  
**Exhibit 062812-L**
- (21) Fund 128 Approved G. Other Special Revenues (Federal Drug Fund) 128  
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Harrelson** with a second by **Commissioner Shaver** to approve this recommendation.  
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, and Meers: (10)**  
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**  
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**  
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**  
**Exhibit 062812-M**

- (22)  
Fund 131  
Approved
- H. Highway/Public Works Fund 131  
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Miller** with a second by **Commissioner Maples** to approve this recommendation.  
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, and Maples: (10)**  
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**  
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**  
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**  
**Exhibit 062812-N**
- (23)  
Fund 141  
Approved
- I. General Purpose School Fund 141  
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a second by **Commissioner Harrelson** to approve this recommendation.  
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, and Shaver: (10)**  
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**  
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**  
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**  
**Exhibit 062812-O**
- (24)  
Fund 142  
Approved
- J. School Federal Projects Fund 142  
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Duff** to approve this recommendation.  
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Shaver, and Franke: (10)**  
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**  
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**  
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**  
**Exhibit 062812-P**
- (25)  
Fund 143  
Approved
- K. Central Cafeteria Fund 143  
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a second by **Commissioner Jenkins** to approve this recommendation.  
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, and Bledsoe: (10)**  
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**  
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**  
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**  
**Exhibit 062812-Q**
- (26)  
Fund 151  
Approved
- L. General Debt Service Fund 151  
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to approve this recommendation.  
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, and Duff: (10)**  
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**  
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**  
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**  
**Exhibit 062812-R**

**(27)**  
**Fund 156**  
**Approved**

M. Education Debt Service Fund 156  
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a second by **Commissioner Yarbrough** to approve this recommendation.  
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, and Yarbrough: (10)**  
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**  
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**  
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**  
**Exhibit 062812-S**

**(28)**  
**Fund 171**  
**Approved**

N. General Capital Projects Fund 171  
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a second by **Commissioner Maples** to approve this recommendation.  
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, and Harrelson : (10)**  
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**  
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**  
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**  
**Exhibit 062812-T**

**Chairman Bledsoe** recognized **Commissioner Miller** who said that he was embarrassed – he thought the vote on Fund 156 was for Fund 151 and he had intended to make an amendment to Fund 156. Can he do that now? **Commissioner Shaver** said that once a vote has been taken and the Commission has moved on you cannot go back. **Commissioner Miller** said that he could make his proposal at a future meeting. He said that he was going to suggest using the surplus in this fund to pay down the debt for this one year only. **Chairman Bledsoe** said that he wants to pay down the debt also and he welcomes future discussions on this issue.

**(29)**  
**Fund 176**  
**Approved**

O. Highway Capital Projects Fund 176  
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a second by **Commissioner Harrelson** to approve this recommendation.  
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, and Miller: (10)**  
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**  
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**  
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**  
**Exhibit 062812-U**

**(30)**  
**Fund 177**  
**& Remaining**  
**Appropriations**  
**Approved**

P. Education Capital Projects Fund 177 and the Remaining Appropriations  
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to approve the lack of a recommendation for appropriations to certain sections of Fund 177 and to approve the remaining Appropriations.  
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, and Jenkins: (10)**  
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**  
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**  
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**  
**Exhibit 062812-V**

- (31)**  
**Tax Levy**  
**Fixed**
2. Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve a Resolution Fixing the Tax Levy in Loudon County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2012.
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a second by **Commissioner Maples** to approve this recommendation.
- Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, and Miller: (10)**
- The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
- The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
- Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
- Resolution 062812-W**
- (32)**  
**Non-Profits**  
**Appropriations**  
**Approved**
3. Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve a Resolution Making Appropriations to Non-Profit Organizations for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2012.
- Commissioner Duff** asked if the Little Tennessee Valley Educational CoOp Birth-3 Program was still in the budget and he was assured that it was.
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Harrelson** to approve this recommendation.
- Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, and Jenkins: (10)**
- The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
- The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
- Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
- Resolution 062812-X**
- (33)**  
**Shared Cost**  
**For Employee's**  
**Medical, Dental,**  
**Vision, & Life**  
**Insurance**  
**Approved**
4. Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve a Resolution to Establish Shared Cost of Medical, Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance for Employees of Loudon County Government.
- Commissioner Duff** asked for clarification regarding exactly what this is and **Commissioner Shaver** answered his question. **Commissioner Duff** said that he has a problem with not giving County Employees a salary increase but increasing their contribution to the insurance. Commissioners who voted Nay on this issue agreed that this was their concern also.
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a second by **Commissioner Miller** to approve this recommendation.
- Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Yarbrough, and Miller: (6)**
- The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Duff, Harrelson, Jenkins, and Meers: (4)**
- The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
- Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (6, 4, 0)**
- Resolution 062812-Y**
- (34)**  
**Commissioner**  
**Shaver**  
**Resignation**
- Chairman Bledsoe** recognized **Commissioner Shaver** who addressed the Mayor, the Chairman, the Commission, and the audience announcing that he has accepted a position in Nashville and therefore he was submitting his resignation to the Commission, effective July 16, 2012. He spoke about growing up in Loudon County and what a good life he has had here. He said that it was with heavy heart that he was leaving and that everything he had done was for the citizen's of Loudon County. He received a standing ovation in appreciation for his service.
- Chairman Bledsoe** expressed the appreciation of the Commission for his contribution over the years and wished him the very best in his new endeavor.
- Exhibit 062812-Z**

- (35) Procedures For Filling Vacancy Explained**
- The **Administrator of Elections, Susan Harrison**, was in the audience and **Chairman Bledsoe** asked what the Commission needed to do as a result of this resignation. She explained the process and procedures which require the Commission to formally accept the resignation and to declare the seat vacant to the Election Commission so that it could be placed on the ballot for the next general election which, in this case, will be in November 2012. She also explained the procedures for the two political parties and independents for choosing a nominee to fill the vacancy.
- Chairman Bledsoe** asked if the Commission could accomplish this tonight while everyone was assembled and there was general agreement to do that.
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Harrelson** with a second by **Commissioner Maples** to add an item to the Agenda:
- (36) Resignation Accepted & Vacant Seat Declared To Elections Commission**
5. Accept the Resignation of **Commissioner Shaver** and Declare to the County Elections Commission a Vacant Seat on the Loudon County Commission as of July 16, 2012.
- Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, and Maples: (9)**
- The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
- The following Commissioner **Abstained: Shaver: (0)**
- Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9, 0, 0)**
- Exhibit 062812-AA**
- (37) Conflict of Interest Statement**
- Commissioner Duff** read his Conflict of Interest Statement for voting on the above budget items due to his part-time job with the Juvenile Court.
- Exhibit 062812-BB**
- (38) 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.
- Commissioner Harrelson** thanked the Budget Committee for their hard work in preparing the recommended budget for the full Commission approval. He also announced that he had a dear family friend, Miss Claire Donohue, who has qualified to compete in the upcoming Olympics. He said that he would like to recommend some type of Commission recognition for her accomplishment.
- Commissioner Meers** said that this young lady was from Highland Park and he would also like to see Commission recognition for both Claire and her parents who have worked very hard and made many sacrifices over the years to help her get this opportunity.

**(39)**  
**Adjournment**

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

**Commissioner Shaver made a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting.**

There being no further business, a **motion** being duly made and seconded, the June 28, 2012 County Commission Meeting stood adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**

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**COUNTY CLERK**

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**COUNTY MAYOR**