

LOUDON COUNTY COMMISSION

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF LOUDON

June 2, 2014

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 2nd day of June, 2014. The **Honorable Roy Bledsoe** called the meeting to order.
- Commissioner Maples** 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: **Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, and Miller: (9)** The following Commissioner was **Absent: Jenkins: (1)** Thereupon **Chairman Bledsoe** announced the presence of a quorum. Present was the **Honorable Mayor Estelle Herron**.
- (3) **Agenda Adopted As Presented** **Chairman Bledsoe** requested that the June 2, 2014 Agenda be adopted. Following lengthy discussion regarding the Item on Funding to Crown the Loudon County High School Football Field and the Item on the CASA Program, a **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a second by **Commissioner Yarbrough** to adopt the Agenda as presented. Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** with **1 Nay** vote.
- (4) **Minutes for May 5, 2014 Approved** **Chairman Bledsoe** requested that the May 5, 2014 County Commission Meeting Minutes be approved and accepted. A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Harrelson** to approve these 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. **David Twiggs, Division Leader from CASA**, came forward to introduce several speakers advocating for approval of the Resolution for Establishing a Victim's Assistance Assessment Program for the County. **Bill Williams**, former WBIR TV anchor, **Judge Bill Russell**, and **April Butler** addressed the Commission. **Pat Hunter** spoke about what she considered confusion by the Commission regarding the item on funding for the Loudon County High School Football Field saying that this should have been discussed several weeks ago and she believes the Football Field can wait until next year. She said the School Board has yet to make a decision on turn lanes at the new schools and this is a safety issue. She expressed concern about the cost of the Salaries & Benefits for County Employees.

**(6)
Dir of County
Commissioner's
Association
Introduction**

Charles Curtiss, Executive Director of the County Commissioner's Association introduced himself to the Commission and offered his services to them.

Division Leader, CASA – David Twiggs

**(7)
Establish a
Victim's
Assistance
Assessment
Program
In County
Approved
- CASA**

1. Request Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Establishing a Victim's Assistance Assessment Program for Loudon County.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Yarbrough** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to approve this resolution.

An **amendment to the motion** to delete an item in the Resolution that was repetitive was made by **Commissioner Harrelson** with a second by **Commissioner Franke**.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye on Amendment #1: Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, and Miller: (9)**

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

The following Commissioner was **Absent: Jenkins: (1)**

Thereupon the Chairman declared the Amendment **Passed: (9, 0, 1)**

Commissioner Jenkins arrived.

A **second amendment to the motion** was made by **Commissioner Miller** with a second by **Commissioner Meers** to cap the amount of money coming from the County litigation fees and going to CASA in any one year at an amount not to exceed the amount of money going to CAC in any given year which is currently \$35,000.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye on Amendment #2:**

Bledsoe, Miller, Jenkins, and Meers: (4)

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Maples, Quillen, Franke, Duff, Yarbrough, and Harrelson: (6)**

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

Thereupon the Chairman declared **Amendment #2 Failed: (4, 6, 0)**

The Chairman called for a vote on the **Original Motion as Amended**.

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

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

Thereupon the Chairman declared the **Original Motion as Amended Passed: (10, 0, 0)**

Resolution 060214-A

As she cast her vote, **Commissioner Yarbrough** said that she had looked at the CASA Program when it first came to the Commission about two years ago and she was voting to approve it based on her knowledge of how the program functions and that there was no conflict in her vote since this support does not come directly from County Budget funds. **Commissioner Meers** made a request to **David Twiggs** to provide a quarterly report back to the Commission on how the program was working in the County.

**(8)
Agreement
Between
Commission
And Tellico
Village POA
On Greenway
Project
Approved**

Economic Development Agency Director, Pat Phillips, requested Consideration of Approval of a Mutual Agreement Between the Loudon County Commission and the Tellico Village Property Owner's Association Regarding a Greenway Construction Project.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Quillen** with a second by **Commissioner Harrelson** to approve this request.

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

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

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

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

Exhibit 060214-B

Chairman Bledsoe asked Chair Pro-Tem Maples to assume the Chair.

**(9)
Crown
Football Field
At Loudon High
School
Approved With
Contingency**

Loudon County Commissioner, Roy Bledsoe, requested Consideration of Approval of a Recommendation by the School Board for up to \$29,000. to Crown the Football Field at Loudon High School.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Bledsoe** with a second by **Commissioner Jenkins** to approve this request.

There was lengthy discussion including **Commissioner Bledsoe** sharing new information that the current bid on this project was only \$19,850. He also stressed that time was running out to get this project completed this year since natural elements affect the process and there's a short window of opportunity for it to be done this year. There was discussion, initiated by **Commissioner Maples**, of Commission's Processes and Procedures being ignored by the Board of Education in making such requests. Discussion also included the length of the process to get this work through the system and to a contractor in time for it to be completed this year and whether or not this work had to go through the bid process. **Commissioner Bledsoe** said the last time this field was crowned was in the early 80's and that it was in bad need of repair.

Director of Schools, Jason Vance, said that he would be willing to remove two items from the most recent BOE Fund 141 Spreadsheet Request - \$90K for Lockers at 2 Schools and \$500K for Maintenance - and have these go back to the Commission Workshops for further consideration if that would enable the Commission to approve funding for the Football Field Crowning and to keep \$300K in the budget for 2 Athletic Field Houses at Greenback and Loudon High Schools.

Further discussion resulted in a contingency being placed on approval of this request.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Jenkins** with a second by **Commissioner Harrelson** to **amend the original motion** by making approval of this request contingent upon the Purchasing Agent Investigating whether or not this project would have to be bid out and , if so, the project should not go forward this year due to the timing restraints.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Jenkins, Meers, and Bledsoe: (6)**

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Miller, Maples, Quillen, and Franke: (4)**

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

Thereupon the Chairwoman declared the motion **Passed: (6, 4, 0)**

A **motion** was then made by **Commissioner Bledsoe** with a second by **Commissioner Jenkins** to **approve the original motion as amended.**

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Jenkins, and Meers: (6)**

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Miller, Maples, Quillen, and Franke: (4)**

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

Thereupon the Chairwoman declared the **original motion as amended Passed: (6, 4, 0)**

Chairman Bledsoe resumed the Chair.

Estelle Herron, Loudon County Mayor, requested consideration and possible action on the following items:

(10)
Boards/
Committees
Appointments
Approved

1. Request Consideration and Approval of the following Board/ Committees Appointments:
 - a. Board of Zoning Appeals
 - b. Greenway/Walking Trails Study Committee
 - c. Loudon County Library Board
 - d. Regional Planning Commission
 - e. Roane State Maintenance and Operations Advisory Committee
 - f. TASS Board of Directors
 - g. TCCA Legislative Committee

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Harrelson** with a second by **Commissioner Yarbrough** to approve these appointments.

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

Resolutions 060214-C-I

(11)
35 MPH Speed
Limit Set For
County Roads
Where Not
Otherwise
Posted

Loudon County Road's Commissioner, Eddie Simpson, Requested Consideration of Approval of Allowing the County Road's Commissioner, in Concert with the County Sheriff's Department, to Set the Speed Limit at 35 Miles Per Hour on County Roads Where Not Otherwise Posted.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a second by **Commissioner Harrelson** to approve this request.

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

(12)
Employee's
Health Care
Plan for FY 2014
Approved

Loudon County Purchasing Director, Joan Lovelace, Requested Consideration of Approval of the Employee's Health Care Plan for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2014..

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

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

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

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

Exhibits 060214-J&K

Loudon County Budget Director, Tracy Blair, Requested Consideration of Approval of the Following Items:

(13)
Shared Cost of
Medical, Dental,
Vision, and Life
Insurance for
County
Employees
Approved

1. Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve a Resolution to Amend Resolution #062812-Y which Established Shared Cost of Medical, Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance for Employees of the Loudon County Government.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Jenkins** with a second by **Commissioner Quillen** to approve this recommendation.

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

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

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

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

Resolution 060214-L

(14)
**Application/
Acceptance of
2014-2015
DGA Grant
With State
Department
Approved**

2. Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve Application/Acceptance of a FY 2014-2015 DGA Grant with the State Department of Health for Wages and Benefits of Loudon County Health Department Employees; \$421,900. ; No Matching Funds Required.

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

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

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

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

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

(15)
**Application/
Acceptance
Of Homeland
Security Grant
Approved**

3. Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve Application/Acceptance of a \$12,500. Homeland Security Grant; FY2014-2015 Budget; No Matching Funds Required,

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

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

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

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

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

4. Request Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve Amendments to the Following Funds:

(16)
**Fund 101
Approved**

- a. County General Fund 101

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

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Maples, Quillen, 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)**

Exhibit 060214-M

(17)
**Fund 115
Approved**

- b. Public Library Fund 115

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

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

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

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

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

Exhibit 060214-N

(18)
Fund 131
Approved

c. Highway Department Fund 131
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to approve this recommendation.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Maples, Quillen, 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)**
Exhibit 060214-0

(19)
Fund 141
Approved

d. General Purpose School Fund 141
Commissioner Miller reminded Commission that they had earlier taken action on funding Crowning of the Loudon High School Football Field as a separate item on the agenda.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Maples** with a second by **Commissioner Quillen** to send the most recent two BOE budget amendments for \$500,000. for Maintenance and \$90,000. for Lockers back through Commission’s Capital Projects and Budget Committees for further review and consideration.
Commissioner Miller made an **amendment to this motion** with a second by **Commissioner Maples** to send the \$300,000. for the two field houses back to the Budget and Capital Projects Committees for further consideration as well.
Discussion included **Commissioner Bledsoe, stepping out of the Chair**, saying that he had seen work underway at Loudon High School and questioning how this was being funded. **Director Vance** acknowledged that there was contract work underway explaining that the BOE had previously approved funding available for this.
Budget Director Blair made the Commission aware that, if the \$300K Budget Amendment is delayed, it would cause a problem if work the School Board has contracted for is already underway. She would not be able to sign off on the funding for the work if it has not been approved by Commission. Further discussion concluded that the \$300K has been through the Budget Committees process.
Director Vance said he thought they could do a “Change Order” to the work and get back to the funding levels the Commission wants if that was the decision.
Commissioner Miller withdrew his amendment to the motion and Commissioner Maples withdrew her original motion and her second .
Commissioner Miller then made a **motion** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to take the \$500K Maintenance and the \$90K for Locker Rooms back through the normal review process for further consideration by the Budget Committee and Capital Projects Committee in concurrence with the School Superintendent’s recommendation.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Harrelson, and Miller: (5)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Maples, Duff, Yarbrough, Jenkins, and Meers: (5)**
The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the **motion failed: (5, 5, 0)**

A **motion** was then made by **Commissioner Harrelson** with a second by **Commissioner Jenkins** to approve Fund 141 “as is”.
Commissioner Miller expressed concern about the fund balance in Fund 141.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Quillen, Franke, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Jenkins, and Meers: (7)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Bledsoe, Miller, and Maples: (3)**
The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (7, 3, 0)**
Exhibit 060214-P

- (20) e. School Federal Projects Fund 142
Fund 142 Approved
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Maples** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to approve this recommendation.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, and Quillen: (10)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
Exhibit 060214-Q
- (21) f. General Debt Service Fund 151
Fund 151 Approved
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: Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, 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 060214-R
- (22) g. General Capital Projects Fund 171
Fund 171 Approved
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Miller** to approve this recommendation.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Duff, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, and Bledsoe: (9)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Yarbrough: (1)**
The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9, 1, 0)**
Exhibit 060214-S
- (23) h. Education Capital Projects Fund 177
Fund 177 Approved
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a second by **Commissioner Miller** to approve this recommendation.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Duff, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, and Bledsoe: (9)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Yarbrough: (1)**
The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9, 1, 0)**
Exhibit 060214-T
- (24) **Budget Director, Tracy Blair**, requested that records reflect that Budget Committee Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2014; Statement of Expenditures and Encumbrances; and the Summary Financial Statements for the month of May, 2014 have been distributed.
Summary Financial Statements Distributed
Exhibits 060214- U -V - W
- (25) Loudon County Commissioner, **David Meers**, made a **motion** with a second by **Commissioner Jenkins** to approve the following Notaries: **Amy L. Alexander; J. Gail Collins; Stewart Michael Crane; Carl Helweg; Ronna A. Hobbs; Bobby G. Johnson; Corey P. Kreisler; Alfonso Oscar Marquez; Canda Sims; Sabrina L. Stamper; Sandra Watts; Kimberly Yager; and Ted Yates.**
Notaries Approved
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.
Exhibit 060214-X

(26)
Comments:
Non-Agenda
Items

Chairman Bledsoe asked that any visitor wishing to address the Commission regarding items not on the Agenda come forward.

Richard Truitt spoke about local newspaper reporting on the Commission's last meeting pointing out that two newspapers reported on it but the News Herald's reporting focused on the Board of Education's point of view only and he feels that newspapers should show both sides of the story! He also warned that the County should hold onto its wallet because he believes the next group governing the County will set records for spending. He thanked the current Commissioners and particularly Chairman Bledsoe for all their patience and hard work.

Clayton Pangle, Visitor's Bureau, reported on the recent Catfish Fishing Tournament and thanked the Commission and Lenoir City Council for their support. This was the first catfish tournament in the County and it was a great success. 110 people from 14 states participated **and** at least 15 of these stayed for a week. The financial return to the County should be significant. This was the first catfish tournament in East Tennessee and he feels this will be the beginning of more to come.

Commissioner Meers announced that **Commissioner Bledsoe** would be the Grand Marshall of the Lion's Club Parade on July 4th and he announced the possibility of Thursday, July 3rd being declared Roy Bledsoe Day in Loudon County.

(27)
Adjournment

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

There being no further business, a **motion** being duly made and seconded, the June 2, 2014 County Commission Meeting stood adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

COUNTY MAYOR