

## LOUDON COUNTY COMMISSION

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF LOUDON

February 2, 2015

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 February, 2015. The **Honorable Steve Harrelson** 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: **Brewster, Meers, Maples, Tinker, Satterfield, Bradshaw, Harrelson, Duff, Shaver, and Cullen: (10)**  
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**  
Thereupon **Chairman Harrelson** announced the presence of a quorum. Present was the **Honorable Mayor Rollen “Buddy” Bradshaw**.
- (3)**  
**Agenda Adopted As Amended**      **Chairman Harrelson** requested that the February 2, 2015 Agenda be adopted. **Mayor Bradshaw** requested that the E-911 Board Appointments Resolution be removed from this Agenda and replaced with discussion of a Surplus Property Authority. A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a second by **Commissioner Cullen** to adopt the Agenda as corrected.  
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.
- (4)**  
**Minutes for Jan 5, 2015 Comm Mtg Approved as Corrected**      **Chairman Harrelson** requested that the January 5, 2015 County Commission Meeting Minutes be approved and accepted.  
The Clerk distributed corrected pages of these Minutes prior to the meeting making changes to some of the assigned document numbers.  
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a second by **Commissioner Duff** to approve these minutes as corrected.  
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.
- (5)**  
**Comments: Agenda Items**      **Chairman Harrelson** asked that any visitor wishing to address the Commission regarding items on the planned Agenda come forward.  
**Wayne Schnell** spoke about the County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and County Dive Rescue Team merger. He said the Emergency Management Department has been growing by leaps and bounds with a large increase in its budget from the beginning to now. He acknowledged that this was a good organization and a necessary one but he feels it should be under the Fire Department which would help them to overcome some of their funding problems. He spoke about a drone recently acquired by Homeland Security using a grant and asked what they were going to want next.

**Commissioner Cullen** responded by saying that he has worked as an Emergency Responder for many years and he knows this equipment is a useful tool and not a waste of money. He noted that this is not a drone – it's a Quadra Copter with a camera on it. It can view scenes of accidents or emergency situations to allow responders to know what actions are required, what safety precautions to take and what equipment they'll need. He reiterated that this equipment was purchased with DOJ Grant funds. He said this is a very useful piece of equipment and very valuable at an emergency scene. He commended **EMA Director, Daryl Smith**, for getting this equipment.

**Richard Anklin** also spoke about the Dive Rescue Team/Homeland Security Emergency Management merger. He went into great detail to question the resolution and its lack of specificity regarding exactly how the merger will take place. He said the resolution did not spell out specific details regarding what the County will be responsible for and he believes the County should have a contract with the Dive Rescue Team regarding responsibilities. He asked if they are added to the Official County Roster would they be entitled to County benefits.

**Richard Truitt** spoke saying he approves of **Commissioner Shaver's** proposal on the agenda regarding County officials suing the County and he hopes it is successful and will solve a lot of problems.

**Pat Hunter** said she agrees with **Mr. Truitt's** comments regarding **Commissioner Shaver's** resolution. She also has concerns with the County Dive Rescue Team and County Homeland Security/EMA Department merger. She is concerned about budget increases and asked who's looking out for the taxpayers. She believes this will cause a budget increase and asked if Loudon and Lenoir City are making any contribution. She believes this should come up in the Budget cycle.

**Loudon County Road's Superintendent, Eddie Simpson**, spoke saying that the Emergency Management Department does an outstanding job and he supports the EMA and its Manager. He said **Daryl Smith** deserves appreciation and said that he was able to get the Highway Department two very expensive pieces of equipment for the \$90. cost of the fuel to bring it back to the County. He said the two pieces of equipment would have cost a total of \$100K. He also noted that the two dump trucks from EMA did a fantastic job and he also uses the loader a lot.

**Commissioner Shaver** asked if Loudon City pays toward EMA expenses and the response was "No".

**Commissioner Cullen** asked **Mr. Simpson** if the equipment from EMA has been useful and he responded "absolutely".

The **Leader of the Dive Rescue Team, Chad Walters**, spoke to say that the team currently receives \$4,000. yearly from the County. He said they receive no funding from Loudon City or Lenoir City. They have requested contributions but didn't get very far. He said the Team doesn't have operational issues – it has administrative issues. They have no administrative billets on the team. The administrative responsibilities are up to him and he doesn't have time to do them. He said the budget for the Team is \$12,000. a year. He noted that they respond to any kind of water emergency in the County and he reminded everyone that members of the Dive Rescue Team were volunteers and that everyone on the team does a great job!

**Commissioner Cullen** said that he has spent many years in Fire Service in the County and he has high regard and respect for the Dive Rescue Team and they are valuable to the County. He noted that they do rescue operations that most people would not do. He said the County cannot afford to lose them!! He reminded that everyone on the team signed on as a volunteer!!

**Loudon County Mayor, Buddy Bradshaw**, requested consideration and possible action on the following item:

**(6)**  
**Surplus**  
**Property**  
**Authority**  
**Approved**

1. Discussion of Surplus Property Authority  
**Mayor Bradshaw** reported that this was not a change, simply a house-cleaning. The Committee already exists, the members will remain the same and the rules will remain the same. The only change will be the name from Committee to Authority. A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a **second** by **Commissioner Cullen** to approve this change.  
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.  
**Resolution 020215-AA**

**(7)**  
**County Road's**  
**List for 2015**  
**Approved**

**Loudon County Road's Superintendent, Eddie Simpson**, requested Consideration of Approval of the 2015 Loudon County Road's List.  
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a second by **Commissioner Duff** to approve the Road's List as presented.  
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.  
**Exhibit 020215-A**

**(8)**  
**Request to**  
**State Legislators**  
**For Help in**  
**Solving Problem**  
**Of County Officials**  
**Suing County**  
**Approved**

**Loudon County Commissioner, Van Shaver**, requested Consideration of Sending a Resolution to State Legislators Requesting their Help in Solving Problems Resulting From County Official's Ability to Sue County Government.  
Following discussion a **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a **second** by **Commissioner Meers** to approve this request.  
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.  
**Resolution 020215-B**

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

- (9)**  
**County Dive Rescue Team Merger with County Dept Of Homeland Security Emergency Management Approved as Amended**
1. Request Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve a Resolution Recognizing the Pending Dissolution of the Loudon County Dive Rescue Team and a Merger with the Loudon County Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management.
- Discussion focused on **Commissioner Shaver's** objection to approving the amount of the expected increase in the Homeland Security Emergency Management Budget which was stated as \$8,000. annually in contingency #6 of the Resolution as presented. Following further discussion it was decided to remove the funding reference from the request. Following that change a **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a **second** by **Commissioner Tinker** to approve the Resolution as amended. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Maples, Tinker, Satterfield, Bradshaw, Harrelson, Duff, Shaver, Cullen, and Brewster: (10)**  
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**  
The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**  
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**  
**Resolution 020215-C**
- (10)**  
**Transfer of Funds for Planning & Design of Tellico Parkway Greenway Approved**
2. Request Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from County General Fund (101) to General Capital Projects Fund (171) to Provide Cash Flow for the Planning and Design of Highway 444, Tellico Parkway Greenway.
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a second by **Commissioner Cullen** to approve this Resolution as presented. Upon voice vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Maples, Tinker, Satterfield, Bradshaw, Harrelson, Duff, Shaver, Cullen, Brewster, and Meers: (10)**  
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**  
The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**  
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**  
**Resolution 020215-D**
- (11)**  
**Grant Application For Funding Assistance To Purchase Vehicle For Senior Citizen's Center Approved**
3. Request Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve a Grant Application to the Transportation Planning Organization for the Funding Assistance on the Purchase of a Vehicle for the Senior Citizen's Center; Requires a 10% Match.
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Bradshaw** with a second by **Commissioner Cullen** to approve this request. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Tinker, Satterfield, Bradshaw, Harrelson, Duff, Shaver, Cullen, Brewster, 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)**

- (12)**  
**Mutual Agreement**  
**Of County**  
**Commission and**  
**County Council**  
**On Aging**  
**Approved**
4. Request Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve a Mutual Agreement Between the Loudon County Commission and the Loudon County Council on Aging.
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Brewster** with a second by **Commissioner Duff** to approve this request.
- Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Satterfield, Bradshaw, Harrelson, Duff, Shaver, Cullen, Brewster, Meers, Maples, and Tinker: (10)**
- The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
- The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**
- Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
- Exhibit 020215-E**
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- (13)**  
**Acceptance of**  
**TDEC Used**  
**Motor Oil**  
**Collection Grant**  
**Approved**
5. Request Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve Acceptance of TDEC Used Motor Oil Collection Grant.
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Maples** with a second by **Commissioner Satterfield** to approve this request.
- Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Bradshaw, Harrelson, Duff, Shaver, Cullen, Brewster, Meers, Maples, Tinker, and Satterfield: (10)**
- The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
- The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**
- Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
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6. Request Approval of Amendments to the Following Funds:
- (14)**  
**Amendments**  
**to Fund 101**  
**Approved**
- a. County General Fund 101
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Tinker** with a second by **Commissioner Cullen** to approve this request.
- Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Harrelson, Duff, Shaver, Cullen, Brewster, Meers, Maples, Tinker, Satterfield, and Bradshaw: (10)**
- The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
- The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**
- Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
- Exhibit 020215-F**
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- (15)**  
**Amendments**  
**to Fund 115**  
**Approved**
- b. Public Library Fund 115
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Bradshaw** with a second by **Commissioner Tinker** to approve this request.
- Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Duff, Shaver, Cullen, Brewster, Meers, Maples, Tinker, Satterfield, Bradshaw, 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)**
- Exhibit 020215-G**

- (16) Amendments to Fund 116 Approved
- c. Recycling Center Fund 116
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Brewster** with a second by **Commissioner Bradshaw** to approve this request.
- Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Shaver, Cullen, Brewster, Meers, Maples, Tinker, Satterfield, Bradshaw, Harrelson, 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)**
- Exhibit 020215-H**
- (17) Amendments to Fund 141 Approved
- d. General Purpose School Fund 141
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a second by **Commissioner Bradshaw** to approve this request.
- Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Cullen, Brewster, Meers, Maples, Tinker, Satterfield, Bradshaw, Harrelson, Duff, 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)**
- Commissioners Brewster and Tinker** delivered Conflict of Interest Statements as they voted on this item.
- Exhibit 020215-I**
- (18) Amendments to Fund 151 Approved
- e. General Debt Service Fund 151
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a second by **Commissioner Tinker** to approve this request.
- Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Brewster, Meers, Maples, Tinker, Satterfield, Bradshaw, Harrelson, Duff, Shaver, and Cullen: (10)**
- The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
- The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**
- Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
- Exhibit 020215-I**
- (19) Amendments Fund 171 Approved
- f. General Capital Projects Fund 171
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Bradshaw** with a second by **Commissioner Cullen** to approve this request.
- Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Satterfield, Bradshaw, Harrelson, Duff, Cullen, and Brewster: (7)**
- The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Maples, Tinker, and Shaver: (3)**
- The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**
- Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (7, 3, 0)**
- Exhibit 020215-K**
- (20) Financial Reports Distributed
- Budget Director, Tracy Blair**, requested that records reflect that the Summary Financial Statements for January 2015, Budget Committee Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2014, two Reports on Debt Obligation, and Education Capital Projects Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2014 have been distributed.
- Exhibit 020215-L-O**

**(21)**  
**Notaries**  
**Approved**

**Loudon County Commissioner, David Meers,** made a **motion** with a second by **Commissioner Shaver** to approve the following Notaries: ***Susanne Denise Anderson; Missy Fugate; Kathleen M. McReynolds; and Dane Ogden.***  
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.  
**Exhibit 020215-P**

**(22)**  
**Comments:**  
**Non-Agenda**  
**Items**

**Chairman Harrelson** asked that any visitor wishing to address the Commission regarding items not on the Agenda come forward.  
**Richard Anklin** spoke about the 14/15 Budget - specifically the \$800K AFT Funds not returning to the AFT line item - \$400K LCTC roof; \$100K LCTC HVAC; and \$300K LCTC Offices. He questioned why the Resolution did not state that unused funds automatically return at the end of the fiscal year. He was referred to the Budget Director.  
**Commissioner Meers** commented on interim information regarding E-911 until a new contract is signed.  
**Richard Truitt** spoke on the difference between State workers and teachers pay and benefits. He commented that County workers get paid much less and don't get a raise for each degree they get. He said schools get lots of money but spend it on jobs and administration - performance of duties doesn't matter in getting raises.  
**Commissioner Satterfield** commented that teachers put in many extra hours. He also noted that the Governor has taken away tenure for teachers and also taken away more pay advancement for additional degrees.  
**Commissioner Brewster** thanked him for these comments.  
**Mayor Bradshaw** commented that Loudon County has a 99 year lease on the old football field and that they will be getting signatures of the new officers for the Quarter Back Club.

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

**(23)**  
**Adjournment**

There being no further business, a **motion** being duly made and seconded, the February 2, 2015 County Commission Meeting stood adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK

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CHAIRMAN

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COUNTY MAYOR