

LOUDON COUNTY COMMISSION
STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF LOUDON
October 12, 2009
6:00 pm

PUBLIC HEARING

**(1) Public
Hearing**

**Proposed Budget for Loudon County Government for Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 2010.**

Mayor Arp asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak at this time.

Richard Truitt came forward to speak regarding the School Board Budget and teacher's salaries and expressed his deep concerns regarding the future consequences of passing a deficit budget.

Cheri Parrish came forward to speak about the unresolved annual school budget and in favor of teacher pay raises and urged the Commission to pass the budget as submitted.

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 12th day of October, 2009.

The **Honorable Roy Bledsoe** called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Duff opened the 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**

Chairman Bledsoe requested that the October 12, 2009 Agenda be adopted.

Mayor Arp requested the addition of consideration of approving appointments to the Loudon County Library Board and the Regional Library Board to the agenda.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Gardin** with a second by **Commissioner Meers** to adopt the agenda as amended.

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

**(5) Minutes
September 1,
2009 Approved**

Chairman Bledsoe requested that the September 01, 2009 County Commission Minutes be Approved and Accepted.

Commissioner Franke requested a correction to his statement regarding Board Appointments.

Commissioner Miller made a **motion** to adopt the Minutes as amended with a second by **Commissioner Gardin**.

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

- (6) Comments: Agenda Items** **Chairman Bledsoe** requested that any visitor wishing to address the Commission regarding items on the planned Agenda come forward.
Mary Bryant of the Loudon County Visitor's Bureau came forward to emphasize the contribution that the tourism industry makes to the community and urged the Commission to provide sufficient funding to support it.
- (7) Library Board Appointments Approved** **Mayor Arp** requested consideration of Approval of Resolutions for Appointments to the Loudon County and Regional Library Boards.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a second by **Commissioner Marcus** to approve the appointments.
Upon voice vote the **motion passed** unanimously.
Resolutions 101209-A & B
- (8) Proclamations Honoring Commissioners Bledsoe and Maples Presented** **Mayor Arp** requested that Commissioner **Bledsoe and Commissioner Maples** come forward to receive Proclamations honoring their lengthy years of service to Loudon County.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Gardin** to scan the proclamations into the official county records.
Upon voice vote the **motion passed** unanimously.
Exhibits 101209-C & D
- (9) Property Tax Relief to Low-Income Elderly Homeowners Approved** **Mayor Arp** requested consideration of Approval of a Resolution Providing Property Tax Relief to Low-Income Elderly Homeowners.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Gardin** with a second by **Commissioner Maples** to approve the resolution.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Park, Gardin, Miller, Marcus, Meers, and Maples: (9)**
The following Commissioner voted **Nay: Shaver: (1)**
The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (9, 1, 0)**.
Resolution 101209-E
- Tracy Blair, Loudon County Budget Director** requested discussion and possible action on the following items with recommended approval by the Budget Committee:
- (10) Funds, Departments, Institutions, Offices and Agencies Appropriations Resolution Approved As Amended** A. Consideration of Adopting a Resolution Making Appropriations for the Various Funds, Departments, Institutions, Offices and Agencies of Loudon County, Tennessee, for the Year Beginning July 1, 2009 and Ending June 30, 2010.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a second by **Commissioner Meers** to adopt the resolution as recommended by the Budget Committee.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Miller** with a second by **Commissioner Gardin** to amend the budget recommended by the Budget Committee to provide \$9,170,036. in property tax dollars to the General Purpose School Fund 141 which represents the minimum amount required to meet the maintenance of effort.
There was lengthy discussion, during which **Mayor Arp** stated that there was a question of whether or not you would be able to meet the maintenance of effort if this amendment passes.
Commissioner Gardin called for conclusion of the debate with a second by **Commissioner Shaver** who requested that the amendment be reread for clarification. **Commissioner Miller** restated the amendment.

Chairman Bledsoe requested the vote on the amendment.

Mayor Arp requested clarification prior to the vote.

Budget Director Tracy Blair asked **Commissioner Miller** to clarify: With the revenues from property taxes that would be generated in your motion, is your intent to keep the estimated ending fund balance of the General Purpose School Budget at the amount that was recommended by the Budget Committee which is \$3,071,112. If so, this would make the total school expense budget amount be \$37,115,846. for Fund 141. **Commissioner Miller** responded "yes". Further discussion resulted in the conclusion that this does reduce the total expenses approved in Fund 141.

Chairman Bledsoe called for the vote on the amendment.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Gardin, Miller, Maples, Shaver, Franke and Bledsoe: (6)**

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Park, Marcus, Meers and Duff: (4)**

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

Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (6, 4, 0)**.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Gardin** to amend the budget recommended by the Budget Committee in General Fund 101 Planning and Codes Enforcement, Line Item 51720, to fund the retention of five people in the Plans and Codes Enforcement Department for the full fiscal year representing an increase in this Line Item of \$35,934.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Marcus, Meers, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Gardin, and Miller: (7)**

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Maples, Duff, and Park: (3)**

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

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

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a second by **Commissioner Maples** to amend the budget recommended by the Budget Committee in Line Item 51720 Planning and Codes Enforcement, General Fund 101, to reduce the salary of the Director of Plans and Codes Enforcement to match that of the Purchasing Director and the EMA Director at whatever level they may be.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Maples, Shaver, Bledsoe, and Marcus: (4)**

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Meers, Franke, Duff, Park, Gardin, and Miller: (6)**

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

Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Failed: (4, 6, 0)**.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Duff** to amend the budget recommended by the Budget Committee in Line Item 58110 Tourism, General Fund 101, to make the total allocated budgetary amount be set at the 33% level of the Hotel/Motel Tax which, for budget year 08/09, represents \$118,081.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Franke, Duff, Park, and Miller: (4)**

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Marcus, Meers, Maples, Shaver, Bledsoe, and Gardin: (6)**

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

Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Failed: (4, 6, 0)**.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Gardin** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to amend the budget recommended by the Budget Committee to remove the 2% pay raise for County Employees.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Gardin, and Miller: (6)**

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Meers, Duff, Park, and Marcus: (4)**

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

Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (6, 4, 0)**.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a second by **Commissioner Maples** to amend the budget recommended by the Budget Committee so that the salary of the County Budget Director and the Employee Benefits Coordinator be retained at the same level as 2008/09.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, and Marcus: (5)**

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Duff, Park, Gardin, Miller, and Meers : (5)**

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

Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Failed: (5, 5, 0)**.

The Chairman asked if there was further discussion and upon receiving none, he requested a vote on the original motion, as amended.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Gardin, Miller, and Maples: (6)**

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Duff, Park, Marcus, and Meers: (4)**

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

Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (6, 4, 0)**.

Resolution 101209-F

**(11) Tax
Levy For
Loudon
County
Approved
As Amended**

B. Consideration of Adopting a Resolution Fixing the Tax Levy in Loudon County, Tennessee for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2009.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a second by **Commissioner Park** to adopt the resolution as recommended by the Budget Committee.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Miller** with a second by **Commissioner Gardin** to amend the resolution by shifting an additional 7 pennies from Fund 141 General Purpose School Fund to Fund 156 Rural Debt Fund to be used for the School Building Program.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Franke, Bledsoe, Gardin, Miller, Maples, and Shaver: (6)**

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Duff, Park, Marcus, and Meers: (4)**

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

Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (6, 4, 0)**.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Miller** with a second by **Commissioner Gardin** to amend the resolution by shifting 1 penny from County General Fund 101 to Rural Debt Services Fund 156.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Bledsoe, Gardin, Miller, Maples, Shaver, and Franke: (6)**

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Duff, Park, Marcus, and Meers: (4)**

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

Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (6, 4, 0)**.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Miller** with a second by **Commissioner Gardin** to amend the resolution by shifting 1 penny from the General Debt Fund 151 to the Rural Debt Fund 156.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Gardin, Miller, Maples, Shaver, Franke, and Bledsoe: (6)**

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Duff, Park, Marcus, and Meers: (4)**

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

Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (6, 4, 0)**.

The Chairman asked if there was further discussion and upon receiving none, he requested a vote on the original motion, as amended.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Gardin, Miller, Maples, Shaver, Franke, and Bledsoe: (6)**

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Park, Marcus, Meers, and Duff: (4)**

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

Thereupon the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (6, 4, 0)**.

Resolution 101209-G

**(12) Bonds
and Notaries
Approved**

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to approve the following Notaries: *Marcia Sheppard, William Engle, Cindee Rene Watson, Karen P. Hawkins, Amy J.*

Fitzsimmons, Cissy Chapman, Brett R. Foster, Ellen Williford, Melissa A. McGaha, Michelle M. Strickland, Judith Ann Smith, Lonniita H. Biggs, Kimberly Millsaps, Terry Brackett, Charles W. Wolfe, and Sandra Scott and the following Bonds: *Lonniita H. Biggs and Judith Ann Smith.*

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

Exhibit 101209-H

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

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

Pat Hunter came forward to speak about an issue she considers very important to the entire community - EPA in Loudon County and the issue of getting local industries to meet the EPA standards. She cited that one local industry had been cited twice in last three months. She requested that the County Commission become involved in getting these industries to meet the standards.

Commissioner Meers responded by saying that this issue is already under consideration by the Air Quality Task Force.

Ms. Hunter expressed her gratitude.

(14)
Adjournment

There being no further business, a **motion** being duly made and seconded, the October 12, 2009 meeting stood adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

COUNTY MAYOR