

**LOUDON COUNTY COMMISSION
STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF LOUDON
May 16, 2011**

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

**(1)
Opening
of Meeting**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Commissioners of Loudon County convened in a Special Called Session in Loudon, Tennessee on the 16th day of May, 2011. The **Honorable Roy Bledsoe** called the meeting to order.

Mr. Richard Truitt, from the audience, opened the County Commission Meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. **Commissioner Shaver** 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 Commissioners were **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 May 16, 2011 Special Called Meeting Agenda be adopted. A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Harrelson** with a second by **Commissioner Meers** to adopt the Agenda. Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

**(4)
Comments:
Agenda Item**

Chairman Bledsoe asked that any visitor wishing to address the Commission regarding the item on the agenda come forward. **No one** came forward.

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

**(5)
Funds
Transfer
To Rubberize
New Track at
High School
Approved**

1. Request from the Loudon County School Board to Fund the Loudon High School Track Surface from the School Fund Balance or other School Accounts.

Mayor Herron explained that the School Board's proposal was to take \$45,000. from a line item in the General Purpose School Fund 141 with the remainder coming from another line item in this fund for a total of \$52,000. and they were requesting approval for the transfer of these funds. The Budget Committee recommended approval of this request.

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

Commissioner Shaver stated that he opposed the spending of \$52,000. of funding in the current financial climate and questioned whether or not this is a necessary expenditure. He said that the purpose of the Grant that was funding the majority of this project was to provide a track for Diabetes health issues and now the School Board is installing a competition-level track when there's another track near-by despite what was stated in the Grant application. He stated that this appears to him to be a possible misrepresentation on the Grant application and, therefore, he will vote "no".

Commissioner Meers asked who made the decision to rubberize the track. **Purchasing Agent, Leo Bradshaw**, responded explaining that the original bid process contained the base track requirements with several possible alternates, including rubberizing, if there was enough money in the Grant, once it was received, for alternates. The initial Grant didn't cover the rubberizing but subsequent discussions concluded that, because of safety issues, the rubberizing should be done. **Kathy Proaps**, who does the Grant applications for the Schools, clarified that the Grant was awarded for the purpose of providing a track for use by the High School as well as for public use for health reasons and there was no misrepresentation in the Grant application.

Commissioner Miller stated that, although he had voted against providing additional funding to the School Board for this purpose at the last Commission Meeting, now that they had found the funds within their current budget he would support the request. He stated that the Commission has the authority to authorize funding for the Schools but does not have the authority to tell them how to use the money provided. General discussions included **Commissioner Shaver** questioning why the Commission had to approve this request if they don't have authority over how the schools spend the money they are provided. The conclusion was that this involves a line item transfer of funds which the Commission does have to approve.

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

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Maples, Shaver, and Bledsoe: (3)**

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

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

(6)
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 May 16, 2011 Special Called Meeting stood adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

COUNTY MAYOR