

LOUDON COUNTY COMMISSION

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF LOUDON

May 7, 2012

6:00 PM

- (1) Presentation A Certificate of Special Recognition was awarded to Loudon County High School and each member of the Lady's Basketball Team and Coaching Staff for Outstanding Athletic Achievement.
Exhibit 050712-A

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 7th day of May, 2012. The **Honorable Chairman Roy Bledsoe** called the meeting to order. **Commissioner Shaver** opened the County 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: **Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, and Harrelson: (9)**
The following Commissioner was **Absent: Miller: (1)**
Thereupon **Chairman Bledsoe** announced the presence of a quorum.
Present was the **Honorable Mayor Estelle Herron**.

- (4) Agenda Adopted **Chairman Bledsoe** requested that the May 7, 2012 Agenda be adopted. A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a second by **Commissioner Jenkins** to adopt the Agenda.
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

- (5) Minutes for April 2, 2012 Approved **Chairman Bledsoe** requested that the April 2, 2012 County Commission Meeting Minutes be approved and accepted. A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Shaver** to approve these minutes.
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

- (6) Comments: Agenda Items **Chairman Bledsoe** asked that any visitor wishing to address the Commission regarding items on the planned Agenda come forward. **Richard Truitt** came forward to comment on the Employees Health Insurance proposal. He feels that the employees of the County should pay 20% of their Health Insurance premium versus the 12% currently being considered. He stated that other governments and businesses have set greater cost sharing requirements for their employees and feels that the 12% is inadequate given the cost of medical insurance.

(7)
Proposal
To Accept
Project at
Muddy Creek Rd.
& Ford Road
Approved

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

1. A Resolution to Accept the Proposal of the Tennessee Department of Transportation to Construct a Project Designated as Federal Project No. NHTSA-HE-2(110, State Project No. 97053-1215-04, S.R. 2 (U.S. 11) Involving the Intersection at Muddy Creek Road/Ford Road (L.M. 16.03).

Commissioner Harrelson asked the Mayor if there was a timeline for this project and she replied that the project is well underway and they are just waiting for approval of this Resolution.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a second by **Commissioner Yarbrough** to approve this Resolution.

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

Resolution 050712-B

(8)
Support
Of VA
Hospital in
Roane County
Approved

2. A Resolution in Support of a VA Hospital in Roane County.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Harrelson** to approve this Resolution.

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

Resolution 050712-C

(9)
Board
Appointments
Approved

3. Consideration of a Resolution Approving Appointments to the Following Board/Committee:

- a. Loudon County Equalization Board

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a second by **Commissioner Duff** to approve this Resolution.

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

Resolution 050712-D

(10)
BC/BS
Health Benefits
Insurance
For County
Employees
Approved

Loudon County Purchasing Director, Leo Bradshaw, requested consideration of the following recommendation.

1. A Recommendation from the Salary and Benefits Ad-Hoc Committee to Select Blue Cross/Blue Shield as the Provider for the Loudon County Employee's Health Benefits Package for the 2012-2013 Term.

Mr. Bradshaw described the coverage and costs offered by this plan comparing them to the current Cigna plan stating that the Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan would probably be cheaper than Cigna, and definitely not more, with approximately the same coverage.

Discussion included **Commissioner Duff** asking if the cost savings anticipated with this plan would go to the County or to the Employee. **Mr. Bradshaw** responded that he believed the County - to which **Commissioner Duff** asked if the employee would pay the same whether the County kept the Cigna Plan or switched to BC/BS.

Commissioner Franke responded that both the County and the Employee would benefit with the BC/BS plan and both would pay less.

Commissioner Yarbrough commented that this proposal had not yet been to either the Budget Committee or the Purchasing Committee and clarified that this was just a recommendation from the Salary and Benefits Committee.

Mr. Bradshaw responded that it was but that this doesn't need to go to the Purchasing Committee and that the decision on this was needed without delay to insure it's ready for the budget process on July 1st. **Commissioner Yarbrough** asked if the actual costs to the participants and the County were known at this time and **Mr. Bradshaw** responded that they were and that the Salary and Benefits Committee had considered them. She then asked if the benefits were the same as the Cigna Plan and he responded that generally they were.

Commissioner Shaver asked if this recommendation came with a proposed split between the Employee and County and **Mr. Bradshaw** responded that it did not and that the Budget Committee would determine this. **Commissioner Duff** stated that he sat-in on the Salary/Benefits Committee Meeting and that there was a recommendation to reduce the ratio gradually - by 2% per year - until it reached the 80/20 split. **Mr. Bradshaw** responded that this was a separate motion and that this still has to go to the Budget Committee for the decision. **Commissioner Franke** agreed.

Commissioner Maples asked if both the plus and regular coverage were better with BC/BS and the response was that they were.

Commissioner Shaver stated that, on the assumption that they were only voting on the proposed carrier at this point, he would make a **motion** to approve.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, and Jenkins: (9)**

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

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

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

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

(11)
Payments
In-Lieu
Of Taxes
From
Kimberly Clark
Approved

1. Consideration of a Recommendation Regarding Deposits of Payments In-Lieu of Taxes from Kimberly Clark Corp as Provided in Resolution 110308-M.

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: Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Jenkins, and Meers: (9)**

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

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

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

(12)
Acceptance of
Donation to
Sheriff's
Reserves
Approved

2. Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve a Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Donation to the Loudon County Sheriff's Reserves.

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: Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Jenkins, Meers, and Maples: (9)**

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

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

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

Resolution 050712-E

(13)
Litter &
Trash Collection
Grant
Approved

3. Consideration of Approving a Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application for a Litter and Trash Collecting Grant from TDOT and Authorizing the Acceptance of Said Grant.
- 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: Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, and Shaver: (9)**
- The following Commissioner voted **Nay: (0)**
- The following Commissioner was **Absent: Miller: (1)**
- Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9, 0, 1)**
- Commissioner Yarbrough** asked if there was a designated use for this Grant funding. **Ms. Blair** responded that there was and that this was stated in the Grant.
- Commissioner Yarbrough** responded that she would like to see funds spent on picking up the litter and trash strewn throughout the County stating that it is extremely unsightly. **Ms. Blair** stated that the Sheriff's Department has been picking up some of the trash and some education funds are also being used for this purpose. **Commissioner Yarbrough** said that the County needs more help with this problem because it's really bad. **Ms. Blair** responded that her Department does the funding and others decide how to use those funds.
- Resolution 050712-F**

(14)
Fund 101
Approved

4. Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve Amendments in the Following Funds:
- a. County General Fund 101
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Yarbrough** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to approve this recommendation.
- Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Shaver, and Franke: (9)**
- The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
- The following Commissioner was **Absent: Miller: (1)**
- Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9, 0, 1)**
- Exhibit 050712-G**

(15)
Fund 131
Approved

- b. Highway Department Fund 131
- 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: Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, and Bledsoe: (9)**
- The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
- The following Commissioner was **Absent: Miller: (1)**
- Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9, 0, 1)**
- Exhibit 050712-H**

(16)
Fund 141
Approved

- c. General Purpose School Fund 141
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Harrelson** with a second by **Commissioner Jenkins** to approve this recommendation.
- Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Yarbrough, Harrelson, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, and Duff: (9)**
- The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
- The following Commissioner was **Absent: Miller: (1)**
- Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9, 0, 1)**
- Exhibit 050712-I**

- (17) Fund 142 Approved d. School Federal Projects Fund 142
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Maples** with a second by **Commissioner Meers** to approve this recommendation.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Harrelson, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, and Yarbrough: (9)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioner was **Absent: Miller: (1)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9, 0, 1)**
Exhibit 050712-I
- (18) Fund 143 Approved e. Central Cafeteria Fund 143
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Yarbrough** 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, and Harrelson: (9)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioner was **Absent: Miller: (1)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9, 0, 1)**
Exhibit 050712-K
- (19) Fund 156 Approved f. Education Debt Services Fund 156
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** 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, and Harrelson: (9)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioner was **Absent: Miller: (1)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9, 0, 1)**
Exhibit 050712-L
- (20) Fund 171 Approved g. General Capital Projects Fund 171
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Yarbrough** with a second by **Commissioner Jenkins** to approve this recommendation.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Maples, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Jenkins: (9)**
The following Commissioner voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioner was **Absent: Miller: (1)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9, 0, 1)**
Exhibit 050712-M
- (21) Annual Report Distributed **Budget Director, Tracy Blair**, distributed copies of her department's Annual Report required by the new Debt Management Plan.
Exhibit 050712-N
- (22) Summary Financial Statements Distributed **Budget Director, Tracy Blair**, also requested that records reflect that the Summary Financial Statements for the month of April 2012 have been distributed.
Exhibit 050712-O

(23)
Notaries
Approved

Loudon County Commissioner, David Meers, made a **motion** with a second by **Commissioner Maples** to approve the following Notaries: *Donna West; Carolyn M. Alexander; Karen Ann Johnson; Lori A. Everett; Melissa Garner; Delinda L. Chambers; Jessica R. Hilliard; Garell Foshee; Anthony Paul Lindsey; Kimberly Anne Turner; A. Faye McConnell; and Debbie Kirpec.*

Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.
Exhibit 050712-P

(24)
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 came forward to speak about the Sheriff's Department Budget. He stated that the Sheriff said during his campaigning that he was going to cut the Sheriff's Department budget but that hasn't happened. In fact, Mr. Truitt says, that the Sheriff continues to ask for more and more. He spoke about the new cars that the Commission has approved for his department and stated that he is now asking for several other items.

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

(25)
Adjournment

There being no further business, a **motion** being duly made and seconded, the May 7, 2012 County Commission Meeting stood adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

COUNTY MAYOR