

**LOUDON COUNTY COMMISSION
STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF LOUDON
November 4, 2013
6:00 PM**

PUBLIC HEARING

**(1)
Public
Hearing**

Loudon County Planning and Codes Director – Russ Newman

1. A Resolution Amending the Zoning Map of Loudon County, Tennessee, Pursuant to Chapter Seven, §13-7-105 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, to Rezone Approximately 2.99 Acres from R-1 (Suburban-Residential) to C-2 (General Commercial), Referenced by: Tax Map 20C, Group A, Parcel 2.00 and 4.00, Located off Town Creek Rd. West and Myers Rd. in the 2nd Legislative District of Loudon County.

2. A Resolution to Amend the Loudon County Zoning Resolution, Section 4.140 **Litter, Refuse, Garbage, Junk and Debris, Vacant Dilapidated Buildings or Structures Control Regulations**. Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-7-105.

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 4th day of November, 2013.

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

Commissioner Quillen 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, Quillen, 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**.

**(4)
Agenda
Adopted
As Amended**

Chairman Bledsoe requested that the November 4, 2013 Agenda be adopted.

Mayor Herron requested adding to the Agenda Consideration of Approval of Acceptance of a \$20,000. Grant from the State Department of Environment and Conservation for new playground equipment at Greenback School under the Budget Director's Items and also County Attorney Bob Bowman to report an update on the Eaton Park Ruritan and he would speak prior to her items on the Agenda.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Quillen** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to adopt the Agenda as amended.

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

- (5) **Minutes for October 7, 2013 Commission Mtg Approved** **Chairman Bledsoe** requested that the October 7, 2013 County Commission Meeting Minutes be approved and accepted. A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Harrelson** with a second by **Commissioner Jenkins** 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. **Jim Brennan** spoke against the acquisition of the Homeland Security equipment citing his belief that residents should be cautious of the Federal Government Homeland Security in fear that they could be preparing to “put down any demonstrations” from the public against Government policy. **Bruce Kelsey** said that he doesn’t believe the County needs this equipment and he doesn’t want the Sheriff’s Department to have it. He urged the Commissioners to stand their ground and vote against this. **Andrew Kern** said that it was inappropriate for Loudon County to try to maintain this type of equipment and that it requires constant maintenance. He recommended turning this equipment back to the Federal Government after it sits for a year. **Wayne Schnell** spoke on behalf of himself and **Bill Fink** who was unable to attend this meeting. He said that the boat was a Trojan horse and expensive to operate and that procuring this didn’t go through the appropriate budgeting processes. He questioned where this money was coming from and what the plans were for this equipment. He said the boat was a big money pit and questioned why the County needed it. He said that the Homeland Security Department was just trying to build an empire and asked again about the “plans” saying that he wants to see them. **Vann Fleming** spoke against the Military equipment saying that this equipment could be used against the County’s citizens to put down civilian demonstrations against Government abuse and for disarming citizens. He said that the President wants to change America and take citizens’ guns away and obliterate the second amendment and cited how, in his opinion, the President is trying to do that. He said that allowing the County to own this equipment was too great a risk that it could be used against the citizens and urged not funding it. **Harold McArdle** cautioned that securing new parts for this older equipment could be a big problem since they would be very hard to find. **Pandora Vreeland** said that she had been trying to get a complete list of all this equipment and hasn’t, so far, been able to get one. She distributed a packet of documents to the Commissioners containing agreements and resolutions regarding Homeland Security emergency management. She has met with **Sheriff Guider** and **Daryl Smith, EMA Director**, and concluded that some of this equipment seemed useful and some not so useful and that maintenance and repairs could be costly. She also noted that procurement of this equipment violated County policy regarding the process for budgeting requirements. She said that Loudon County can’t afford this level of preparation and noted that the County had only 7 reportable water incidents last year (2012). She believes the County has appropriate equipment to handle this level of incidents. She says the boat is not necessary and too expensive for this level of need and that the process for acquiring funding should have been followed. **Larry Anderson** spoke putting forward 6 questions to the Commission. He said he supports emergency readiness but in this case it appears that a County employee signed a contract without permission from anyone and asked if any of the County Authorities had seen the contract. He questioned what the County’s liability was concerning this equipment and what insurance on it would cost. He said that an employee should not have the ability to make purchases without permission.

Tim Froehlich said that he was concerned that this equipment was excessive. He talked about adequate equipment and facilities for water safety saying that the equipment needs to have qualified users and was dangerous in the hands of untrained personnel.

Pat Hunter spoke saying that she had sat in on the Budget Committee meetings and had heard nothing about purchasing this equipment or planning for its acquisition. She said that it would be expensive to maintain – especially the old equipment. She noted that she too had been trying to obtain a complete list of the equipment and had not received it to date. She spoke about the fuel budget and now being asked to approve additional funding. She spoke about the generator saying that it needed extensive maintenance that could cost over \$10,000. which would be shared by the County, Lenoir City, and Loudon City.

Justin Burnette spoke saying that he was a Veteran from the First District. He described an event in his life – when he was 17 years old – when there was a fire on his family’s property and the fire trucks couldn’t get to it because of the driveway. He said that the County needs some of this equipment to be able to provide protection for the farms and rural areas. He said this equipment will save people’s property and save lives! He asked “Don’t you want to know we have equipment to reach you if you find yourself in this situation?”

Sheriff Guider said that everyone in his department knows that he doesn’t like confrontation. He said that he respects other’s opinions and that his name is on the agreement and that the Sheriff’s Department has participated in this program since long before President Obama’s time! He said that Loudon County had never had the threat of a Federal takeover! He stated that his County Officers would be on the front line of defense against this should it ever happen! He believes the Emergency Management Agency people when they say that this equipment is necessary in case of need noting that we may not need it and he hopes we don’t. He said that the Fire Chief says he can’t get trucks to fires and can’t get wounded people out and that they have to walk miles to carry people out to get them help. He talked about marine fires being a problem and the County doesn’t have the equipment to handle them – and certainly not a boat like this one. He said this is a great program and that the County has been able to put its hands on decent equipment that he can rely on. He cited past instances when the County didn’t have appropriate equipment to respond to emergencies. He said this equipment would have saved lives including an incident in a trailer home fire where a mother and child had perished because help couldn’t get to them. He talked about the 2012 tornado in Greenback and how all their equipment got flat tires trying to traverse all the ground debris and with this equipment that won’t be a problem. He urged the Commissioners to support this budget amendment.

Chad Walters, Chief, Loudon County Water Rescue spoke about acquisition of the boat and noted that he had worked with **HLS Director, Daryl Smith** on some of the concerns regarding the boat. He corrected several of the misconceptions cited by previous speakers regarding the boat. He said that the **HLS Department** wasn’t just a “bunch of hillbilly’s” who didn’t know what they were doing! He said you can’t have “too much boat” when you’re on a water rescue at 3 am in February. He said this boat will change how his department does water rescue in Loudon County. He noted that he can sell the two trucks he has and take one Hum Vee and therefore save maintenance costs. He noted that the Hum Vees would be very useful. He stressed that the County residents need to know that the emergency responders in Loudon County are the “good guys” and that they don’t need to worry about a take over of their County government!.

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

(7)

Attorney Update on Eaton Ruritan Property

1. **Attorney Bob Bowman Update on the Eaton Ruritan Club Property**
Mr. Bowman explained that at the last meeting there was discussion of whether or not the County should return ownership of the Eaton Ruritan Club Property to the club. He has investigated this and has spoken to **Van Shaver** who has been overseeing this program on behalf of the Club. **Attorney Bowman** is recommending that the County retain ownership of the property and that the Commission give him the authority to enter into a lease agreement, on behalf of the County, with the Eaton Ruritan Club. Under this agreement the Ruritan Club would maintain the insurance on the property.

Commissioner Miller questioned whether or not the County should also maintain insurance on it and **Mr. Bowman** responded that the **Purchasing Director** could look into this but he believes that shouldn't be necessary. **Commissioner Yarbrough** questioned whether or not the Club had lost its "Ruritan" Charter and it was agreed that they had not. The property will remain a baseball field for the Baseball League. **Mr. Bowman** will prepare a lease to bring back for the Commission's consideration if not at the next meeting, soon after.

(8)

Board Appointments Approved

2. Request Consideration and Approval of Appointment Resolutions for the Following Board/Committee:

a. Greenway/Walking Trail Study Committee

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

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

Resolution 110413-A

Loudon County Planning and Codes Director – Russ Newman

(9)

Rezoning Off Town Creek Rd. Approved

1. A Resolution Amending the Zoning Map of Loudon County, Tennessee, Pursuant to Chapter Seven, §13-7-105 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, to Rezone Approximately 2.99 Acres from R-1 (Suburban-Residential) to C-2 (General Commercial), Referenced by: Tax Map 20C, Group A, Parcel 2.00 and 4.00, Located off Town Creek Rd. West and Myers Rd. in the 2nd Legislative District of Loudon County.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Maples** with a second by **Commissioner Harrelson** to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve this rezoning request.

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

Resolution 110413-B

(10)
Amendments to
Resolution on
Litter, Refuse, etc.
Control
Regulations
Approved

2. A Resolution to Amend the Loudon County Zoning Resolution, Section 4.140 **Litter, Refuse, Garbage, Junk and Debris, Vacant Dilapidated Buildings or Structures Control Regulations.** Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-7-105.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Quillen** to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve these amendments.

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

Resolution 110413-C

Loudon County Purchasing Director – Joan Lovelace

(11)
Architects
For County
Office Building
& Tech Center
Renovations
Approved

1. Request Approval of Architects Weeks, Ambrose, and McDonald for the County Office Building Roof Project, the L. C. Technical Center Roof Project, and Cost Analysis for Renovation of the L. C. Technical Center Building for Board of Education Office Space,

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Quillen** with a second by **Commissioner Jenkins** to accept the recommendation of the Capital Projects Committee and approve this request.

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 Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**

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

Loudon County Budget Director – Tracy Blair

(12)
Acceptance of
Grant for
Playground
Equipment at
Greenback
School
Approved

1. Request Consideration of Approving Acceptance of a \$20,000. Grant from the State Department of Environment and Conservation for New Playground Equipment at Greenback School; \$20,000. match required.

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

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

The following Commissioner voted **Nay: Miller: (1)**

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

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

(13)
Acceptance of
EMPG Grant
Approved

2. Request Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve Acceptance of a \$35,000. EMPG Grant.

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

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

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

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

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

- (14)**
**Application/
Acceptance of
Governor's Hwy
Safety Office
Grant
Approved**
3. Request Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve Application/
Acceptance of a \$5,000. Governor's Highway Safety Office Grant; No Matching
Funds Required.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a second by **Commissioner
Maples** 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 Commissioner voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared that the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
- (15)**
**Application/
Acceptance of
Juvenile Justice
Grant
Approved**
4. Request Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve Application/
Acceptance of a \$1,500. Juvenile Justice Grant.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a second by **Commissioner
Quillen** to approve this request.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Bledsoe, Duff,
Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, and Franke: (10)**
The following Commissioner voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared that the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
- (16)**
**Acceptance of
Grant from
State Dept.
Of Elections
Approved**
5. Request Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve Acceptance of a
\$1,540. Grant from the State Department of Elections; No Matching Funds
Required.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Harrelson** with a second by **Commissioner
Franke** to approve this request.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Duff, Yarbrough,
Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, and Bledsoe: (10)**
The following Commissioner voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared that the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
- (17)**
**Acceptance of
Library Grants
Approved**
6. Request Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve Acceptance of
Library Grants as Follows: Loudon, Greenback, and Tellico Village Public
Libraries; 50% Required Match Provided by the Libraries.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Miller** with a second by **Commissioner
Jenkins** to approve this request.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Yarbrough, Harrelson,
Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, and Duff: (10)**
The following Commissioner voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared that the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**

- (18) 7. Request Consideration of Approval of Amendments in the Following Funds:
- Fund 101
Approved
- a. County General Fund 101
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a second by **Commissioner Quillen** to approve this request.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, and Yarbrough: (10)**
The following Commissioner voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared that the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
Exhibit 110413-D
- (19) b. Public Libraries Fund 115
Fund 115
Approved
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Quillen** with a second by **Commissioner Miller** to approve this request.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, and Harrelson: (10)**
The following Commissioner voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared that the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
Exhibit 110413-E
- (20) c. County Drug Fund 122
Fund 122
Approved
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a second by **Commissioner Maples** to approve this request.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, and Miller: (10)**
The following Commissioner voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared that the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
Exhibit 110413-F
- (21) d. General Purpose School Fund 141
Fund 141
Approved
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a second by **Commissioner Yarbrough** to approve this request.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, and Jenkins: (10)**
The following Commissioner voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared that the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
Exhibit 110413-G
- (22) e. School Federal Projects Fund 142
Fund 142
Approved
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Yarbrough** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to approve this request.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, and Miller: (10)**
The following Commissioner voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared that the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
Exhibit 110413-H

- (23) f. Central Cafeteria Fund 143
Fund 143 Approved
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Quillen** with a second by **Commissioner Jenkins** to approve this request.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, and Jenkins: (10)**
The following Commissioner voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared that the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
Exhibit 110413-I
- (24) g. General Capital Projects Fund 171
Fund 171 Approved
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Maples** with a second by **Commissioner Meers** to approve this request.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Maples, Quillen, Franke Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, and Meers: (10)**
The following Commissioner voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared that the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
Exhibit 110413-I
- (25) 8. Request Reconsideration of an Amendment Considered at the October 7, \$17,000. Increase in EMA Budget (101-54410).
Increase in EMA Budget Approved
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Quillen** to approve this request.
Commissioner Franke spoke saying there are a lot of pros and cons to this vote and he's spoken to several first responder officials and learned that part of this equipment was two DeFib machines – very good equipment if you're having a heart attack. He said you could keep the trucks and sell them after a year if you find you don't need them. The HumVees can be cannibalized to keep the others running or be sold for scrap metal if necessary and, in this event, the money spent can be recovered and then some. He said this program was valuable to multiple departments.
Commissioner Yarbrough said that she was not present at the last Commission Meeting and had been trying to catch up on this issue. She has concerns that procedures were not followed. She doesn't feel that Commissioners were given enough information in a timely manner to make these decisions. She said she tries to remain open minded and prefers to support first responders and emergency personnel but, again, doesn't feel she has enough information. She said that she would like to postpone this vote and that the County needs to be more transparent. She said that she wants to make a motion to postpone this.
Commissioner Meers expressed his appreciation to **Sheriff Guider and all the Officials** that he's spoken to regarding incidents in the County.
Commissioner Maples spoke to **Don White**, at her initiation, regarding the dive team. She's been going back and forth on how to vote and will vote tonight on what she feels is the right way to go even though she doesn't agree with the process that got us to this point.

Commissioner Miller said he voted against this the last time and he's thought long and hard and spoken to folks and he will vote against it again tonight. He said this doesn't mean he's not supportive of our County law enforcement and first responders. He said he has supported them throughout his Commission tenure and will continue to do so. He stated that he could see how this vote could go either way. He named the equipment acquired and said this was a lot of equipment. He said it was free equipment but there were a lot of associated costs to go with it and that if it was to be ready for a major emergency it would have to be kept always ready to go. He questioned the appropriateness of some of this equipment for such a small county and again reiterated his opinion that this should be done on a regional basis with larger counties taking the lead. He noted that there were several pieces of equipment in this package that could be useful for the County and perhaps the County should keep selective pieces from the group. He concluded that he would like to express that his opinion on this funding was no reflection on **EMA Director, Daryl Smith** and he feels that he has done an outstanding job. He said he has a great deal of respect for him and would like that to go on the record.

Commissioner Duff said that he will vote in favor of this just as he did the last vote because he believes that the County Commission can also be in the life saving business.

Commissioner Harrelson said that he voted against this last vote and wants this to go through the budget process. He noted that he has always supported the EMA.

Commissioner Quillen said that she's lived here her whole life and that she depends on these people and doesn't take them for granted. She feels that she can't tell them what equipment they need and she trusts them and will listen to them. She expressed her appreciation to them for all they do.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Jenkins, Meers, Maples: (7)**

The following Commissioner voted **Nay: Yarbrough, Harrelson, and Miller: (3)**

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

Thereupon the Chairman declared that the motion **Passed: (7, 3, 0)**

(26)
**L.C. Veteran's
Honor Guard
Generosity
Noted**

Commissioner Harrelson read a letter to the Budget Director from the Loudon County Veteran's Honor Guard returning the \$1800. they had received from the County. The letter said that they were doing ok with their finances and would like to return this money so that one of the other units who may need it more than them could have it. There was a round of applause.

Exhibit 110413-K

(27)
**Summary
Financial
Statements
Distributed**

Budget Director, Tracy Blair, requested that records reflect that the Summary Financial Statements for October 31, 2013 have been distributed.

Exhibit 110413-L

(28)
**Notaries
Approved**

Loudon County Commissioner, David Meers, made a **motion** with a second by **Commissioner Maples** to approve the following Notaries: **Allison Cleghorn; Mary Alice Cobb; Alice R. Cubberley; Travis D. McCroskey; Judith Ann Smith; Michelle M Strickland; Gregory E. Summers; and Joseph J. Wallace.**

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

Exhibit 110413-M

(29)
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 the tax payer’s dollars spent for education and the correlation with the achievement of the students. He presented statistics that showed that Loudon County spends 70% of its budget on schools and noted that the major portion of this money goes to administrative costs while Tennessee achievement scores have declined. He said that money isn’t the silver bullet and schools need to rethink how they spend their money.

Director of Schools, Jason Vance, responded that the State testing evaluation results would be out next week and he would be happy to share them with the Commission. He feels that Loudon County is doing very well.

Property Assessor, Mike Campbell, reported that the Tate & Lyle legal initial decision (not final) was that there was “no change in value for three years”. He reported that the Kimberly Clark decision hearing was delayed but they should have at least an initial decision by the end of the year and that it was moving in the same direction as the Tate & Lyle decision. He noted that the final decision on Tate & Lyle should be out by the end of the month.

Commissioner Miller congratulated Mike and everyone who’s worked on these issues and asked what this represented financially and the response was about one point six million dollars for both cases for three years.

Commissioner Duff said that as an ex-Superintendent of Schools he could support **Director Vance’s** position that there is a direct correlation between funding and test scores because with enough money you can hire the best teachers and provide the best classrooms and the test scores will improve. He cited his first budget experience as a Superintendent of Schools saying that he was confronted with the same arguments but was able to use the funding to improve the schools and the test scores every year that he served and that it could be done!

Commissioner Yarbrough thanked **Deputy Court Clerk, Phyllis Youngblood** for providing the new Loudon County Boards/Commissions Handbook to the Mayor and Commissioners.

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

(30)
Adjournment

There being no further business, a **motion** being duly made and seconded, the November 4, 2013 County Commission Meeting stood adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

COUNTY MAYOR