

LOUDON COUNTY COMMISSION

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF LOUDON

December 2, 2013

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 December, 2013. The **Honorable Roy Bledsoe** called the meeting to order.
- Commissioner Franke** 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: **Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, and Miller: (9)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: Jenkins: (1)**
Thereupon **Chairman Bledsoe** announced the presence of a quorum.
Present was the **Honorable Mayor Estelle Herron**.
- (3) **Agenda Adopted As Amended** **Chairman Bledsoe** requested that the December 2, 2013 Agenda be adopted. **Mayor Herron** requested adding to the Agenda Consideration of Approval of a Budget Amendment for up to \$800,000. from the AFT Fund for roof repairs and renovation of the Tech Center under the Budget Director's items.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Quillen** with a second by **Commissioner Meers** to adopt the Agenda as amended.
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.
- (4) **Minutes for Nov 4, 2013 Comm Mtg Approved** **Chairman Bledsoe** requested that the November 4, 2013 County Commission Meeting Minutes be approved and accepted.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Quillen** to approve these minutes.
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.
- (5) **Comments: Agenda Items** **Chairman Bledsoe** asked that any visitor wishing to address the Commission regarding items on the planned Agenda come forward.
No One came forward.

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

(6)
Board
Appointments
Approved

1. Request Consideration and Approval of Appointment Resolutions for the Following Boards/Committees:
 - a. Loudon County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
 - b. Loudon County Visitor's Bureau Board

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

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

Resolutions 120213-A & B

(7)
Letter to
TDOT
Approved

County Commissioner, David Meers, requested consideration of approval of sending a letter to **TDOT** exploring the possibility of expanding Old Highway 72 to the Roane County Line.

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

Commissioner Meers said that this would be a Letter of Inquiry and would involve about a five mile stretch of road. Discussion included **Commissioner Miller** suggesting **TPO** funding explaining that the County is a member and that **TPO** has funds available and is looking for projects and this would be a good way to fund this project. **Commissioner Yarbrough** suggested we look at other County roads and develop a prioritized list for use of these funds. **Commissioner Miller** responded that this had already been done. **Roads Commissioner Eddie Simpson** said that they've looked at several areas but that right now **TPO** is working on intersections. There was general discussion of several places where road improvements are needed. He said they have a prioritized list but the County has used up the **TPO** funds previously received. There was discussion of the capability for emergency vehicles to have remote control of traffic lights for emergencies and how important this capability is. There was discussion of Muddy Creek Road and that the work schedule calls for going out for bids on this project by the end of December. **Mayor Herron** reported that she had received a phone call earlier today and she should receive the paperwork on this by tomorrow or Wednesday.

Chairman Bledsoe asked for a vote on the **motion**.

Upon voice vote the motion was **Approved** unanimously.

Exhibit 120213-C

Loudon County Budget Director – Tracy Blair

(8)
Engineering Fees
for Roof Repairs
For Tech Center
Approved

1. Request Consideration of Approval of an Amendment in the Education Capital Projects Fund 177 – AFT for Engineering Fees Associated with Roof Repair at the Loudon County Technology Center.

This would be a \$30,000. expenditure for Architectural and Engineering work on this project which would come from the Adequate Facilities Tax.

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

Discussion included **Mayor Herron's** response to a question regarding the total cost of the roof repairs. She said that the first estimates were around \$400K for the roof. The estimates for the building renovations are now about \$40. per square foot based on a total space of 5,000 sq ft. She reported that recent inspections showed that the building was very sound, the wiring was good, and the bathroom facilities were in good shape. The current estimates for the internal renovations of the building are \$200-\$250K – separate from the roof repairs. She said that the foundation still needed to be inspected to insure that it was sound and there's a test to do this which will be conducted. **Commissioner Quillen** commented that the front of the building needed to be made more attractive and **Mayor Herron** responded that she agreed and was working on this. She has made plans for improvements to its appearance as well as provide signage in appropriate places to guide visitors to the facility.

Chairman Bledsoe asked for a vote on the **motion**.

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

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

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

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

(9)
Budget
Amendment
for Tech
Center
Renovations
Deferred for
Future
Discussion

2. Request Consideration of Approval of a Budget Amendment for up to \$800K from the Education Capital Projects Fund 177 AFT Subfund for Roof Repairs and Renovation of the Tech Center.

Commissioner Miller said that he was confused. **Mayor Herron** explained that the up to \$800K was an estimate of what the total renovations to the Tech Center might cost – both roof and building renovations. **Commissioner Miller** expressed his desire to keep these items separate regarding funding. There was discussion which resulted in a **motion** by **Commissioner Yarbrough** with a second by **Commissioner Miller** to defer consideration of this request until after further discussion by the Budget Committee at its next meeting, which will be followed by a Commission Meeting where it could be reconsidered, in two weeks. **Mr. McDonald** was asked whether or not their engineering study report would be ready in two weeks and he responded that he thought so but could not be sure.

Chairman Bledsoe asked for a vote on the **motion**.

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

(10)
**Application/
Acceptance
Of Homeland
Security Grant
Approved**

3. Request Consideration of Approval of Application/Acceptance of a \$12,500.00 Homeland Security Grant; no Matching Funds Required.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Harrelson** with a second by **Commissioner Quillen** to approve this request.
Chairman Bledsoe asked for a vote on the **motion**.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Meers, and Maples: (9)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioner was **Absent: Jenkins: (1)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9,0,1)**

(11)
**Summary
Financial
Statements
Distributed**

Budget Director, Tracy Blair, requested that records reflect that the Summary Financial Statements for November 2013 have been distributed.
Exhibit 120213-D

(12)
**Notaries
Approved**

Loudon County Commissioner, David Meers, made a **motion** with a second by **Commissioner Maples** to approve the following Notaries: ***Eugenia J. Chapman; Deborah V. Christian; Michelle Coggins; Doug Davis; Jessica Green; Zachary P. Helton; Staci Antoinette Monroe; Jan Parks; Darren A. Searle; James R. Thomason; Barbara Annette White; and Joyce Williams.***
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.
Exhibit 120213-E

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

Chairman Bledsoe asked that any visitor wishing to address the Commission regarding items not on the Agenda come forward.
No One came forward.

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

(14)
Adjournment

There being no further business, a **motion** being duly made and seconded, the December 2, 2013 County Commission Meeting stood adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

COUNTY MAYOR