

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF LOUDON
March 2, 2015
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 March, 2015. The **Honorable Steve Harrelson** 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.
- (2) **Roll Call** Present were the following Commissioners: **Brewster, Meers, Maples, Tinker, Satterfield, Bradshaw, Harrelson, Duff, Shaver, and Cullen: (10)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon **Chairman Harrelson** announced the presence of a quorum.
Present was the **Honorable Mayor Rollen “Buddy” Bradshaw**.
- (3) **Agenda Adopted** **Chairman Harrelson** requested that the March 2, 2015 Agenda be adopted. A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a **second** by **Commissioner Bradshaw** to adopt the agenda as presented.
- (4) **Minutes for Feb 2, 2015 Comm Mtg Approved** **Chairman Harrelson** requested that the February 2, 2015 County Commission Meeting Minutes be approved and accepted.
Commissioner Cullen made a request on behalf of one of his constituents to amend the constituent’s comments at the end of that meeting to include more information. A motion was then made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a second by **Commissioner Cullen** to approve these minutes as amended.
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.
- (5) **Comments By Members of General Public** **Chairman Harrelson** asked that any visitor wishing to address the Commission come forward.
Richard Truitt spoke to express his objection to the change in the Commission Meeting Agendas to provide public speaking at the beginning of the meeting only.
Richard Anklin said that his comments in the Minutes for the February Commission Meeting didn’t include all that he said and he would like them amended. He said that currently if you wanted to move money back from an appropriation you would need a new resolution. He suggests that you put both actions into one resolution to cover both instances. He also spoke about the Jail Study Committee’s consideration of solutions to the County’s overcrowding problems and offered suggestions to consider in their deliberations. He then spoke about the change to the Commission Meeting Agenda saying that he had reviewed the County Rules and Procedures revised in May 2003 and that he had expected a vote on the proposed changes would happen at a Commission Meeting. He said that while the rules say that “The Chairman has the authority and responsibility for the content and form of the agenda” he disagrees that this is the case and that statutes require that all changes be transacted by a majority vote of the entire body. He also said that a Workshop Meeting is not where decisions are made.

David Twiggs spoke about the Commission's decision allowing gun carrying in County Buildings. He distributed a flier and said that he is not anti-gun he just wants common sense to prevail. He said he has no problem with concealed carry.

Shirley Harrison from the 5th District said that she's a First Amendment to Constitution advocate and she's upset about the Commission Workshop decision regarding speaking at Commission meetings.

Bob Miles said he's a NRA member and a member of various gun clubs and he has a concealed gun carry permit and that it's safe for people like him to carry firearms.

Pat Hunter spoke against the decision to approve retention of the County's current insurance carrier and feels there are cheaper plans out there. She also objected to the change in public speakers at the Commission Meetings and said that the deliberation process must be a public process.

Larry Anderson from the 5th District also had a problem with the retention of the County's current insurance broker. **Commissioner Meers** responded by explaining the process the Purchasing Committee went through and said that he would be happy to provide him with the documents the Purchasing Committee used to make their decision.

Brad Nizer said that he is a Chamber of Commerce member and he came to the meeting to thank the Commission for what they do on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce.

Linda Noe, Attorney for Mr. Truitt, expressed her concern about the public speaking change at Commission meetings and asked why the Commission would do that without letting the public know what they were doing and she asked for an explanation of why the Commission did this and why they're not doing it properly.

Lisa Bridges asked about the Purchasing Committee putting out calls for bids from Insurance Brokers and former Loudon County Purchasing Director and currently County Commissioner Bradshaw responded to her questions.

Commissioner Maples spoke to say that she had no idea that **Chairman Harrelson** was going to bring up this change in procedures and she didn't know about it. She doesn't think there was any intent to hide this from the public and **Commissioner Duff** echoed her comments and suggested that maybe the Commission should vote on this change.

Commissioner Brewster said that she thinks it should be brought back to the Workshop Meeting and then voted on.

Commissioner Meers said that he didn't know anything about this change either.

Commissioner Shaver noted that the first 46 minutes of this meeting have been public comments.

Chairman Harrelson said the Commissioners didn't know this was going to be on the agenda. He thought this was a good thing for the public that would allow them to come to the meetings and speak up front on anything on their minds and then go home if they wanted to. He noted that he's not going to limit time on anyone. He also said that as Chairman he has the authority to oversee the Agendas according to the County Attorney. He thinks our procedures need to be addressed since they haven't been updated since 2003. He assured everyone that there will be "no backdoor meetings".

Commissioner Shaver noted that several of our current commissioners were on the Commission the last time this procedure was changed. At that time the speaker times were split for up front and then at the end. He agreed that the Chairman has the authority to change the agenda. He said that there are “no secret meetings” and that the Commission is here to do the best they can do. He said that these blanket statements from the public were offensive.

Mayor Bradshaw said that the Chairman wanted this change with good intention and the public is being unfair. He did what he thought was right.

Due to length of the public speaking a short recess was called.

**(6)
Removal of
Non-Existing
Part of
Barkmoor Dr.
Approved**

Loudon County Road’s Superintendent, Eddie Simpson

1. Request Approval of Removal of a Non-existing Part of Barkmoor Drive.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a **second** by **Commissioner Shaver** to approve this request.
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.
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**(7)
Retention of
Carriage Hill
Insurance
Approved**

Loudon County Commissioner, David Meers

1. Request Consideration of Approval of a Purchasing Committee Recommendation to Retain the County’s Current Insurance Broker – Carriage Hill Insurance.
Following discussion a **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a **second** by **Commissioner Duff** to approve this request.
Upon Roll Call Vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Maples, Tinker, Satterfield, Bradshaw, Harrelson, Duff, Shaver, Cullen, and Brewster: (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, requested consideration and possible action on the following items:

**(8)
Bullet Proof
Vest Grant
Approved**

1. Request Consideration of Approval of a Recommendation to Approve Application/ Acceptance of a Bullet Proof Vest Grant; up to \$74,500; 50% Required Match from County Drug Fund 122.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a **second** by **Commissioner Tinker** to approve this request.
Upon Roll Call Vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Maples, Tinker, Satterfield, Bradshaw, Harrelson, Duff, Shaver, Cullen, Brewster, and Meers: (10)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
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- (9)**
Governor's Highway Safety Office Grant Approved
2. Request Consideration of Approval of a Recommendation to Approve Application/ Acceptance of Governor's Highway Safety Office Grant for Night-time Seat Belt Usage; \$10,000 per year for three years; no matching funds required.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Cullen** with a **second** by **Commissioner Brewster** to approve this request.
Upon Roll Call Vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Tinker, Satterfield, Bradshaw, Harrelson, Duff, Shaver, Cullen, Brewster, Meers, and Maples: (10)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
- (10)**
Pettway Grant Application Approved
3. Request Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve Application for a Pettway Grant; no matching funds required.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Brewster** with a **second** by **Commissioner Bradshaw** to approve this request.
Upon Roll Call Vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Satterfield, Bradshaw, Harrelson, Duff, Shaver, Cullen, Brewster, Meers, Maples and Tinker: (10)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
- (11)**
Donations to Project Lifesaver Approved
4. Request Consideration of Approval of a Recommendation to Approve a Resolution to Accept Donations to Loudon County Project Lifesaver – Loudon County Sheriff's Department.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Cullen** with a **second** by **Commissioner Shaver** to approve this request.
Upon Roll Call Vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Bradshaw, Harrelson, Duff, Shaver, Cullen, Brewster, Meers, Maples, Tinker, and Satterfield: (10)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
Resolution 030215-C
- (12)**
Donations to Loudon County Text-a-Tip Approved
5. Request Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve a Resolution to Accept Donations to Loudon County Text-a-Tip – Loudon County Sheriff's Department,
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Satterfield** with a **second** by **Commissioner Bradshaw** to approve this request.
Upon Roll Call Vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Harrelson, Duff, Shaver, Cullen, Brewster, Meers, Maples, Tinker, Satterfield, and Bradshaw: (10)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
Resolution 030215-D

(13)
Donations to
Loudon County
Community
Awareness
Approved

6. Request Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve a Resolution to Accept Donations to Loudon County Community Awareness – Loudon County Sheriff's Department.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Brewster** with a **second** by **Commissioner Cullen** to approve this request.

Upon Roll Call Vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Duff, Shaver, Cullen, Brewster, Meers, Maples, Tinker, Satterfield, Bradshaw, and Harrelson: (10)**

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

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

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

Resolution 030215-E

7. Request Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve Amendments to the Following Funds:

(14)
Fund 101
Approved

- a. County General Fund 101

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a **second** by **Commissioner Tinker** to approve this request.

Upon Roll Call Vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Shaver, Cullen, Brewster, Meers, Maples, Tinker, Satterfield, Bradshaw, Harrelson, and Duff: (10)**

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

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

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

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(15)
Fund 131
Approved

- b. Highway Department Fund 131

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a **second** by **Commissioner Tinker** to approve this request.

Upon Roll Call Vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Cullen, Brewster, Meers, Maples, Tinker, Satterfield, Bradshaw, Harrelson, Duff, and Shaver: (10)**

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

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

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

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(16)
Fund 141
Approved

- c. General Purpose School Fund 141

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Cullen** with a **second** by **Commissioner Bradshaw** to approve this request.

Upon Roll Call Vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Brewster, Meers, Maples, Tinker, Satterfield, Bradshaw, Harrelson, Duff, Shaver, and Cullen: (10)**

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

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

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

Commissioners Brewster and Tinker delivered conflict of interest statements prior to their vote on this item.

Exhibit 030215-H

- (17) Fund 143 Approved d. Central Cafeteria Fund 143
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Tinker** with a **second** by **Commissioner Bradshaw** to approve this request.
Upon Roll Call Vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Maples, Satterfield, Bradshaw, Harrelson, Duff, Shaver, Cullen, and Brewster: (9)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9, 0, 0)**
Commissioner Brewster delivered a conflict of interest statement prior to her vote on this item. **Commissioner Tinker** inadvertently omitted his conflict of interest statement and therefore withdrew his vote.
Exhibit 030215-I
- (18) Summary Financial Statements & Budget Comm Minutes Distributed **Budget Director, Tracy Blair**, requested that the record reflects that Summary Financial Statements for February 28, 2015 and Budget Committee Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2015 have been distributed.
Exhibits 030215-J & K
- (19) Notaries Approved **Loudon County Commissioner, David Meers**, made a **motion** with a second by **Commissioner Shaver** to approve the following Notaries: *Yvette K. Arnold; Brittani Clements; Abby Clendenen; Shannon Cook; Malia D. Hodge; Ann C. Pass; Ramona M. Sutton; Mac Tobler; Leigh Anne Waldrop; and Jody R. Yates.*
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.
Exhibit 030215-L
- (20) Mayor Bradshaw Comments Before the meeting was called to order **Mayor Bradshaw** distributed copies of the Veteran's Affairs Officer's Monthly Report for February 2015 to the Commissioners. At the end of the meeting **Mayor Bradshaw** commented on the difficult weather conditions over the past couple of weeks and thanked everyone for all the work they did to keep the County operating during this time. He thanked Chip Miller for keeping his office open to the public so they could pay their property taxes.
Exhibit 030215-M
- (21) Adjournment There being no further business, a **motion** being duly made and seconded, the March 2, 2015 County Commission Meeting stood adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

COUNTY MAYOR