

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Quarterly County Court of Loudon County met on November 12, 1973, in an adjourned session, at 7:00 P. M. with the Honorable Harvey L. Sproul, County Judge, presiding and with Mrs. Addie Ruth Clarke and Mr. Edward Alexander, Clerk of said Court, present; whereupon Sheriff Russell led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened Court.

Upon roll call the following Squires were present:

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| J. J. Blair  | Curtis A. Williams |
| I. D. Conner | Henry C. Foster    |
| J. G. Hudson | R. P. Hamilton     |
| Roy Bledsoe  | James M. Hartsook  |

Absent was:

Boyd Duckworth

The Chair declared a quorum present.

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OPEN DISCUSSION

Judge Sproul explained that this was an adjourned session of the regular meeting of the Loudon County Quarterly Court held over from November 5, 1973.

INDUSTRIAL  
CONDEMNATION

During the open discussion session, William J. Bryant, President of the Loudon County Farm Bureau, read a letter from the Farm Bureau, a copy of which is attached to these minutes as Exhibit A, urging the Quarterly Court to be very cautious about condemning private property for industrial purposes. Others in the matter were present but none spoke.

SCHOOL BOARD

Other citizens were present to support drawing a Private Act that would provide for a referendum to decide whether or not the School Board members should be elected by popular vote.

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SCHOOL BUS REPORT

Superintendent Dukes explained that he had done some investigation into the question of the County owning its own school buses, and found that of the surrounding Counties which were contracting for the operation of school buses most were satisfied and felt they were getting better service although it might cost a little more. Some others who operated their own school buses were having labor problems, and Superintendent Dukes also explained that the Commissioner of Education had indicated some interest in the State taking over the operation of all school buses on a State-wide basis. Accordingly, he felt that some caution should be taken in proceeding along this line at the present time.

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Some discussion was carried out concerning the question of popular election of School Board members, and after some discussion it was moved by Squire Blair, that the County Judge appoint a committee to make a recommendation as to a possible bill at the next Court meeting. There being no second the Chair declared that the motion failed.

SCHOOL BOARD  
APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE  
TO DRAW PROPOSED  
PRIVATE ACT

After some additional discussion Squire Blair again moved that the County Judge appoint a committee of nine persons composed of three persons from the County Court, three School Board members, and three citizens, and that they draw a proposed Act that they feel would cover all it needs to cover and would be best for the County, to include making the necessary provisions for the election of the School Board members by popular vote, with the committee to bring back the proposed Bill for further consideration by the Quarterly Court as to whether or not it would request the passage of this particular Bill. The motion was seconded by Squire Hudson, and after some discussion, the roll-call vote was as follows:

Aye:

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| Foster   | Hudson   |
| Blair    | Williams |
| Hartsook | Bledsoe  |

No:

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| Conner | Hamilton |
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Absent:

Duckworth

The Chair declared the motion adopted and stated that he would appoint the committee as soon as possible and would attempt to have a recommendation to the Court by the December meeting.

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PHILADELPHIA  
INDUSTRIAL PARK  
POSTPONED

In reference to the question of condemnation of 59 acres of land for the Philadelphia industrial park, Squire Bledsoe stated that there was a possibility of some agreement with the landowner concerning this and requested that the matter go over to the next Court meeting.

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MAP-REPRODUCING  
MACHINE AUTHORIZED

It was moved by Squire Foster, seconded by Squire Hudson, that the Quarterly Court authorize the purchase of a map-reproducing machine to be used in the Property Assessor's office, thereby enabling the County to regain possession of the cronar's from the State Property Assessment Office in Nashville and enabling the County to do its own work, with the Purchasing Committee to be responsible for making the decision whether or not to buy or rent the machine and take the proper steps under law as to making the arrangements for this, and that the appropriation be from General Revenue Sharing, the cost not to exceed \$1650.00, with the committee further to have the responsibility of declaring the charge to be made for making copies of maps for all requests other than for a County purpose.


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ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD  
ESTABLISHED

Civil Defense Director Ted Randolph commented that even in the last week since his discussion concerning the energy crisis that things had grown worse and that it appeared more and more that drastic measures were going to have to be taken to conserve fuel, heat and energy during the coming months and recommended that an Energy Advisory Board be established to study the problem and make recommendations to the proper City and County Agencies. It was moved by Squire Conner, seconded by Squire Hartsook, and unanimously approved that an Energy Advisory Board be formed with each of the municipalities requested to designate one representative on the Board, the County to designate one member, and each School Board to designate one member, with the Civil Defense Director to serve as an Advisor, Co-ordinator, and Secretary to the Board.

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It was moved by Squire Blair, seconded by Squire Hudson, and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 P. M.

  
Approved

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## LOUDON COUNTY FARM BUREAU



LOUDON, TENNESSEE 37774

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### RESOLUTION OF THE LOUDON COUNTY FARM BUREAU

We, the Loudon County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, petition you, the Quarterly County Court of Loudon County, not to exercise your right of eminent domain to condemn and take property for the purposes of locating private industrial plants.

The Quarterly County Court is the governing body of our county charged with the responsibility of governing Loudon County in the interest and protection of the citizens. As the governing body you are granted by law and the constitution certain authorities. One of the most important authorities granted you, and one which we believe should be exercised with extreme care and guarded as a sacred trust, is the right of eminent domain or the right to condemn and take privately owned property for a purpose in the public good. We understand the exercise of this authority for schools, roads, hospitals, and the like, but we question the wisdom of exercising this important authority to take private property from one private use to put into another private use. A transaction between a willing buyer and a willing seller is one thing but when either is unwilling and the power of government is used to force the will of the other in private enterprise matters, it is little short of confiscation of property, the usurpation of power, and the use of eminent domain for purposes never intended. Such use of the power of eminent domain makes one wonder whose property next will be taken and for what purpose in the name of public need.

We urge you as a governing body to look seriously at the justification of the use of this power at any time. Use wisely this power so sacredly entrusted to you.

*Received  
of Farm Bureau*

*Exhibit A*