

Be it remembered that the Quarterly County Court of Loudon County met on Monday, February 16, 1976 at 7:00 P. M. in an adjourned session. The Honorable William H. Russell presided and Mrs. Addie Ruth Clarke, Deputy Clerk of said Court was present. Chief Deputy Sheriff, Luke Bright opened Court.

The following Squires were present:

J. J. Blair	Roy Bledsoe
I. D. Conner	Curtis Williams
R. P. Hamilton	Boyd Duckworth
J. G. Hudson	Terry G. Vann
James Hartsook	

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Judge Russell recognized School Superintendent Edward Headlee, for a report on the development of the school building program. Mr. Headlee discussed the recommendation made by the County School Board which preceeded this Court meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION REPORT

Mr. J. B. Hagler of the Loudon County School Board reported on a meeting with the State Commissioner of Education, Mr. Ingram, Mr. Hassell Evans of the State Board of Education, and Mr. Leonard Lyles and Mr. Ted Randolph of the County School Board. Mr. Hagler reported that the Commissioner expected the Court to initiate a long range (six or seven year) program to bring the County School System up to State standards. Mr. Hagler reported that a letter of commitment would be needed for the Commissioner to approve or disapprove.

Mr. Headlee then reported on the recommendation made by the Loudon County School Board for a \$3,500,000.00 building program. The Board's recommendations are attached hereto as Exhibit

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Mr. Tommy Ayers, Bond Consultant from Cumberland Securities Company, presented a report on the estimates of the effect of a \$3,500,000.00 bond issue on Loudon County property tax rate. His report is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Squire Hudson requested information on the financial position of Loudon County if a bond issue in the amount of \$4,000,000.00 was approved.

Mr. Ayers discussed the ratio of debt to assessed that the current ratio is 8.3% and the ratio would approach the maximum level for retaining an "A" rating after the school bonds are sold. Mr. Ayers reported that \$17,000.00 to \$25,000.00 per year could be lost if the County failed to maintain an "A" rating.

Mr. Headlee reported that detailed plans could not be prepared for several months. Mr.

McMurry, architect for the school building proposals, reported that construction contracts could be prepared in three or four months.

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Squire Duckworth requested a five minute recess.

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Judge Russell returned the Court to session and recognized Squire Bledsoe.

Squire Bledsoe then made a motion that Phase I of the proposed building program be funded in the following amounts:

Eaton - Highland Park (area school)	\$1,250,000.00
Loudon City School	\$1,250,000.00
Philadelphia (renovation & construction)	\$750,000.00
Greenback (renovation & construction)	\$750,000.00

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL  
BUILDING PROGRAM

The motion made by Squire Bledsoe was then seconded by Squire Hudson.

After consideration discussion by County Court, County School Board Members, and staff members of the State Department of Education. Squire Conner moved that the motion made by Squire Bledsoe be tabled. His motion was seconded by Squire Blair and the following vote resulted:

Voting AYE to table the motion:

Squire Blair  
Squire Conner  
Squire Vann  
Squire Hartsook

Voting NAY not to table the motion:

Squire Bledsoe  
Squire Duckworth  
Squire Williams  
Squire Hudson  
Squire Hamilton

The following vote then resulted in the approval of the motion made by Squire Bledsoe, seconded by Squire Hudson.

AYE

NAY

Squire Bledsoe  
Squire Duckworth  
Squire Williams  
Squire Hudson  
Squire Hamilton

Squire Blair  
Squire Conner  
Squire Vann  
Squire Hartsook

Squire Conner then suggested that the building program be limited to renovation between now and 1981 and that the renovation be funded with Revenue Sharing Funds and a 1/4 cent sales tax increase. No further action was taken on this since no motion was made.

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Mr. Randy McGill, Administrative Assistant, reported on the proposed private acts and resolutions which would provide additional revenues.

Squire Hartsook and Squire Conner expressed opposition to a proposed "wheel tax".

"CIGARETTE TAX" DISCUSSION

Squire Blair then made a motion to impose a tax, up to five cents per pack, on cigarettes. His motion was seconded by Squire Hamilton and received unanimous approval.

Judge Russell reported that a private act would be drafted and brought before County Court at the next regular session.

"WHEEL TAX" DISCUSSION

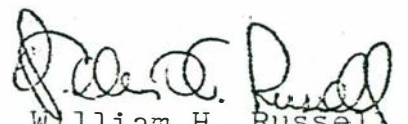
Squire Blair then moved that a "wheel tax" be approved with the amount to be determined by the County Court. His motion failed for the lack of a second.

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Squire Hamilton then requested that each Court Member review the information provided on the Tennessee Uniform Road Act and that the proposals for the Loudon County Highway Department Legislation be placed on the agenda for the March 1, 1976 County Court Meeting.

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Upon motion of Squire Blair, seconded by Squire Hudson, and with unanimous approval, the Loudon County Quarterly Court adjourned.

  
William H. Russell  
COUNTY JUDGE

Edward Alexander  
COUNTY COURT CLERK

REQUEST FOR COUNTY-WIDE SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAM

PHASE 1 (1976 - 1977)

1. New Middle School - Loudon	\$1,250.000
2. New Middle School - Eaton/Highland Park	\$1,250.000
3. Philadelphia School - renovation/construction	\$500,000
4. Greenback School - renovation/construction	<u>\$500,000</u>
TOTAL INITIAL REQUEST	\$3,500.000

PHASE II (to be completed within a six to seven-year period)

1. Eaton School - renovate/remodel for grades K-5.
2. Greenback School - complete work begun in Phase I; grades K-12.
3. Highland Park School - renovate/remodel for grades K-5.
4. Loudon Jr. High - add classrooms, library, playroom, etc to permit K-5 grades.
5. Philadelphia School - complete work begun in Phase I; grades K-8.
6. Steekee School - add classrooms, library, teacher work area for grades K-5.



PROPOSED ISSUE OF

\$5,250,000

LOUDON COUNTY SCHOOL BONDS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30	PRESENT DEBT OF \$2,940,000 + INTEREST	LESS P&I PAYABLE FROM CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDS	LESS P&I PAYABLE FROM HOTEL AND SALES TAXES	EST. P&I FOR \$600,000 ROAD BONDS	EST. P&I PAYABLE FROM TAX LEVY	ESTIMATED P&I FOR \$5,250,000 BONDS			EST. P&I PAYABLE FROM TAX LEVY	ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY REQUIRED
						PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL		
1976	\$ 430,511	\$ 41,234	\$ 49,575	\$	\$ 339,702	\$	\$	\$	\$ 339,702	
1977	453,325	45,140	73,825	61,000	395,360		367,500	367,500	762,860	.93
1978	450,157	43,890	72,325	59,500	393,442	25,000	367,500	392,500	785,942	.95
1979	470,700	42,640	95,075	58,000	390,985	50,000	365,750	415,750	806,735	.96
1980	434,915	41,490	92,075	56,500	357,850	75,000	362,250	437,250	795,100	.96
1981	346,377	45,303	89,075	80,000	291,999	100,000	357,000	457,000	748,999	.96
1982	154,390	43,952	110,438	77,000	77,000	100,000	350,000	450,000	527,000	
1983	148,940	42,552	106,388	74,000	74,000	200,000	343,000	543,000	617,000	
1984	148,495	45,970	102,525	96,000	96,000	200,000	329,000	529,000	625,000	
1985	142,787	44,200	98,587	91,500	91,500	250,000	315,000	565,000	656,500	
1986	166,132	47,232	118,900	112,000	112,000	250,000	297,500	547,500	659,500	
1987	158,580	45,080	113,500	106,000	106,000	300,000	280,000	580,000	686,000	
1988	150,993	42,893	108,100			300,000	259,000	559,000	559,000	
1989	143,370	40,670	102,700			350,000	238,000	588,000	588,000	
1990	38,412	38,412				350,000	213,500	563,500	563,500	
1991	36,137	36,137				400,000	189,000	589,000	589,000	
1992						400,000	161,000	561,000	561,000	
1993						450,000	133,000	583,000	583,000	
1994						450,000	101,500	551,500	551,500	
1995						500,000	70,000	570,000	570,000	
1996						500,000	35,000	535,000	535,000	
	\$3,874,221	\$686,795	\$1,333,088	\$871,500	\$2,725,838	\$5,250,000	\$5,134,500	\$10,384,500	\$13,110,338	

ASSUMPTIONS

- (1) Interest on \$600,000 Road Bonds - 6.00%
- (2) Interest on \$5,250,000 School Bonds - 7.00%
- (3) 5% annual growth in assessments at 92% collection rate. The 1975-76 fiscal year assessment on property in Loudon County is \$40,712,502.

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Exhibit B

SCHEDULE 1  
PROPOSED ISSUE OF

\$3,500,000

LOUDON COUNTY RURAL SCHOOL BONDS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30	PRESENT DEBT OF \$2,940,000 + INTEREST	LESS P&I PAYABLE FROM CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDS	LESS P&I PAYABLE FROM HOTEL AND SALES TAXES	EST. P&I FOR \$600,000 ROAD BONDS	EST. P&I PAYABLE FROM TAX LEVY	ESTIMATED P&I FOR \$3,500,000 BONDS			EST. P&I PAYABLE FROM TAX LEVY	ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY REQUIRED
						PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL		
1976	\$ 430,511	\$ 41,234	\$ 49,575	\$	\$ 339,702	\$	\$	\$	\$ 339,702	
1977	453,325	45,140	73,825	61,000	395,360		245,000	245,000	640,360	.74
1978	450,157	43,890	72,325	59,500	393,442	25,000	245,000	270,000	663,442	.78
1979	470,700	42,640	95,075	58,000	390,985	50,000	243,250	293,250	684,235	.81
1980	434,915	41,490	92,075	56,500	357,850	75,000	239,750	314,750	672,600	.83
1981	346,377	45,303	89,075	80,000	291,999	100,000	234,500	334,500	626,499	.83
1982	154,390	43,952	110,438	77,000	77,000	100,000	227,500	327,500	404,500	
1983	148,940	42,552	106,388	74,000	74,000	100,000	220,500	320,500	394,500	
1984	148,495	45,970	102,525	96,000	96,000	150,000	213,500	363,500	459,500	
1985	142,787	44,200	98,587	91,500	91,500	150,000	203,000	353,000	444,500	
1986	166,132	47,232	118,900	112,000	112,000	150,000	192,500	342,500	454,500	
1987	158,580	45,080	113,500	106,000	106,000	200,000	182,000	382,000	488,000	
1988	150,993	42,893	108,100			200,000	168,000	368,000	368,000	
1989	143,370	40,670	102,700			200,000	154,000	354,000	354,000	
1990	38,412	38,412				200,000	140,000	340,000	340,000	
1991	36,137	36,137				300,000	126,000	426,000	426,000	
1992						300,000	105,000	405,000	405,000	
1993						300,000	84,000	384,000	384,000	
1994						300,000	63,000	363,000	363,000	
1995						300,000	42,000	342,000	342,000	
1996						300,000	21,000	321,000	321,000	
	<u>\$3,874,221</u>	<u>\$686,795</u>	<u>\$1,333,088</u>	<u>\$871,500</u>	<u>\$2,725,838</u>	<u>\$3,500,000</u>	<u>\$3,349,500</u>	<u>\$6,849,500</u>	<u>\$9,575,338</u>	

ASSUMPTIONS

- (1) Interest on \$600,000 Road Bonds - 6.00%
- (2) Interest on \$3,500,000 Rural School Bonds - 7.00%
- (3) 5% annual growth in assessments at 92% collection rate. The 1975-76 fiscal year assessment on property outside of Lenoir City is \$34,122,309.