

**SPECIAL CALLED  
COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

**DECEMBER 16, 1996**

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(1)  
Call to order,  
Roll Call,  
Invocation

Be it remembered that the Loudon County Legislative Body met in regular session on December 16, 1996, at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex, with the Chairman Roy Bledsoe presiding. County Court Clerk, Riley D. Wampler, and County Executive George Miller were present, whereupon Sheriff Tim Guider opened Court and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Hank McGhee gave the Invocation. On Roll Call the following Commissioners were present:

Randolph	Bivens	Maples
Ledbetter	Masingo	Bledsoe
Duff	Park	Twiggs

(2)  
Election of  
Successor for  
Ralph Wear

Chairman Bledsoe opened the floor to accept nominations for the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Ralph Wear, Registrar of Deeds. Commissioner Bivens nominated Mrs. Bonnie Wear for the position. No other nominations were voiced for consideration. Motion made by Commissioner Randolph and seconded by Commissioner Park to elect by acclamation Mrs. Bonnie Wear to finish the remaining term of Mr. Ralph Wear as Registrar of Deeds for Loudon County.

Roll call vote:

Randolph	yes	Bivens	yes	Maples	yes
Ledbetter	yes	Masingo	yes	Bledsoe	yes
Duff	yes	Park	yes	Twiggs	yes

9--yes, Motion carried.

Ms. Bonnie Wear spoke thanking the ~~commission~~ Commission for their vote of confidence in electing her to fill the position of the Registrar of Deeds for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Mr. Ralph Wear spoke thanking the Commission and the County for the opportunity to serve the people of Loudon for many years.

Commissioner Randolph spoke in appreciation of Mr. Ralph Wear and the good job he has done for the County.

(3)  
Juvenile Center  
Design &  
Development  
Plan

Commissioner Duff spoke on behalf of the Capital Projects Committee and Budget Committee. They recommend that the County obtain a design and development study plan from engineers for additions to the Juvenile Center. The plan should be for the construction of at least four rooms. Commissioner Duff indicated the need for the extension of the sewer system to the Ambulance Service and Juvenile Center due to the probability of additional construction in that area.

Commissioner Duff made a motion to proceed with the extension of the sewer system to the Juvenile Center and to obtain planning studies from engineers for the design and development of additions to the Juvenile Center. Upon completion of the design and development plans, the proposal will come back before the County Commission for approval of the construction and its costs.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ledbetter.

Roll call vote:

Randolph	yes	Bivens	no	Maples	yes
Ledbetter	yes	Masingo	yes	Bledsoe	yes
Duff	yes	Park	abstain	Twiggs	yes

7--yes, 1--no, 1--abstain. Motion carried.

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(4)  
Allison Beltz  
comments.

Allison Beltz requested to speak on behalf of the Loudon County Chamber of Commerce. She reminded the Commissioners that she was still waiting for seven of them to appoint two representatives from their district to serve on the Quality Council Committee. She has extended the deadline in expectation that each Commissioner will complete this assignment.

(5)  
Old Nat.  
Guard  
Armory  
property  
update

Mr. Miller updated the commission on the negotiations with the City of Lenoir City to buy their interest in the Old National Guard Armory property. He said the cost would be less than 50% of the appraised price or approximately \$42,000. He stated he should be able to let the commission know at the January meeting the status of the purchase.

(6)  
Quarry  
update

Mr. Miller updated the commission on status of the old quarry. A violation notice was received from the Department of Environment and Conservation, the site was secured and a remedial plan was filed. The County started pumping water and was doing well until it started raining. Another citation was received because brush from the convenient center was piled there while waiting to be burned. A new revised remedial plan has been filed and work at the quarry will cease for the winter. The County has until July 1997 to complete the filed plan.

(7)  
Attn. Sproul  
gives update

Attorney Sproul reported on the Gillman Lawsuit stating the case had been continued and there would not be a trial in December as previously scheduled.

(8)  
Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Masingo, seconded by Commissioner Bivens. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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Chairman

  
County Court Clerk

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County Executive