

**SPECIAL CALLED SESSION  
COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

**AUGUST 31, 1995**

1. Call to order (call to order, roll call, Invocation)
2. Citizens speak
3. No one else speaks
4. Budget for 1995-96 fails to pass
5. Motion to change date of County Commission Meeting of September 11, 1995--fails.
6. Motion to pass 1995-96 budget fails.
7. Approval granted to fill sunken area - Courthouse Annex Parking area.
8. Dismissal

SPF [REDACTED] CALLED SESSION  
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(1)  
Call to  
Order

Be it remembered that the Loudon County Legislative Body met in Special Called Session on August 31, 1995, with the Chairman Roy Bledsoe presiding, County Court Clerk, Riley D. Wampier, and County Executive George Miller were present whereupon Sheriff Tim Guider opened court, and led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Mr. Howard Luttrell gave the Invocation.

On Roll Call the following Commissioners were present:

Bivens	Ledbetter	Park
Randolph	Masingo	Duff
Maples	Bledsoe	Twiggs

(2)  
Citizens  
Speak

Chairman Bledsoe invited anyone that wished to speak to do so at the time, and these citizens came forward, on the proposed adoption of the budget and tax increase.

Rene Sonefield--Tellico Village resident--addressed the proposed property tax increase, and asked the Commissioners think about the impact on the citizens before they voted for the increase.

Dixie Miller--Veterans Officer for Loudon County--requested an increase in the appropriation to the Veterans organization He requested that the Commission consider the request for an additional \$11,000., should the proposed budget be adopted, and stated his organizations needs for such increase.

Alfred Davis--Implored Commission members to vote against the "liberal budget" that has been proposed. He stated that tax payers are fed up with excessive spending.

Pat Hunter--Spoke against the proposed tax increase. She asks that government be accountable, and that the Commission not vote for the current budget being proposed.

Aileen Longmire--Spoke out on the current proposed budget and tax increase. She also inquired about the Matlock Bend Escrow Account.

Kim Long--Requests that the Commission consider the request of the Domestic Violence Shelter (they are requesting an additional \$10,000. for their budget).

(3)  
No one else  
speaks

No one else wished to speak.

(4)  
Budget for  
1995-96  
proposed--  
but failed  
to pass

Ms. Nancy Richesin, Director of Budget and Accounts, read a copy of the proposed 1995-96 Budget Resolution, and asked the Commission to approve the following requests:

County General Fund	\$5,569,116.
General Purpose School	\$17,298,339.
School Federal Program	\$700,000.
Highway Fund	\$2,084,081.
General Debt Fund	\$1,900,688.
Rural School Fund	\$710,678.
Law Library	\$5,000.
Lenoir City Schools	\$2,000,000.

Commissioner Park made the motion that the budget be adopted as per the Resolution. This was seconded by Commissioner Masingo. At this time Commissioner Maples proposed an amendment to the proposed Resolution.

She proposed these adjustments:

Account #52-200-101, in the amount of \$1,106.00
Account #54-510-101, in the amount of \$1,154.00
Account #58-120-399, in the amount of \$5,000.00

Before the amendment could receive a second Commissioner Park withdrew his motion, and Commissioner Masingo his second. After a 10 minute recess, Commissioner Bivens made a motion to keep the tax rate the a the current rate. The motion failed due to lack of a second. Commissioner Park again made the motion to approve the budget. It also died for lack of a second.

(5)  
Motion to  
change C.C  
fail (date)

Commissioner Twiggs made the motion to move the next County Commission meeting scheduled for September 11, 1995, to September 12, 1995. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bivens. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The motion failed 6--no, 3--yes. The Chairman announced the motion failed to pass.

(6)  
Motion again  
fails--  
budget app.

Commission Park again attempted to make the motion to approve the budget Resolution. This motion also died for lack of second.

(7)  
Approval  
granted to  
fill sunken  
area  
Courthouse An.  
parking lot

Mr. Howard Luttrell, Maintenance Coordinator, addressed a problem with the Courthouse Annex. An area has sunken (due to old jail basement being filled with debris which now has settled), and requires filling before the paving can begin on the Courthouse Annex parking lot. The amount being requested is \$17,000.00. Commissioner Bivens made a motion that this be tabled until the budget is approved. It was seconded by Commissioner Twiggs.

Roll call results:

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

Motion failed: 3--yes, 6--no.

Commissioner Duff then made the motion that the parking area work be done, so that paving to the Annex can be completed. It was seconded by Commissioner Randolph. Results of Roll call:

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

The Chairman announced the motion carried. 5--yes, 4--no.

(8)  
Dismissal

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

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Chairman

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County Clerk

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County Executive