

LOUDON COUNTY COMMISSION

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF LOUDON

September 4, 2012

6:00 PM

INTRODUCTION

- (1) **Introduction** The Leadership Loudon County Class of 2012 was introduced to the Loudon County Commission immediately following the “Comments: Agenda Items” portion of the Schedule.

REGULAR MEETING

- (2) **Opening of Meeting** **BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Board of Commissioners of Loudon County convened in regular session in Loudon, Tennessee on the 4th day of September, 2012. The **Honorable Roy Bledsoe** called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Harrelson opened the County Commission Meeting, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and gave the invocation.

- (3) **Roll Call** Present were the following Commissioners: **Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, and Miller: (9)**

The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**

The Commission currently has a **Vacant Seat: (1)**

Thereupon **Chairman Bledsoe** announced the presence of a quorum.

Present was the **Honorable Mayor Estelle Herron**.

- (4) **Election of Commission Chairman for Sept 2012-Aug 2013 Term** **Mayor Estelle Herron** requested nominations for the election of the Loudon County Commission Chairperson for the September 2012-August 2013 Term. A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a second by **Commissioner Miller** to nominate **Commissioner Bledsoe** to another term as Chairman. Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

- (5) **Election of Chair Pro-Tempore for Sept 2012-Aug 2013 Term** **Mayor Estelle Herron** requested nominations for the election of the Loudon County Commission Chair Pro-Tempore for the September 2012-August 2013 Term. A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Jenkins** to nominate **Commissioner Maples** to another term as Chair Pro-Tempore. Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

- (6) **Agenda Adopted As Amended** **Chairman Bledsoe** requested that the September 4, 2012 Agenda be adopted. **Mayor Herron** requested adding to the Agenda Consideration of Amendments to Funds 141, 142, and 143. A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Jenkins** with second by **Commissioner Franke** to adopt the Agenda as amended. Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

(7)
Minutes for
August 6, 2012
Approved

Chairman Bledsoe requested that the August 6, 2012 County Commission Meeting Minutes be approved and accepted.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a second by **Commissioner Yarbrough** to approve these minutes.
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

(8)
Comments:
Agenda Items

Chairman Bledsoe asked that any visitor wishing to address the Commission regarding items on the planned Agenda come forward.
Richard Truitt spoke about the issue of Commissioner's salaries and said that the remarks of **Commissioner Franke** at the last meeting tried to justify the current Commissioner's salaries. He compared these salaries to other counties and agrees with previous assessments that they are inflated. He believes that the State should set the salaries of County Commissioners and that no one should set their own salary.

Wayne Schnell also spoke about Commissioner's salaries saying that this issue had been discussed at their recent Tea Party meetings where they wanted the 50% reduction. He said that the State Legislature had done a good job of cutting their costs and that Loudon County is way at the top of the pay scale compared to others – citing retirement benefits and medical insurance as additional benefits. He said that this was tax payer's money not the County's.

Pandora Vreeland spoke of the fair market value of items we purchase and compared the Commissioner's salaries to any other commodity one would purchase. She asked that the Commission consider what the fair market value of their work is.

Pat Hunter spoke about the Recycling Center item saying that she attends all the Solid Waste Commission meetings and that at a recent meeting where she learned of a recent letter from TDEC regarding Loudon County not meeting its solid waste goal. She's concerned about the County landfills growing and the impact of that on the County. She said Loudon County was in the top 11 counties for waste generation for the past 12 years. She feels this is excessive and alarming and asked what happened to the Commission's promise not to bring in out-of-county waste.

(9)
Leadership
Loudon County
Class of 2012
Introduced to
Commission

Mayor Herron introduced **Debbie Henry** who had brought the **Leadership, Loudon County Class of 2012** to the meeting to be introduced to the Commission.

Jennifer Dawson – Teaching Assistant at Eaton Elementary School

Mike Garren – Assistant Director of Schools, Loudon County

Mike Gross – Project Engineer/Design Supervisor, Maremont

Ashley Hankla – Marketing Coordinator, Fort Loudoun Medical Center

Morris Hassler – Director-Program and Strategy Development, Y-12

Brandee Hogle – Date Coordinator, Lenoir City Schools

Rev. Jack Jackson – Pastor, First Baptist Church of Lenoir City

Michele Lewis – Executive Director, Loudon County Education Foundation

Ed Purdy – Manager, Standard Production, Facilities & Maintenance, SECO Tools

Christina Trentham – Executive Director/Regional Sales Director, Lakewood Place/River Oaks Place

Estelle Herron, Loudon County Mayor, requested consideration and possible action on the following items:

- (10)**
Meeting Date
Changes
Approved
1. Request Approval of the Following Changes to the Commission Meeting Dates for the Months of September and October 2012.
 - a. Cancellation of the September 17, 2012 Workshop Meeting
 - b. Change the October 1, 2012 Meeting to a Workshop Meeting
 - c. Change the October 15, 2012 Meeting to a Commission Meeting
 - d. Addition of a Workshop Meeting on October 22, 2012

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Harrelson** with a second by **Commissioner Maples** to approve these schedule changes.

Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

- (11)**
Boards/
Committees
Appointments
Approved
2. Request Consideration and Approval of the following Board/Committees Appointments.
 - a. Loudon County Agricultural Extension Committee
 - b. Loudon County Animal Control Advisory Committee
 - c. Loudon County Ethics Committee
 - d. Industrial Bond Board of Loudon County, Inc.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Maples** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to approve all of the above Board/Committee appointments.

Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

Resolutions 090412-A-D

- (12)**
Update on
School
Building
Program
- Jason Vance, Loudon County Director of Schools** provided and update report on the three Phase 1 Projects in the School Building Program. **Schools Director Vance** reported that the Phase 1 School Building Program was going well at this point. Greenback School is going great and he anticipates a January 2014 opening. He also anticipates that by August 2013 the Ft. Loudoun Middle School will open. The cafeteria at the Philadelphia School is currently being used but there are still a few items that need addressing but he's very pleased with this project. He estimated that about \$8M plus has been spent so far on the three projects currently under way. The Philadelphia project was \$1.4M - most of which has been spent - but he believes that this figure is closer to \$1.2M. Ft. Loudoun Middle School is just getting started and it's hard to estimate cost at this point. **Commissioner Miller** responded that he was hoping for some harder numbers regarding what was budgeted and what the projections are for what each project will ultimately cost. **Director Vance** responded that he was not ready at this time with those figures because of some contingencies and unanticipated expenses. He wants to look at the plans and the options – he's a little concerned that there may be some unforeseen problems. He stated that there was the potential for coming in on budget but he's uncertain at this time. He said that he would come back to the next Commission Meeting with hard numbers. **Commissioner Franke** asked if he was meeting regularly with the Project Manager and **Director Vance's** response was that they meet weekly and try to make the decisions that are in the best interest of the County and the taxpayers. He went on to discuss **Phase 2** stating that it was his intention to recommend to the School Board that they connect the Loudon Elementary and Ft. Loudoun Middle School properties and add a wing on the Ft. Loudoun High School. He said that he was going to try to get rid of the portables as soon as possible and would probably sell these or use them at the high school. He said that the School Board also needed to consider what to do on the Northern side of the

County and what to do with the old Greenback school. He suggested possibly a retirement facility but, whatever happens with the property, he would like to see the athletic fields and facilities be made available for County use. He said that the School Board would be bringing these recommendations to the Commission in the future. **Commissioner Meers** requested that **Director Vance** also provide information on the number of classes and the numbers of kids in the classes and he responded that he would provide those numbers as soon as possible. Discussion concluded with **Commissioner Miller** noting that the Commission recognizes that things can change and unforeseen circumstances can occur and they are only asking for **Director Vance's** best forecast and not necessarily hard numbers.

Loudon County Budget Director – Tracy Blair

(13)
Pets For
Patriots
Program
Approved

1. Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve an Application to Participate in the Pets for Patriots Program.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a second by **Commissioner Maples** to approve this recommendation.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Maples, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller and Jenkins: (9)**

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

The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**

The Commission currently has a **Vacant Seat**.

Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9,0,0)**

Exhibit 090412-E

(14)
Commissioner's
Salaries
Unchanged

2. Consideration of a Reduction in Wages of the County Commissioners.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Yarbrough** with a second by **Commissioner Miller** to approve the recommendation for a 50% cut in Commissioner's salaries.

Commissioner Miller spoke about the variety of ways one could view Commissioner's salaries and ways to evaluate the issue but stated that he wanted to put this matter to rest. Therefore, he would propose an **amendment to the motion** to reduce Commissioner's salaries to 6% of the Mayor's salary for each Commissioner.

Chairman Bledsoe asked for a second to the amendment to the motion.

There was **no second** to the amendment and, therefore, **Chairman Bledsoe** asked for a **vote on the original motion**.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Yarbrough, and Miller: (2)**

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Maples, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Harrelson, Jenkins, and Meers: (7)**

The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**

The Commission currently has a **Vacant Seat**.

Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Failed: (2,7,0)**

- (15)**
Retiree
Contributions
To Insurance
Approved
3. Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve a Resolution Regarding Retiree Contributions to Insurance.
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Miller** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to approve this recommendation
- Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, and Maples: (9)**
- The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
- The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**
- The Commission currently has a **Vacant Seat**.
- Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9,0,0)**
- Resolution 090412-F**
- (16)**
Used Oil
Collection
Equipment
Grant
Approved
4. Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve an Application to TDEC for a Used Oil Collection Equipment Grant; no matching funds.
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Meers** to approve this recommendation.
- Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, and Maples: (9)**
- The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
- The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**
- The Commission currently has a **Vacant Seat**.
- Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9,0,0)**
- (17)**
Hub & Spoke
Grant
Approved
5. Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve an Application to TDEC for a Hub and Spoke Grant; no matching funds.
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Jenkins** with a second by **Commissioner Meers** to approve this recommendation.
- Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, and Franke: (9)**
- The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
- The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**
- The Commission currently has a **Vacant Seat**.
- Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9,0,0)**
- (18)**
Recycling
Center
Rebate
Approved
6. Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve Application/ Acceptance of a Recycling Center Rebate; dollar-for-dollar match required.
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Maples** with a second by **Commissioner Jenkins** to approve this recommendation.
- Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Franke, and Bledsoe: (9)**
- The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
- The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**
- The Commission currently has a **Vacant Seat**.
- Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9,0,0)**

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

- (19)**
Fund 141
Approved
- a. General Purpose School Fund 141
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Miller** with a second by **Commissioner Harrelson** to approve this recommendation.
- Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Franke, Bledsoe, and Duff: (9)**
- The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
- The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**
- The Commission currently has a **Vacant Seat**.
- Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9,0,0)**
- Exhibit 090412-G**
- (20)**
Fund 142
Approved
- b. School Federal Projects Fund 142
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Yarbrough** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to approve this recommendation.
- Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, and Yarbrough: (9)**
- The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
- The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**
- The Commission currently has a **Vacant Seat**.
- Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9,0,0)**
- Exhibit 090412-H**
- (21)**
Fund 143
Approved
- c. Central Cafeteria Fund 143
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a second by **Commissioner Jenkins** to approve this recommendation.
- Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, and Harrelson: (9)**
- The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
- The following Commissioner was **Absent: (0)**
- The Commission currently has a **Vacant Seat**.
- Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9,0,0)**
- Exhibit 090412-I**
- (22)**
Notaries
Approved
- Loudon County Commissioner, David Meers, made a motion** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to approve the following Notaries: ***Cynthia Noles; Billie C. Rich; Rebecca Nicholson; Billie Joan Lovelace; Michelle Cook; H. Bart Howell; M. Cory Alexander; Kathleen Dirksen; and Cheryle L. Belitz.***
- Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.
- Exhibit 090412-J**
- (23)**
Comments:
Non-Agenda
Items
- Chairman Bledsoe** asked that any visitor wishing to address the Commission regarding items not on the Agenda come forward.
- Commissioner Meers** asked **Mayor Herron** if she had heard any more about the Sugarlimb Road red light and she responded that it was being planned.
- Commissioner Duff** asked if there was a timeframe and she responded no but that Shaw Ferry Road would probably come before Sugarlimb.

Chairman Bledsoe asked if there were any further comments and, upon receiving none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

(24)
Adjournment

There being no further business, a **motion** being duly made and seconded, the September 4, 2012 County Commission Meeting stood adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

COUNTY MAYOR