

LOUDON COUNTY COMMISSION

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF LOUDON

January 13, 2014

6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING

Loudon County Planning and Codes Director – Russ Newman

**(1)
Public
Hearing**

1. A Resolution Amending the Zoning Map of Loudon County, Tennessee, Pursuant to Chapter Seven, §13-7-105 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, to Rezone Approximately 1.0 Acres from A-2 (Rural-Residential District) to C-1 (Rural Center District), Referenced by: Tax Map 49, Part of Parcel 72.00 Located at 9279 Old Vonore Road, Situated in the 1st Legislative District.
2. A Resolution Amending the Zoning Map of Loudon County, Tennessee, Pursuant to Chapter Seven, § 13-7-105, of the Tennessee Code Annotated, to Rezone Approximately 1.0 Acre From C-1 (Rural Center District) to C-2 (General Commercial District), Referenced by: Tax Map 84, Parcel 50.06, Located on Highway 411S at 7400 Highway 411S, Situated in the 3rd Legislative District.
3. A Resolution Adopted by the Loudon County Commission Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) § 13-3-406 to Close and Abandon the Road and Right-of-Way of Bingham Hill Lane and Red Hill Lane Located in Yellowwood Subdivision, Phase 1, Said Roads Being Located in the 3rd Legislative District of Loudon County.

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 13th day of January 2014.

The **Honorable Roy Bledsoe** called the meeting to order.

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

**(3)
Roll Call**

Present were the following Commissioners: **Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, and Harrelson: (9)**

The following Commissioner was **Absent: Miller: (1)**

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

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

**(4)
Agenda
Adopted
As Amended**

Chairman Bledsoe requested that the January 13, 2014 Agenda be adopted.

Mayor Herron requested adding to the Agenda Consideration of Approval of a Resolution to Assign Office Space at the County Office Building under her presentation items. **Loudon County Director of Schools, Jason Vance**, has requested time to speak at the end of the meeting following **Commissioner Meers**. **Commissioner Yarbrough** requested that he speak at the beginning of the meeting. Following discussion it was agreed that he would be on the Agenda preceding the Mayor's items if that was ok with him. **Director Vance** agreed with the placement. A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Harrelson** to approve the agenda as amended.

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

(5)
Minutes for
Dec 2, 2013
Comm Mtg
Approved

Chairman Bledsoe requested that the December 2, 2013 County Commission Meeting Minutes be approved and accepted.
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Quillen** with a second by **Commissioner Jenkins** to approve these minutes.
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

(6)
Comments:
Agenda Items

Chairman Bledsoe asked that any visitor wishing to address the Commission regarding items on the planned Agenda come forward.
Wayne Schnell spoke against the plan to rehab the Technical Center and move the School Board facilities to that location. He expressed concern that having the School Board and the County Offices in separate locations was counterproductive. He said this would cause the County to have to add more employees on the payroll and felt that AFT Funds should not be used for this type of endeavor.
Justin Burnett spoke against renovation of the Technical Center and said that he preferred expansion of the County Office Building to solve the problems and spending these funds on the kids in school facilities.
Richard Anklin expressed his views against the Technical Center Renovation and felt that it shouldn't be allowed to use AFT funds. He also spoke about the situation involving Santek overcharging the County \$27,000, over a period of time, via the Solid Waste Commission. He expressed his view that this overcharge should have been caught much sooner. He concluded by expressing his gratitude to **Commission Chairman Roy Bledsoe**, who has announced his retirement at the end of his present term, for his over 48 years of dedicated service to the County.
Pat Hunter also expressed her appreciation to **Chairman Bledsoe** and said that she had always been impressed by him and his kindness and consideration and his ability to work with everyone. She spoke against spending the \$800K for the Technical Center Rehab saying she feels that this should be removed from tonight's agenda and that the County Commission and the School Board should talk more about this before making a decision. She said that there were other issues that needed addressing before spending money on this project to include funding that will be needed for the jail situation. She spoke about flooding in the Courthouse Annex building that should be corrected and about a situation at Steekee School wherein the children have to go outside to get from classroom to classroom and in the winter this was a bad situation. She said she doesn't see how the County can micromanage the School Board and force them to make this move. She feels that the County and the School Board should be working together and the distance between the two facilities will be a problem in allowing that to occur. She said the County is not following its own procedural rules.

(7)
Discussions
On School Bd
Moving to
Rehabbed
Tech Center

Loudon County Director of Schools, Jason Vance, spoke about the move to the Technical Center and the School Board's issues with that. He said the School Board met and discussed the issues and the prospect of moving and they had approved a resolution to present to the County Commission tonight. He expressed their desire to work with the Commission to solve these problems. He introduced **Dr. Rick Best, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Education**, to speak about the Board's position.
Dr. Best first expressed his appreciation to **Chairman Bledsoe** for his grace and professionalism which should be a model to all. **Dr. Best's** recommendation was to use the funds to fix the roof at the Technical Center and then add space onto the County Office Building and to use the remainder of the money for the kids. He read the School Board's Resolution, which would keep the School Board offices in the County Office Building, and distributed copies to the Mayor and the Commissioners.
Exhibit 011314-A

Commissioner Meers said that the Commission had extended an invitation to the School Board to attend the County Commission Budget Committee meetings quite some time ago (January-February 2012) and that the School Board had never taken that opportunity. The intent of this was to expand the dialogue between them. **Dr. Best** responded that he wasn't in his current position when the invitation was extended and was unaware but that he would be attending those meetings in the future. **Commissioner Yarbrough** complimented **Dr. Best** for the School Administrative Office's and Board's timely providing of documents and information requested by the Commission.

Commissioner Franke expressed his view that it really didn't matter where the funding comes from for the renovations and that if the School Board didn't want to use the AFT fund for this project, there was no problem with them using the fund they wanted to use. He said the County needs more space and they needed to find it somewhere and that the alternative renovations would cost almost the same amount of money as relocating. He doesn't believe the distance between the two buildings would cause a problem in communications between the two factions. He reiterated that the AFT fund should be used for non-recurring projects and not be part of the on-going budget. **Dr. Best** agreed with that statement.

Commissioner Duff agreed with **Commissioner Franke** that it doesn't really matter where the funds come from and that the expenditure of these funds for this project is justified and the School Board needs adequate space and a nice facility to operate from. **Dr. Best** requested that the Commission delay its decision on this for 90 days to allow further meetings between the Commission and the School Board on the issue.

Commissioner Quillen asked **Dr. Best** why the School Board had waited so long to express their opposition to this facilities move – why haven't they come forward before now? The response was that they had been preoccupied with the new schools construction and other problems. **Commissioner Yarbrough** said that all the Commissioners hadn't been involved in this decision regarding the move and that she didn't believe that delaying this for 90 days would be that big a problem. She said that this was a County decision and not a School Board request to move to the Technical Center. **Commissioner Duff** said that tonight was the first time they had seen these documents from the School Board and heard of this opposition following their recent meeting. **Commissioner Harrelson** asked the School Board if using the AFT funds to fix the roof on the Technical Center was ok with them. Both **Dr. Best and Director Vance** agreed that this was an appropriate use of those funds.

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

(8)
Assigning
Office Spaces
At County Office
Building
Approved

1. Request Consideration of Approval of a Resolution to Assign Office Space at the Loudon County Office Building Located at 100 River Road, Loudon, Tennessee
Mayor Herron presented the County Resolution on Assigning Office Spaces and the response from CTAS supporting that this was an appropriate use of AFT funds and on the County's authority to assign office space to the various County departments and, upon request, she read them to the audience and distributed copies of documents to the Commissioners.

Mayor Herron reported that a **Commission Budget Committee Special Called Meeting** was held immediately prior to this full Commission Meeting at which time they approved the following: \$400K for the Technical Center roof; \$100K for HVAC systems; and \$300K for the Technical Center remodeling project for a total of \$800K.

Commissioner Harrelson asked where the Budget Committee voted the money should come from and **Mayor Herron** responded discussion was the AFT Fund - but the motion approved did not specify which fund the money should come from.

Chairman Bledsoe asked what the pleasure of the Commission was on this issue.

Commissioner Harrelson asked again where the money was coming from and **Mayor Herron** responded that could be part of the motion. **Commissioner**

Yarbrough made a **motion** to delay a decision on this matter until the Commission has more information on the issue and more details - saying they needed more time on this. **Chairman Bledsoe** asked for a **second to the motion** and **none** was made. The **motion** was declared **dead**.

Commissioner Franke made a **motion** with a second by **Commissioner Quillen** to allocate the \$800K as stated in the County's Resolution.

Mayor Herron reiterated that this resolution was not about funding but about allocating space – the funding will be in budget presentations later. In discussion regarding **Director Vance's** feelings about this move, **Mayor Herron** said that she had spoken to **Director Vance** about this on several occasions and that he had expressed to her that he had reconciled himself to this move – although he doesn't want to do it – and he feels that this will work for his people, many of whom come from surrounding counties. **Commissioner Duff** asked the Mayor if the County Commission can allocate space. Her response was to provide the documentation stating that the Mayor and County Legislative Body had this authority and said that this had been confirmed by **County Attorney Bowman**. **Commissioner Maples** asked if any renovations would be required in the County Office Building to prepare it for the move of County Offices into the other half of the building and the **Mayor** responded that none would be needed. **Mayor Herron** spoke about her plans for the use of some of this new space citing the Veteran's Administration Representative, **Mr. Navarro**, needing a more private space to conduct his conversations with veteran's who come to him for help. She also said that she wants to make the Planning and Codes Departments separate, as they were previously, and that one of these departments would be able to use the existing space in the Annex Building when the Veteran's Representative moves into the County Office Building. She said that the Solid Waste Commission wants to hire a Director and a Secretary and she currently has no space to put this office. She added that this was a joint cost venture with Solid Waste. With his permission, **Mayor Herron** announced that **Planning and Codes Director, Russ Newman**, had let her know that he was planning to retire in June 2014 and she plans to hire a Planner to replace him - reiterating that Planning and Codes should not be together. **Mayor Herron** said the County was applying for a \$75K grant to help fix the roof on the Technical Center.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Harrelson, and Jenkins: (7)**

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: Maples and Yarbrough: (2)**

The following Commissioner was **Absent: Miller: (1)**

Thereupon **Chairman Bledsoe** declared the motion **Passed: (7, 2, 1)**

Resolution 011314-B

**(9)
Board
Appointments
Approved**

2. Request Consideration and Approval of Appointment Resolutions for the Following Boards/Committees:
 - a. Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals
 - b. Loudon County Solid Waste Commission

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Harrelson** with a second by **Commissioner Meers** to approve these appointments.

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

Resolutions 011314-C & D

**(10)
Support for
Retention of
Existing Fort
Loudoun Dam
Bridge Approved**

3. Request Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Supporting the Retention of the Existing Fort Loudoun Dam Bridge.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Harrelson** with a second by **Commissioner Duff** to approve this request.

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

Resolution 011314-E

**(11)
Request to
TN Dept of
Corrections
To Increase
Reimbursement
Approved**

4. Request Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Requesting the Tennessee Department of Corrections Increase the Current Rate of Reimbursement to Counties for Housing Detainees.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Yarbrough** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to approve this Resolution.

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

Resolution 011314-F

Loudon County Planning and Codes Director – Russ Newman

**(12)
Rezoning
on Old Vonore Rd.
Approved**

1. Request Consideration of Approving a Resolution Amending the Zoning Map of Loudon County, Tennessee, Pursuant to Chapter Seven, §13-7-105 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, to Rezone Approximately 1.0 Acres from A-2 (Rural-Residential District) to C-1 (Rural Center District). Referenced by: Tax Map 49, Part of Parcel 72.00, Located at 9279 Old Vonore Road, Situated in the 1st Legislative District.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Jenkins** with a second by **Commissioner Meers** to approve this request for rezoning.

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

Resolution 011314-G

**(13)
Rezoning
on Hwy 411S
Approved**

2. Request Consideration of Approving a Resolution Amending the Zoning Map of Loudon County, Tennessee, Pursuant to Chapter Seven, § 13-7-105, of the Tennessee Code Annotated, to Rezone Approximately 1.0 Acre from C-1 (Rural Center District) to C-2 (General Commercial District), Referenced by: Tax Map 84, Parcel 50.06, Located on Highway 411 S at 7400 Highway 411 S, Situated in the 3rd Legislative District.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Harrelson** to approve this request for rezoning.

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

Resolution 011314-H

**(14)
Road Closures
In Yellowwood
Subdivision
Approved**

3. Request Consideration of Approving a Resolution Adopted by the Loudon County Commission Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) § 13-3-406, to Close and Abandon the Road and Right-of-Way of Bingham Hill Lane and Red Hill Lane located in Yellowwood Subdivision, Phase 1, Said Roads Being Located in the 3rd Legislative District.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Harrelson** to approve this request for rezoning.

Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** with **7 Aye and 2 Nay** votes.

Resolution 011314-I

Loudon County Purchasing Director - Joan Lovelace

**(15)
Sale of Surplus
Property On
White Wing
Road
Approved**

1. Request Approval of the Sale of Surplus Property Located at 1881 White Wing Road, Control Map #009E, Group A, Parcel #008.01. Minimum bid will start at an amount to include all the County's expenses that will be incurred for legal fees to prepare the paperwork to allow the sale of the property and clean up work on the property to prepare it for sale. It will be offered at closed bid.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a second by **Commissioner Harrelson** to approve this request.

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

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

The following Commissioner was **Absent: Miller: (1)**

Thereupon **Chairman Bledsoe** declared the motion **Passed: (9, 0, 1)**

Loudon County Budget Director - Tracy Blair

**(16)
Acceptance
Of CDBG Grant
For Watts Bar
Utility District
Approved**

1. Request Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve Acceptance of \$500,000. CDBG Grant to Assist with the Cost of Extending Public Water Line of Watts Bar Utility District; \$465,000. matching funds supplied by Watts Bar Utility District. Approval Includes a Budget Amendment in General Capital Projects Fund 171.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Quillen** to approve this request.

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

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

The following Commissioner was **Absent: Miller: (1)**

Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9, 0, 1)**

Exhibit 011314-I

**(17)
Fund 101
Approved**

2. Consideration of Approval of Amendments in the Following Funds:

- a. County General Fund 101

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Harrelson** with a second by **Commissioner Jenkins** to approve this recommendation.

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

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

The following Commissioner was **Absent: Miller: (1)**

Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9,0,1)**

Exhibit 011314-K

(18)
Fund 131
Approved

b. Highway Department Fund 131
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Harrelson** with a second by **Commissioner Jenkins** to approve this recommendation.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, and Franke: (9)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioner was **Absent: Miller: (1)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9,0,1)**
Exhibit 011314-L

(19)
Fund 141 (1)
Approved

c. General Purpose School Fund 141 (Part 1)
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a second by **Commissioner Yarbrough** to approve this recommendation.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, and Bledsoe: (9)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioner was **Absent: Miller: (1)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9,0,1)**
Exhibit 011314-M

(20)
Fund 141 (2)
Approved

d. General Purpose School Fund 141 (Part 2)
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Jenkins** to approve this recommendation.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Yarbrough, Harrelson, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, and Duff: (9)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioner was **Absent: Miller: (1)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9,0,1)**
Exhibit 011314-N

(21)
Fund 142 (1)
Approved

e. School Federal Projects Fund 142 (Part 1)
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Quillen** with a second by **Commissioner Meers** to approve this recommendation.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Harrelson, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, and Yarbrough: (9)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: Miller: (1)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9,0,1)**
Exhibit 011314-O

(22)
Fund 142 (2)
Approved

f. School Federal Projects Fund 142 (Part 2)
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a second by **Commissioner Quillen** to approve this recommendation.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, and Harrelson: (9)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: Miller: (1)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9,0,1)**
Exhibit 011314-P

(23)
Fund 143
Approved

g. Central Cafeteria Fund 143
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to approve this recommendation.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, and Harrelson: (9)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: Miller: (1)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9,0,1)**
Exhibit 011314-Q

(24)
Fund 177
Approved

h. Education Capital Projects Fund 177
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Harrelson** with a second by **Commissioner Yarbrough** to approve this recommendation and to allow the School Board to come back with a recommendation on where the money comes from.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, and Jenkins: (9)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: Miller: (1)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (9,0,1)**
Exhibit 011314-R

(25)
Summary
Financial
Statements and
Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
Distributed

Budget Director, Tracy Blair, requested that records reflect that the Summary Financial Statements for December 2013 have been distributed and Budget Committee Meeting Minutes for April 2013; May 20, 2013; May 30, 2013; June 2013; July 2013; August 2013; September 2013; and October 2013 have also been distributed.
Exhibit 011314-S
Exhibit 011314-T

(26)
Notaries
and Bond
Approved

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a second by **Commissioner Maples** to approve the following Notaries:
Roy Bumbalough; Rebecca J. Harrison; Phyllis N. McClure; Rebecca J. Moats; Kim F. Nix; Melanie Prater; and Mel Wallis.
Bond: *Barbara White*
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.
Exhibit 0101314-U

(27)
Comments:
Non-Agenda

Chairman Bledsoe asked that any visitor wishing to address the Commission regarding items not on the Agenda come forward.
No One came forward. **Commissioner Duff** announced that he had distributed copies of the December TCCA Legislative Newsletter to the Commissioners.

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

(28)
Adjournment

There being no further business, a **motion** being duly made and seconded, the January 13, 2014 County Commission Meeting stood adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

COUNTY MAYOR