

LOUDON COUNTY COMMISSION

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF LOUDON

March 3, 2014

6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING

A Resolution of the Loudon County Commission Accepting Old Hickory Lane Located in Jackson Crossing Subdivision into the Public Roadway System, Said Road Located in the 5th Legislative District of Loudon County, Tennessee

REGULAR MEETING

- (1)**
Opening of Meeting
- BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Board of Commissioners of Loudon County convened in regular session in Loudon, Tennessee on the 3rd day of March, 2014. 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.
- (2)**
Roll Call
- Present were the following Commissioners: **Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, and Miller: (10)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon **Chairman Bledsoe** announced the presence of a quorum.
Present was the **Honorable Mayor Estelle Herron**.
- (3)**
Agenda Adopted As Amended
- Chairman Bledsoe** requested that the March 3, 2014 Agenda be adopted. **Mayor Herron** requested that an item be added to her presentation - a Resolution of Intent for Funding of an All Access Playground in the County. She also said that she had been asked to add an item to the agenda regarding funding for Loudon High School. **Commissioner Yarbrough** objected to this being added and asked for a roll call vote on adding it to the agenda. **Commissioner Meers** provided some funding information for the High School project. **Chairman Bledsoe** asked if **Commissioner Yarbrough** was making a motion against placing this on tonight's agenda and she responded that she was. A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Yarbrough** with a second by **Commissioner Miller** not to place this item on tonight's agenda. **Commissioner Yarbrough** said that the reason she didn't want this on tonight's agenda was that the Commission hasn't had enough time to discuss this fully. **Commissioner Duff** agreed and said that this has not been to the Capital Projects Committee for their recommendation. **Commissioner Harrelson**, Chairman of the Capital Projects Committee, said that the only Phase 2 item the Committee had addressed was the Field House at Greenback School and they had approved that item. **Commissioner Miller** clarified his second by saying that he supports Phase 2 as long as it doesn't require a property tax increase and that it's up to the School Board to decide what can be done in Phase 2 with the available funding and he agrees that the Commission is not ready at this point to vote on the issue.

Commissioner Meers expressed his concern that he had spoken to County Firemen concerning safety at the High School. The High School had a fire drill some time ago which surfaced some problems. The Firemen said that it would be a very serious problem if they had to go into the school “hot”.

Upon voice vote the **motion to not place** this item on tonight’s agenda **Passed** with **8 Aye and 2 Nay votes**.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Harrelson** with a **second** by **Commissioner Franke** to approve the agenda with **the Mayor’s first item only being added**.

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

(4)
Minutes for
Feb 3, 2014
Comm Mtg
Approved

Chairman Bledsoe requested that the February 3, 2014 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.

(5)
Comments:
Agenda Items

Chairman Bledsoe asked that any visitor wishing to address the Commission regarding items on the planned Agenda come forward.

Delma Hendley spoke about the traffic congestion at Eaton Elementary School and her concern about the safety of the children being dropped off and picked up. She said the Safe Drop Off Program currently in place had been a big help but if the church next door decided to retract its decision to allow the school traffic to use their parking lot it would create a serious traffic and safety problem. She urged the Commission to address this issue.

Pat Hunter expressed her concern about the requests for step raise increases in the budget amendments being considered tonight. She noted that all County employees received pay raises of 2% at the last budget approval. She believes there has to be an equitable and fair way to pay employees and said the Commission needs to address this and clarify how this should be managed.

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

(6)
Gold Star
Memorial
Highway
Participation
Approved

1. Request Approval of a Resolution in Support of the Efforts of the Tennessee General Assembly to Honor Our Fallen Heroes and Their Families by Naming State Route 1 “The Gold Star Families Memorial Highway”.

In discussion **Mayor Herron** noted that this would require the County to erect two signs on State Route 1 indicating entering the County and leaving the County and the cost for those would be approximately \$162.50 for both.

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

Upon Roll Call Vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, and Jenkins: (10)**

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

The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**

Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**

Resolution 030314-A

(7)
More Equitable
Distribution of
Local Option
Sales Tax
Request
Approved

2. Request Approval of a Resolution to Request Legislation by the Tennessee General Assembly to More Equitably Distribute Local Option Sales Tax Collected by On-Line Retailers Not Physically Located in the State of Tennessee.

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

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

Resolution 030314-B

(8)
Funding for
All Access
Playground
Approved

3. Request Approval of a Resolution of Intent to Make a Matching Contribution to the City of Lenoir City Upon Awarding of State Grant Funds in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget For the Construction of an All-Access Playground.

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

Upon Roll Call Vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Maples, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, and Meers: (10)**

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

The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**

Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**

Resolution 030314-C

Loudon County Planning and Codes Director, Russ Newman

(9)
Old Hickory
Lane Accepted
Into Public
Roadway
System

1. Request approval of a Resolution of the Loudon County Commission Accepting Old Hickory Lane, Located in Jackson Crossing Subdivision, into the Public Roadway System, Said Road Located in the 5th Legislative District of Loudon County.

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

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

Resolution 030413-D

Loudon County Budget Director, Tracy Blair, requested consideration and possible action on the following items:

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

(10)
Fund 101
Approved

- a. County General Fund 101

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

Upon Roll Call Vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, and Maples: (10)**

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

The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**

Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**

Exhibit 030314-E

- (11) Fund 115 Approved b. Public Library Fund 115
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Miller** with a **second** by **Commissioner Franke** to approve this request.
Upon Roll Call Vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, and Quillen: (10)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
Exhibit 030314-F
- (12) Fund 116 Approved c. Recycling Center Fund 116
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Harrelson** with a **second** by **Commissioner Jenkins** to approve this request.
Upon Roll Call Vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, and Franke: (10)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
Exhibit 030314-G
- (13) Fund 131 Approved d. Highway Department Fund 131
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Meers** with a **second** by **Commissioner Duff** to approve this request.
Upon Roll Call Vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, and Bledsoe: (10)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
Exhibit 030314-H
- (14) Fund 141 Approved e. General Purpose School Fund 141
A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Duff** with a **second** by **Commissioner Maples** to approve this request.
Upon Roll Call Vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, and Duff: (10)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
Exhibit 030314-I
- (15) Fund 142 Approved f. School Federal Projects Fund 142
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: Harrelson, Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, and Yarbrough: (10)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
Exhibit 030314-I

(16) g. General Capital Projects Fund 171
Fund 171
Approved

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Yarbrough** with a **second** by **Commissioner Duff** to approve this request.
Upon Roll Call Vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Miller, Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Quillen, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, and Harrelson: (10)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: (0)**
Thereupon the Chairman declared the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**
Exhibit 030314-K

(17)
Summary
Financial
Statements
& Budget Comm
Minutes Distributed

Budget Director, Tracy Blair, requested that the record reflects that the Summary Financial Statements for February 2014 and Budget Committee Meeting Minutes for December 16, 2013 and January 13, 2014 have been distributed.
Exhibits 030314-L & M

(18)
Notaries
Approved

Loudon County Commissioner, David Meers, made a **motion** with a second by **Commissioner Jenkins** to approve the following Notaries: ***Jeanne A. Darnell; Matt Frere; Kelly G. Frere; Brenda K. Groat; Ashlee Lewis; Cynthia Luttrell; Virginia E. McKnight; Robin N. Presley; Angela Vance Rogers; and Kelley E. Thomas.***
Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.
Exhibit 030314-N

(19)
Comments:
Non-Agenda

Chairman Bledsoe asked that any visitor wishing to address the Commission regarding items not on the Agenda come forward.
Scott Newman, a member of the County School Board, came forward to ask the Commission what they needed from the School Board now to be able to move forward on the School Building Program. He had distributed a list of remaining projects for the program that he feels is the School Board's prioritized list as he understands it. This list is also known as the Strategic List. He asked if the Commission would like School Board members to come to the Capital Projects Committee Meetings. Lengthy discussion followed that included several items remaining in the project to include the traffic flow at Highland Park Elementary and what to do with the old Greenback School building which is now empty.
Commissioner Meers suggested that the School Board should be getting rid of the property they own on Rt 321. **Mayor Herron** said that she had received a letter from **Bobby Johnson** about the Fort Loudon Middle School Entrance road and **Director of Schools, Jason Vance**, provided a status report on that issue.
Commissioner Harrelson said he thinks they need to address the safety issues with the schools before the other issues and there was general agreement. He also requested that the School Board put together a prioritized list of their two or three most urgent issues for the Commission to address.
The conclusion was that the Capital Projects Committee feels that **Director Vance** does a good job of representing the School Board's positions at their meetings and they will continue to work on these issues to try to reach agreement on how to go forward.

Commissioner Duff spoke to bring the Commissioner’s attention to four legislative bills currently before the State Legislators that are very important to the County and that they should keep an eye on.

Richard Truitt spoke about school policy - what he considers to be the “real” problem with the schools. He said they need a zoning policy so that only those living in the County can attend unless they pay tuition. He also noted that there should be policy regarding those who teach at the schools as well.

Kim Nelson, who’s running for Circuit Court Judge in the upcoming election, introduced herself to the Commission and invited anyone who has any questions to speak with her.

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

(20)
Adjournment

There being no further business, a **motion** being duly made and seconded, the March 3, 2014 County Commission Meeting stood adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

COUNTY MAYOR