

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Quarterly Court of Loudon County met on August 7, 1972, at 7:00 P. M. with the Honorable Harvey L. Sproul, County Judge of said County, presiding, and with the County Court Clerk, Edward Alexander, present. Whereupon Sheriff Russell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and opened Court.

Court members present:

J. J. Blair	James M. Hartsook
Curtis A. Williams	Jack Lefler
I. D. Conner	J. G. Hudson
Henry C. Foster	R. P. Hamilton

Roy Bledsoe (arrived at 7:45 P. M.)

MINUTES OF JULY
10 & JULY 17
APPROVED

It was moved by Squire Williams, seconded by Squire Hudson, and unanimously approved, (Squire Bledsoe was absent) that inasmuch as photographic copies of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 10, 1972, and of the special meeting of July 17, 1972, be approved, Judge Sproul indicating that no changes had been made in the minutes as between the rough draft and the final draft.

EATON RURITAN
RECREATIONAL PARK

Jerry Park, President of the Eatons Ruritan Club, and Attorney Edward P. Bailey, Jr., representing the Club, were present to make a proposal concerning the County taking certain property owned by the Ruritan Club and converting it into a County Park with the assistance of special Federal funds. It was moved by Squire Foster, seconded by Squire Hartsook, that the County Judge appoint a committee to review the proposal, and to present final details for recommendation at the next meeting of the Quarterly Court, which motion passed unanimously, with the exception of Squire Bledsoe who was absent.

COMMITTEE
APPOINTED

Judge Sproul appointed Squire Hamilton as Chairman, and Squires Hartsook and Conner as members of the Committee.

It was moved by Squire Conner, seconded by Squire Hudson, that the regular September meeting of Quarterly Court be changed from Monday, September 4, 1972, to Tuesday, September 5, 1972, at 9:00 A. M. because of a conflict with the Labor Day holiday, which motion passed unanimously, with the exception of Squire Bledsoe who was absent.

Judge Sproul explained that he had been in contact for several months with Mary Katherine Mize, Carrie Lou Mize, and Ethel Mize Parker, who as sisters own a house and lot located at the Northwest corner of Grove Street and Ferry Street, and that these ladies had offered to donate this valuable piece of property to Loudon County if the County felt that it would be of benefit, that he had felt that the Quarterly Court would be interested in this proposal, and that he now would like to have a preliminary indication from them as to their feeling about the matter. Several Squires indicated that they thought it was a wonderful gesture on the part of these ladies and, after discussion, it was moved by

Squire Blair, seconded by Squire Foster, that Judge Sproul appoint a committee to make additional contact with the owners, to work out all the details, and come back with a recommendation to the next meeting of Quarterly Court, which motion passed unanimously. (Roy Bledsoe arrived).

APPOINTMENT OF
COMMITTEE

Judge Sproul appointed Squire Blair, Purchasing Agent Buddy Jenkins, and Ted Randolph on the committee.

AMBULANCE
COMMITTEE
REPORT

Judge Sproul reported for the Ambulance Committee, that it had had one meeting since the last Quarterly Court, and had talked over the possibility of a private ambulance service with a local individual who had shown some interest in this, and that in accordance with a previous suggestion by Squire Blair, that an appointment was being arranged with a Veston Williams from Gainesville, Georgia, who had a proposal to offer concerning the operation of a private ambulance service in Loudon County.

AMBULANCE
RESOLUTION
(#22-72)
REQUESTING FED. &
STATE ASSISTANCE

Judge Sproul further explained that in reference to the State funds which had been publicized to some extent as being available for assisting local government with ambulances, that it looked at this point as if there would be a tremendous number more requests than there was State money to provide ambulances, and that apparently the most the State was able to do at this time was to pay 75% of the cost of one ambulance for part of the Counties, equipment costs actually being a very small part of the cost of providing ambulance service; and further that he had prepared at the request of the Ambulance Committee which asked for help from the State and Federal Government whose regulations were tending to cause the crisis in ambulance service. It was moved by Squire Blair, seconded by Squire Conner, that Resolution No. 22-72, attached to these minutes as ~~Exhibit A, be adopted by~~ the Quarterly Court, which ~~motion passed~~ unanimously.

30-MPH SPEED LIMIT
ON ROBERSON ROAD
(AT LOUDON PARK)

It was moved by Squire Blair, seconded by Squire Hartsook, that the first Road District Highway Commissioner be requested to put a 30-mile speed limit sign on Roberson Springs Road on that portion of the Road leading to the Loudon Park, which motion passed unanimously.

SANITARY LANDFILL
TRANSFER STATION
REPORT

Squire Lefler reported that the County Sanitary Landfill Transfer Station was working pretty smoothly, and that the committee was attempting to iron out the problems as they arose, but that there was one item that it was felt should be passed on by the Quarterly Court, and that was the question of whether or not County citizens (including those who live inside city limits - who do their own hauling) should be charged anything for taking trash or dumping at the Transfer Station. After discussion, it was moved by Squire Blair, seconded by Squire Hartsook, and unanimously approved, on a roll-call vote, that it be the County policy not to charge any citizen of Loudon County for dumping in the Transfer Station, and that advertisements be published in the County newspapers indicating the necessary informational items concerning operation of the Transfer Station, with the cost of the newspaper ads to be taken from the Unallocated Funds.

NO CHARGE TO
CITIZENS FOR
DUMPING

REQUEST TO TVA
FOR ADDITIONAL
MONEY FOR
SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT

Judge Sproul explained that the question had been previously discussed concerning financial supplements to the County Sheriff's Department in Monroe and Loudon Counties by the Tennessee Valley Authority for the purpose of increasing security in the specific areas involved in the Tellico Project, but that the conferences between the County Judges and the Sheriffs in the two Counties had indicated that the \$23,000 being offered by TVA would really not be sufficient to carry out the program that was contemplated in order to give any significant increase of security in the area. After additional discussion, it was moved by Squire Hudson, seconded by Squire Hartsook, that TVA be requested for an additional \$15,000 or a total of \$38,000 to carry out this program before any additional action be taken by Loudon County, which motion passed unanimously.

"MERIT SYSTEM"
FOR SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT
COMMITTEE
APPOINTED

Squire Blair stated that he had been interested for some time in seeing a Private Act passed for Loudon County setting up a Merit System for Deputy Sheriffs, so that there would not be such a large possibility of an employee "turnover" at any time a new Sheriff was elected, and that he had talked with Sheriff Freeman Russell about it and that he was in favor of the program, as well as most if not all of the Deputies. It was moved by Squire Hamilton, seconded by Squire Foster, that the County Judge appoint a committee of five people, of which three would be members of the Quarterly Court, to study the question of the Merit System for the Loudon County Sheriff's Department, and come back with a recommendation to the Quarterly Court, which motion passed unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF
WADE ROAD AS A
COUNTY ROAD

Concerning the Wade Road, Judge Sproul explained that the County Planning Commission had done some investigation concerning this Road as to whether or not it held status as a County Road, that the investigation indicated that the Road was only about 12 feet wide, and served only three or four houses, but that it did appear that for at least a period of time under two Road Commissioners that the Road was maintained by the County, and that the Road had been there for many many years. After discussion, it was moved by Squire Bledsoe, seconded by Squire Blair, that the Wade Road be considered a County Road, by reason of its having been kept and maintained by the County for a period of years, which motion passed unanimously.

BUILDING PERMITS

Concerning County Building Permits, Judge Sproul explained that because of certain incidents which had arisen at the last term of Criminal Court, that some people were interpreting the failure of the Loudon County Grand Jury to enforce the Law in three specific circumstances as meaning that the Law was not an effective Law and could not be enforced by the County. Judge Sproul explained that these three particular incidences were the first ones which had been presented to the County Grand Jury, that two of them involved the placing of mobile homes on lots, and the other circumstance involved a builder who had purchased a house already partially constructed prior to the adoption of the Zoning Law by Quarterly Court. Judge Sproul explained that there had been some indication that the Grand Jury did not understand that mobile homes were defined under the County law just as any other home that was placed or built on a lot, and that the Grand Jury may have further felt that the third instance involved a circumstance that was begun before the law went into effect, and that he did not personally believe that the Grand Jury would fail to do its duty in enforcing valid County and State laws. Nevertheless the Building Commissioner was having problems because of the Grand Jury's failure to act, and that the Planning

BUILDING PERMITS
REQUEST FOR
AUTHORITY TO
ENFORCE

Commission was requesting authority from the Quarterly Court to retain the necessary legal help in order to institute the necessary legal proceedings to see that the law was enforced fairly as to all citizens. After additional discussion, it was moved by Squire Lefler that the County be authorized to hire legal counsel to institute the necessary legal proceedings in instances where it appeared that persons were unlawfully refusing to obtain Building Permits, so that action could be taken without waiting for the County Grand Jury to be convened. There being no second to the motion, the Chair declared that the motion failed for lack of a second.

HOSPITAL REPORT

As a part of the Loudon County Memorial Hospital report, Squire Conner indicated that the Hospital Board and Administration felt that something should be done immediately with the old building inasmuch as the equipment and building were deteriorating rapidly. Squire Hartsook explained that he had been talking with the State Fire Marshall's office, and was attempting to arrange for another inspection of the building in an effort to determine whether or not there was any possibility at all that the building could be converted economically so that it could be used as a nursing home, or a part of it be used as such. Squire Hartsook then moved that the matter be put off till the next Quarterly Court meeting so that the meeting could be further evaluated, which motion was seconded by Squire Blair, and which was unanimously approved with the exception of Squire Conner who voted no.

BACON WING
ACTION POSTPONED

Squire Lefler asked if it were in order to make a nomination to the County Hospital Board inasmuch as he had understood Dr. Watkins had resigned and had not been serving for several months. Judge Sproul explained that no one had asked him to put the matter on the agenda, and that Dr. Watkins had resigned by letter before, but then had changed his mind and had agreed to continue serving; and that further he had not put it on the agenda because he felt that this would be a part of the appointments that would come from the new Quarterly Court that would meet in September. Judge Sproul further explained that in his personal opinion that matters concerning the Hospital Governing Board should be put in a more formal form and more on a business-like basis, and that he hoped to have a sample organizational resolution to the Quarterly Court members before the next meeting for their consideration.

It was moved by Squire Blair, seconded by Squire Hudson, that the Budget Amendments as listed, and as attached hereto as Exhibit B, be approved by the Quarterly Court, subject to a correction insofar as a change made in Account No. 158 to show revenue expected from the City of Loudon to be \$7,000 and from the City of Lenoir City to be \$10,000. The motion passed unanimously on a roll-call vote.

It was moved by Squire _____, seconded by Squire _____, that the Second District Road Commissioner, Lee Malone, be requested to put 20-mile-per-hour speed zone limit on Turman Drive in Fifth Civil District, which motion passed unanimously.

FAREWELL TO
SQUIRE LEFLER

Squire Jack Lefler who did not run for re-election, and who is the only Justice of the Peace not returning, expressed his appreciation for the personal associations with the other members that he had enjoyed while serving as a member of the Quarterly Court, and wished the new Court high success for progress in the future.

NOTARY PUBLICS

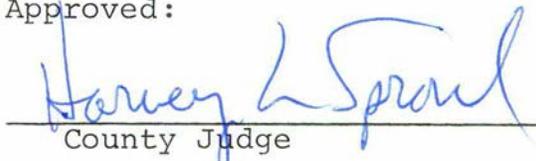
The following Notary Publics were elected on motion made by Squire Blair, seconded by Squire Lefler, and unanimously approved:

Jean Shaver - Renewal
William H. Russell - Renewal

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Squire Blair, seconded by Squire Bledsoe, that the meeting adjourn at 10:30 P. M. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved:



County Judge

BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR AGENDA

August 7, 1972

GENERAL FUND

Acct.No.

Dr.

Cr.

41 Estimated Revenue \$36,399.50

Acct.No.

158 City of Loudon 7,000.00
City of Lenoir 19,000.00
State of Tennessee 18,199.50
Johnson - Martel 1,200.00

81 Appropriations 36,399.50

1300 Sanitation and Waste Disposal

1300-19 Contractual Services ✓ 36,000.00
1300-04 Telephone ✓ 150.00
1300-05 Utilities ✓ 149.50
1300-18 Other Supplies ✓ 100.00

To set up Sanitation and Waste Disposal Accounts.

41 Estimated Revenue 10,000.00

143 Tellico Area Service System

81 Appropriations 10,000.00

1125 Tellico Area Service System Exp.

To set up Revenue, and Exp., Tellico Area Service System.

Exp Subject B

RESOLUTION NO. 22-72

WHEREAS, Funeral Homes in the State of Tennessee have traditionally provided ambulance services but because of Federal Regulations concerning Wage and Hour laws, and because of Federal and State Regulations considerably raising the standard of equipment to be used in Emergency Ambulance Services, and the training and qualifications of personnel in the operation of emergency ambulances; and

WHEREAS, because of the new State and Federal requirements, a crisis has arisen in the State of Tennessee concerning the provision of Ambulance Services, because of the decision of Funeral Homes all over the State not to continue providing Ambulance Services leaving a serious void endangering the lives and health of many citizens; and

WHEREAS, Loudon County, as well as other Counties and Cities, that have been put in the situation where the local government entities are being called upon to provide these medical services because the income and revenue, particularly in rural areas, from such service does not justify private enterprise as a part of the system; and

WHEREAS, particularly in areas where the population is small and the number of calls is not sufficient to make it possible for private enterprise to assume the responsibility of operating ambulance service, such service is going to be an entire financial burden upon local government; and

WHEREAS, Federal and State assistance, as understood by the Loudon County Quarterly Court for this coming fiscal year contemplates a financial assistance what would probably be the equivalent of offering the cost of the purchase of 75% of one ambulance whereas the prospective cost to Loudon County in rendering an ambulance service which will be similar to cost for many other communities of the same size, will require a budget in the neighborhood of \$2,000 per year, and that the offering of 75% of one ambulance for the year:

Exhibit A

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grossly inadequate as contrasted to the serious financial burden that will be put on the County of Loudon, and on other similarly situated Counties, year after year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Loudon County Quarterly Court in regular session assembled, on this the 7th day of August, 1972, that it urges and implores the State of Tennessee, and the United States Government, to take steps to assume a major portion of the role in providing these Emergency Ambulance Services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to the President of the United States of America, the Senate Majority Leader and the House Majority Leader of the United States Congress, the United States Senators from Tennessee and the United States Congressman from the Second Congressional District, the Govern of the State of Tennessee, the State Office of Urban and Federal Affairs, the Commissioner of Public Health, the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Tennessee, and the State Senator and State Representatives and the Candidates therefor, for Loudon County.