

LOUDON COUNTY COMMISSION

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF LOUDON

September 19, 2011

4:00 PM

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 19th day of September, 2011. The **Honorable Roy Bledsoe** called the meeting to order.
- Commissioner Bledsoe** opened the County Commission Meeting, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Pastor Brian Courtney gave the invocation.
- (2) **Roll Call** Present were the following Commissioners: **Jenkins, Meers, Shaver, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, and Miller**. **Commissioner Maples** will arrive late: **(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 September 19, 2011 Agenda be adopted. **Commissioner Meers** requested that Election of the Commission Chairman and Vice Chairman for the coming year be added to the Agenda and **Mayor Herron** requested to table the Item regarding selection of a new Property Assessor until the arrival of **Commissioner Maples**.
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Miller** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to adopt the Agenda as Amended.
- Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.
- (4) **Minutes for August 8, 2011 Commission Meeting and August 22, 2011 Special Called Meeting Approved** **Chairman Bledsoe** requested that the August 8, 2011 County Commission Meeting Minutes and the August 22, 2011 Special Called Meeting Minutes be approved and accepted.
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** 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.
- Richard Truitt** came forward to speak about Item B.3 under the Budget Director's Presentation regarding additional funds for architectural drawings for the School Building Program. He said that the architectural drawings for the Greenback School had cost the County taxpayers thousands of dollars and questioned why these problems weren't foreseen in the planning stages and done correctly the first time.

He offered his opinion that the School Board's failure to plan ahead should result in them having to find funding for this redo of the drawings from their budget and not require additional taxpayer's money.

**(6)
Boards/
Committees
Appointments
Approved**

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

1. Request Consideration of Approving Boards/Committees Appointments for the Following:
 - a. Loudon County Agricultural Extension Committee
 - b. Loudon County Animal Control Advisory Committee
 - c. Industrial Bond Board of Loudon County, Inc.
 - d. Loudon County Ethics Committee
 - e. Loudon County GIS Board

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Shaver** with a second by **Commissioner Harrelson** to approve all resolutions in this request.

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

Resolutions 091911-A-E

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

**(7)
Circuit &
Sessions
Budgets
Amended
For Wage
Increases
Approved**

1. Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve Budget Amendments in Circuit and Sessions Budgets for FY2011-2012 Wage Increases.

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

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

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

The following Commissioner was **Absent at this time: Maples: (1)**

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

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**(8)
Fund 141
Amendments
Approved**

2. Consideration of Recommendation to Approve Budget Amendments in General Purpose School Fund 141.

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

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

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

The following Commissioner was **Absent at this time: Maples: (1)**

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

Exhibit 091911-G

(9)
Fund 177
Subfund AFT
Approved

3. Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve Budget Amendment in Education Capital Projects Fund 177 Subfund AFT.

Ms. Blair explained that this was a request for an additional \$430,000 to pay for a re-do of architectural drawings for Greenback School, in the School Building Program, that were now due and estimated through December.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Miller** with a second by **Commissioner Franke** to approve this recommendation.

Commissioner Franke informed the Commission of a conversation he had with **Ms. Hunter** regarding a concern of hers that, according to her research, this had not been discussed at School Board Meetings and she questioned whether or not this request had been approved by the School Board. Lengthy discussion followed with **School Board member Van Shaver**, responding that he remembers that the School Board asked the Director of Schools to request \$430,000. There was discussion of invoices and School Board requests for funding and what was the correct official process whereby the School Board can request funding approval from the County. Regarding invoices, **Ms. Blair** explained that the County Budget Department process requires the School Director's approval or someone he's appointed to represent him. It doesn't matter to the County Processing or Audit Department whether or not the School Board has approved the invoices. **Commissioner Meers** asked if this item could be tabled until the October Commission Meeting to allow the Director of Schools and the School Board to clarify. **Commissioner Miller** responded that this was a good idea and that it shouldn't delay the project. He **withdrew his motion to approve this recommendation**. **Ms. Blair** responded that approval of the Budget Amendment doesn't authorize payment of funds it just provides and appropriation to be paid after proper approval by the Director of Schools or his designee. Discussion continued with **Ms. Blair** saying that she would be glad to check with the School Board and Director regarding their procedures. **Commissioner Miller** stated that the issue here seemed to be whether or not the School Board has actually approved the request for funds. **Van Shaver** repeated that the School Board had told Director Jason Vance to go to the Commission and ask for \$430,000. He also pointed out that delaying these funds could be a problem since the School Board is already a little behind in paying the Architect. Further discussion resulted in a decision to go ahead with the vote tonight. **Commissioner Duff** asked if the Commission could comfortably vote tonight on this proposal by adding the phrase "pending proper approval" to the wording. Following discussion, **Commissioner Duff made a motion to approve this request if the School Board has or will approve the action**. **Commissioner Meers withdrew his proposal to delay considering this request at this time**.

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

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

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

Therefore the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (10, 0, 0)**

Exhibit 091911-H

(10)
Notaries
Approved

Loudon County Commissioner, David Meers, made a **motion** with a second by **Commissioner Maples** to approve the following **Notaries: Hope M. Mellis; Lacey Marie Valdizon; Jann A. Leach; April Nicole Freeman; Lindsey Frances Roberts; Tammy Lawson; Allison L. Gossett; Tyler Watkins; Alexandra L. Brooks; and Sonya R. Morgan.**

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

Exhibit 091911-I

(11)
Loudon
County
Property
Assessor
Elected
to Complete
Term

Loudon County Mayor Estelle Herron requested that her tabled item to **Elect a New County Property Assessor** be considered at this time and she asked for nominations of candidates.

Commissioner Franke nominated **Mike Campbell** and **Commissioner Meers** nominated **Jane Smith**.

Chairman Bledsoe asked for any additional nominations and upon receiving none, he asked for a motion to close the nominations.

Commissioner Shaver made a **motion** to cease the nominations and take the vote. Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.

Chairman Bledsoe requested that the Commissioners state the name of the person they wished to vote for when the Clerk called the roll.

The following Commissioners voted for **Mike Campbell: Franke, Duff, Yarbrough, Harrelson, Miller, Maples, and Shaver: (7)**

The following Commissioners voted for **Jane Smith: Bledsoe, Jenkins, and Meers: (3)**

Thereupon **Chairman Bledsoe** announced to **Mike Campbell** that he had been elected to fill out the term of **Chuck Jenkins** until the next election as the **Loudon County Property Assessor**. **Mr. Campbell** thanked everyone for the opportunity and said he looks forward to filling out this term and serving the County.

Commissioner Meers addressed **Mr. Campbell** saying that he did not vote for him but that he would support him in his new position.

Discussion followed concerning the swearing in ceremony for **Mr. Campbell** with the decision that he would be sworn in tomorrow morning, September 20th, in the Mayor's office.

Loudon County Mayor Estelle Herron requested nominations for election of the County Commission Chairman for the 2011-2012 term.

Commissioner Meers made a **motion** with a second by **Commissioner Miller** to nominate **Commissioner Roy Bledsoe**.

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

Chairman Bledsoe requested nominations for election of the County Commission Vice-Chairman for the 2011-2012 term.

Commissioner Miller made a **motion** with a second by **Commissioner Shaver** to nominate **Commissioner Earlena Maples**.

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

Chairman Bledsoe thanked everyone and said that he would do his best to serve and be fair. **Commissioner Maples** also thanked everyone.

(12)
Comments:
Non-Agenda
Items

Chairman Bledsoe asked that any visitor wishing to address the Commission regarding items not on the Agenda come forward.

Richard Truitt came forward to congratulate the new chairman and to thank him for his good conduct of the meetings and his fairness in giving audience members the chance to speak. He also complimented the Commissioners for their civility in the conduct of the County's business regardless of whether or not they were in agreement. The audience members supported this comment.

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

(13)
Adjournment

There being no further business, a **motion** being duly made and seconded, the September 19, 2011 County Commission Meeting stood adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

COUNTY MAYOR