



Observer Reporting Form

Feature Evaluated	Yes	No	Comments
Meeting started on time?	X		
All members present?		X	Michelle Carringer and Mark Harmon were absent
Members attentive?	X		
Did members appear to have done their "homework?"	X		
Were members courteous to each other and the public?	X		
Agenda sent/posted 72 hours before?			
Agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?	X		
Adequate opportunity for public input?	X		
Was there an appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session?		X	
Was background information available to the public?		X	Detailed budget given to commission members but not the public
Facilities adequate? (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers audible, accessible to handicapped)	X		

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or programs? _

The county budget for 2010-2011 was approved without amendment although Mr. McIntyre was questioned repeatedly about the cost of central office staffing in the school budget. No other departments were asked to justify their cuts or staffing. And no other department heads appeared. The Capital Plan for 2011-2015 was postponed for 30 days to give time for public input on the Carter schools renovation. Again only the school plans for capital improvements were questioned. The issue seems to be whether the eastern part of the county is being neglected in favor of more money spent on the western side.

The Commission is considering revising Roberts Rules of Order to simplify the rules.

I had to leave before the discussion of the zoning requests for the East County Sector plan but the decision regarding the Industrial park at Midway Road was postponed to let the incoming Commission and Mayor handle the question.

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? None at this time

Other Concerns:

Observer: Elaine Breslaw Meeting: Knox County Commission Date: May 24, 2010