

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING  
NOVEMBER 30, 2015  
6:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commission Chairman Anthony Dove  
District 1 Commissioner Stanley Thomas  
District 2 Commissioner Dewitt "Pete" Bond  
District 3 Commissioner Theresa Bettis  
District 4 Commissioner John W. Pethel, Sr.  
District 5 Commissioner Jim R. Escoe, Sr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Rhonda S. Wooten, County Clerk  
Mike Pruett, County Attorney

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, led in the pledge to the American Flag and asked for a moment of silence for the following people that have passed away: Tommy Baugh, Jack Harold McCarty, Charlotte Bond, Wayne Barrett and the stepfather of Jason Lewis.

**Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:**

**Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of November 2, 2015 and Budget Work Session of November 9, 2015. Minutes have been distributed.**

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the minutes of the November 2, 2015 Regular Business Meeting and the November 9, 2015 Budget Work Session. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Pethel abstained.

**Item No. 2. Business Involving Guests, Groups or Multiple Visitors.**

Madison County's 7 and Under Red Raiders Football Team

The entire football team and coaches were in attendance. The team won the North Georgia Youth Football Association Super Bowl. The team scored a total of 440 points during the season while allowing opponents a point total of only 41. Chairman Dove recognized all of the players and coaches individually. Head Coach Daniel Hill spoke of the dedication of the team.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to approve a proclamation recognizing the remarkable accomplishments of the team. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 3. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Dove recognized Sheriff Thomas. Sheriff Thomas addressed the Board regarding the Drug Task Force Agreement. The Task Force did not accept the agreement drawn up by County Attorney Mike Pruett to include language pertaining to liability coverage. Mr. Pruett advised the Board that the deputies will be insured under the current policy and that the Drug Task Force should be addressed prior to insurance renewal in August, 2016.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the 2015 Drug Task Force Agreement. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove stated that he rode the county with Senator Frank Ginn, G.D.O.T. Commissioner Russell McMurry, G.D.O.T. District Engineer Brent Cook and County Engineer Phil Munro to view road issues in the cities and on Highway 72 and Highway 29.

**Item No. 4. Report from Industrial Development and Building Authority. (Marvin White)**

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and recognized Marvin White, Executive Director of the Madison County Industrial Development and Building Authority. Mr. White gave a report of the activities of the ID&BA.

**Item No. 5. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on agenda items.**

Chairman Dove asked if there were any statements or remarks on an agenda item. No one came forward.

**Item No. 6. Consider bid recommendation for cardiac monitors. (Jason Lewis)**

The only bid received, for the purchase of three Phillips HeartStart MRx Cardiac Monitors, was from Southeastern Emergency Equipment for \$63,202.05. A grant up to \$70,590.00 was awarded to EMS for this purchase with the county's match to be ten percent. This was approved at the June 1, 2015 Regular Business Meeting.

**Item No. 7. Consider proclamation recognizing December 6, 2015 as General Allen Daniel Day. (Linda Fortson)**

Mrs. Fortson addressed the Board regarding a proclamation recognizing December 6, 2015 as General Allen Daniel Day.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Bond the Board approved the proclamation. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 8. Consider bid recommendation for a new roof at Jail and Sheriff's Office. (Alan Lapczynski)**

Public Works and Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski recommend the \$116,100.00 bid submitted by Watertight Roofing Services for the new roof at the Jail and Sheriff's Office. He stated that the bid excluded a maintenance walking path. The Board discussed that the amount for the walking path be taken out of the maintenance line item.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to accept the \$116,100.00 bid from Watertight Roofing Services for the new roof at the Jail and Sheriff's Office and that the funds be taken from the old SPLOST. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 9. Consider changing the December Agenda Setting Meeting date from December 28, 2015 to December 21, 2015. (Chairman Dove)**

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to change the December Agenda Setting Meeting date to December 21, 2015. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 10. Consider a onetime one percent cost of living raise for all full time and regularly scheduled part time employees. (Chairman Dove)**

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board approved a one-time \$300 Cost of Living Adjustment for each regularly scheduled employee that has been with the County for at least 90 days and that the funds are to come from cash reserves. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 11. Consider a \$4,000 contribution to obtain and implement a LaserFiche system for the District Attorney's Office. (Chairman Dove)**

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to give \$4,000 to the District Attorney's Office to obtain and implement a LaserFiche system and that the funds come from cash reserves. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 12. Consider a \$2,500 contribution to the First Responders to obtain text books. (Chairman Dove)**

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve a 2015 budget amendment of \$2,500 for text books for First Responders and that the funds come from cash reserves. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 13. Consider a \$5,000 budget amendment for the Food Bank. (Chairman Dove)**

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to approve a 2015 budget amendment for the Food Bank and that the funds come from cash reserves. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 14. Consider 2016 LMIG requests. (Chairman Dove)**

The following requests were presented:

Commissioner Thomas District One

Frank Bird Road and the dirt portion of Sunray Hatchery Road.

Commissioner Bond District Two

Rock Quarry Road and New Haven Church Road

Commissioner Bettis District Three  
McCannon Morris Road

Commissioner Pethel District Four  
Jones Chapel Shiloh Road Widening

Commissioner Escoe District Five  
Jones Matthews Road and resurfacing of the rest of Kingston Greens Subdivision

**Item No. 15. Roads Update**

Commissioner Thomas requested 25mph speed limit signs for Old Church Road, clean ditches at Old Church Road and Helican Springs Road, repair of pot holes on Buford Carey Road and the status of the traffic light at Ingles. Commissioner Bond requested repair of pot holes on Kellogg Drive. Commissioner Bettis requested that Southcreek Drive be looked at. Commissioner Pethel requested repair of pot holes on Jones Chapel Shiloh Road and Duffel Martin Road. Commissioner Escoe requested the status of the road striping requests previously submitted and requested that more roads be added to the list.

**Item No. 16. Urgent Matters**

There were no urgent matters.

**Item No. 17. Review December 7, 2015 agenda for Regular Business Meeting.**

Mrs. Wooten read the December 7, 2015 agenda items.

**Item No. 18. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.**

Chairman Dove asked if there were any statements or remarks. Larry Cox came forward and thanked the Board for the funds that were made available to the Food Bank.

**Item No. 19. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).**

There was no need for executive session.

**Item No. 20. Adjourn.**

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:10 pm.