

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
FEBRUARY 29, 2016
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 passing of Ealmer Fitzpatrick and to remember Sherry Culberson and others who are struggling with health issues.

Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of February 1, 2016. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the minutes of the February 1, 2016 Regular Business Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

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

Adam Speir, County Extension Agent and Morgan Langford, Family & Consumer Sciences Agent

Mr. Speir covered highlights of the 2015 Madison County Extension Annual Report. Mr. Speir introduced District Extension Director Judy Ashley. Ms. Ashley addressed the Board regarding the many applications that they received for the position of Family and Consumer Sciences Agent and was happy to introduce their selection, Morgan Langford. Ms. Langford expressed her enthusiasm in filling the position.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Dove announced that GDOT will be holding a meeting on March 15th from 10 AM to Noon at the Athens Clarke County Library to discuss upcoming maintenance work and how contractors can become qualified to bid.

Chairman Dove said that the Madison County Senior Center has been approved for a grant from Jackson EMC in the amount of \$15,000 to be used specifically for clients to receive home delivered meals. An article showcasing the Madison County Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program was included in the Jackson EMC's 2015 Annual Report.

Chairman Dove said that in May, Team Buddy Christian will ride in the 260 mile, three day Police Unity Tour from the coast of Virginia to Washington, D.C. to honor and remember fallen Law Enforcement Heroes. The Police Unity Tour is an annual fundraising event to raise awareness of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty.

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. Lisa Mathis came forward and addressed the Board regarding her resignation from the Board of Elections and her intent to run for District One Commissioner. She stated that her husband, Mike Mathis, has been nominated to fill the vacant Board of Elections position and she wanted to dispel any concerns that the Board of Commissioners might have. The Board had no concerns.

Item No. 6. Consider accepting the Republican Party's nominee, Mike Mathis, to fill the remaining unexpired term of Lisa Mathis on the Board of Elections. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to accept the Republican Party's nominee, Mike Mathis, to fill the remaining term of Lisa Mathis on the Board of Elections. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 7. Consider hiring part time seasonal employees and filling a clerical position at the Recreation Department. (Robin Pendleton)

Recreation Department Director Robin Pendleton addressed the Board requesting approval to hire Emily Bartlett, Kirsten Casper, Cody Coile, Donna Davis, Ty Drake, Aidan Edwards, Daniel Hall, Brittany Hanson, Holley Haynes, Brooklyn Ingram, Sarah Jacobs, Nathaniel Little, Melissa Malaier, Madisyn Mason, Hunter Moats, Macey Noland, Luke Perdue, Sam Perdue and Tommy Wilson for part time seasonal employment and Anita Parker for a clerical position. On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond the Board approved the hiring of the applicants requested by Director Pendleton. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Discuss accepting Hope Drive as a county road. (Jim Escoe)

Commissioner Escoe stated that most of the criteria to accept a private road into the county have been met for Hope Drive. There was discussion among the Board regarding the requirements and selection process to accept a private road. Commissioner Escoe said that he will bring the required legal deeds in and asked that consideration of the acceptance of Hope Drive be placed on the next agenda.

Item No. 9. Consider approving the 2016 Sheriff's Office State Seizure account and Jail Commission account budgets. (Chairman Dove)

Sheriff Thomas provided the Board with the requested 2015 itemized revenue and expenditures. The Board said that they would like to have time to review it before voting. On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to move this item to the next meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 10. Consider approving the 2016 Law Library and Clerk's Deed budgets. (Chairman Dove)

The requested 2015 itemized list of revenue and expenditures was previously provided in the commissioners' meeting packets. On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board approved the 2016 Law Library and Clerk's Deed budgets. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 11. Consider approving the 2016 Food Bank budget. (Chairman Dove)

The requested 2015 itemized list of revenue and expenditures was previously provided in the commissioners' meeting packets. On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the 2016 Food Bank budget. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 12. Consider approving the 2016 Madison County budget resolution. (Chairman Dove)

Commissioner Bond made a motion to approve the 2016 Madison County budget resolution. Commissioner Bettis seconded the motion. Commissioner Pethel opened discussion regarding the county finances. After considerable discussion of the concerns and the vision for the future, the Board voted to approve the 2016 budget resolution. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Pethel voted NO.

Item No. 12. Roads Update

Commissioner Thomas requested that pot holes on Lucky Jones Road, Planter Gunnels Road and Fairplay Church Road be filled. Commissioner Thomas also requested trash pick-up on Sanford Nicholson Road and the state roads.

Commissioner Bond said that a number of people have said thank you for the road striping that has been done.

Commissioner Bettis requested that pot holes on Childers Road and Lem Edwards Road be filled.

Commissioner Pethel requested that pot holes on Rock Quarry Road and Lystra Church Road be filled.

Item No. 13. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 14. Review March 7, 2016 agenda for Regular Business Meeting.

Mrs. Wooten read the March 7, 2016 agenda items.

Item No. 15. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Chairman Dove asked if there were any statements or remarks.

Joyce Daniel came forward and thanked the Board for the cutting of the weeds on Helican Springs Road.

Charles Burgess came forward and also thanked the Board for the work on Helican Springs Road.

Sally Sheppard addressed the Board requesting the acceptance of Wesley Chapel Drive as a county road.

Lee Allen addressed the Board regarding road issues on Hardman Hooper Road and other roads.

Item No. 16. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 17. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:50 pm.