

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
MARCH 28, 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 bombing in Brussels and Pakistan and for a lot of folks that have passed away and for people with physical needs.

Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of March 7, 2016. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the minutes of the March 7, 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.

Mike Moak, Madison County Library Board of Trustees

Mr. Moak advised the Board that interviewing is underway to fill the vacant Library Director position. He also recommended Ann Davis to fill a vacancy on the Madison County Library Board of Trustees. On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to approve the recommendation of Ann Davis. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report

No report was given.

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. Discuss contracting a private part-time misdemeanor public defender for superior court. (Parks White)

District Attorney Parks White addressed the Board regarding his recommendation for the Board to contract a part-time misdemeanor public defender for superior court to help move more rapidly through the misdemeanor cases. There was discussion but no vote was taken.

Item No. 7. Discuss North Georgia Narcotics Unit. (Parks White)

District Attorney Parks White addressed the Board regarding his recommendation of the North Georgia Narcotics Unit Agreement. Elberton Police Chief Mark Welsh and Investigator Mike Marler with the GBI also addressed the Board to discuss the benefits of the agreement. After considerable discussion, on motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve the agreement. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Pethel voted YES. Commissioner Escoe voted NO.

Item No. 8. Consider bid recommendation for lawn maintenance. (Alan Lapczynski)

Chairman Dove advised the Board that only one bid was received and it was from Tim Nunn General Contracting Service for the same that was submitted last year.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the lawn maintenance bid submitted by Tim Nunn General Contracting Service. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider accepting Hope Drive as a county road. (Jim Escoe)

Commissioner Escoe recognized Jason Yates. Mr. Yates addressed the Board stating that once he receives two more signatures, he will have all of the right-of-way deeds for Hope Drive. Commissioner Escoe requested that the consideration of accepting Hope Drive as a county road be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Item No. 10. Discuss having a work session on April 5, 2016 at 9:00 am to inspect and assess county facilities and attend the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new jail. (Chairman Dove)

The Board agreed to have a work session at 9:00 am on April 5th.

Item No. 11. Consider 2016 LMIG projects. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove stated that he rode with Chairman Pittard to review roads that are being considered for LMIG projects. He stated that Chairman Pittard wants to concentrate on just resurfacing. Commissioner Escoe asked if he was willing to resurface the rest of the Kingston Greens subdivision. Chairman Dove said that he was not sure. Commissioner Escoe made a motion to go out to bid for the Kingston Greens road work. Commissioner Pethel seconded the motion. After further discussion, Commissioner Escoe decided to wait to see if Chairman Pittard was willing to handle the work and withdrew his motion to go out for bid. Commissioner Pethel withdrew his second. Commissioner Bettis requested that a work session be scheduled to discuss road projects.

Item No. 12. Roads Update

Commissioner Thomas requested the status of the pipe extension work on Adams Clarke Road. Commissioner Pethel stated that Davids Home Church Road has been ready to be paved for several months and will discuss going out for bid at the next meeting.

Item No. 13. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 14. Review April 4, 2016 agenda for Regular Business Meeting.

Mrs. Wooten read the April 4, 2016 agenda items.

Item No. 15. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Chairman Dove asked if there were any statements or remarks. Richard Campbell addressed the Board and stated that he is an attorney from Elberton and has qualified to run for the District Attorney position. Mr. Campbell commented on District Attorney Parks White's recommendation for a part-time public defender.

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

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board unanimously agreed to go into executive session to discuss litigation.

The Board returned at 7:40 pm.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board unanimously agreed to accept the Executive Session minutes. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 17. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:42 pm