

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
JUNE 27, 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 gave recognition and special thanks to Mrs. Mary Smith who is retiring after 25 years of service as a Department of Family and Children Services Board Member. Chairman Dove stated that Mrs. Smith was also one of his first grade teachers.

Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of June 6, 2016 and Budget Sessions of June 15, 2016 and June 16, 2016. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the minutes of June 6, 2016, June 15, 2016 and June 16, 2016. 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 and 4-H Equestrian Drill Team

Chairman Dove recognized the members of the Madison County 4-H "Cowboys and Angels" Equestrian Drill Team and read a proclamation acknowledging the several awards that they recently received at the local, state and national levels of competition.

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

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Dove presented two applications for part time call-in security positions.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond the Board approved the hiring of Charles Smith and Torie Teets. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

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. Robert Davis with AgStrong Company addressed the Board regarding agenda item number eight. Mr. Davis stated that the company is growing and that they are running out of space at their current Danielsville location and would like to rent the county facility on Spring Lake Drive.

Item No. 6. Consider Madison County Department of Family and Children Services' FY 2017 budget request. (Kristy Daniels)

County DFCS Director Kristy Daniels presented a FY 2017 budget request of \$33,500.

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

Item No. 7. Consider hiring Robert Rosamond to fill a vacant position in the 911 Office. (David Camp)

Chairman Dove recognized 911 Director David Camp. Director Camp presented the application of Robert Rosamond and requested that he be hired to fill a vacant dispatcher position.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve hiring Robert Rosamond. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider use of vacant building on Spring Lake Drive. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove recognized Board of Elections and Registration Chairperson Tracy Dean. Ms. Dean addressed the Board regarding the need for additional space and requested that their offices be moved to the location on Spring Lake Drive. Mr. Davis with AgStrong Company said that he would withdraw his request for the space after hearing the needs of the Election Office.

Commissioner Escoe made a motion to move the Board of Elections and Registration offices to the facility on Spring Lake Drive. Commissioner Bettis seconded the motion.

After discussion regarding the other county owned properties and possible vacancies, Commissioner Thomas made an alternative motion to postpone making a decision and discuss this at the July 11, 2016 meeting to allow time for County Attorney Mike Pruett to look into information regarding renting county property to a private business. Commissioner Bond seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve. Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Commissioner Escoe withdrew his motion. Commissioner Bettis withdrew her second.

Item No. 9. Discuss Noise Ordinance. (Commissioner Bettis)

Commissioner Bettis stated that she would like to address a two-fold situation regarding noise, primarily created by electronics, outside of the restricted hours designated in our noise ordinance. One situation is purposeful and intentional noise/disruption and the other situation is consideration of people who work second and third shifts. She said that she reviewed several other county ordinances and pointed out the wording in one ordinance that had “particularly, but not limited to” regarding time restrictions. Sheriff Thomas addressed the Board and suggested that the wording include “used for harassment”. County Attorney Mike Pruett stated that he would get with Sheriff Thomas to discuss how to best address these situations.

Item No. 10. Consider widening Jones Chapel Shiloh Road. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove advised the Board that there is some money left over in the 2016 LMIG and suggested it be used to widen Jones Chapel Shiloh Road. Commissioner Pethel stated that he would like to hold off and use the balance of the LMIG money at a later date and have a road paved that has already been grubbed and graded.

Item No. 11. Consider 2016/2017 agreement with Public Defender’s Office. (Chairman Dove)

County Attorney Mike Pruett explained the agreement and advised the Board that the county percentages have been based on a 13 year rolling average versus a most recent 5 year average. He stated that the other four counties will be working to change the funding division formula next year which will result in a higher percentage of the cost for Madison County and our additional salary contribution to the Public Defender’s Office should be considered at that time.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve the 2016/2017 Indigent Defense Agreement for the Northern Judicial Circuit. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 12. Consider 2016/2017 Work Detail Agreement with Georgia Department of Corrections. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board approved the 2016/2017 Work Detail Agreement with Georgia Department of Corrections. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 13. Roads Update

Chairman Dove asked the Board to review the pricing of tractors that Alan provided. Commissioner Pethel inquired about the status of the shoulder work on Rock Quarry Road.

Item No. 14. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 15. Review the July 11, 2016 agenda for Regular Business Meeting.

Mrs. Wooten read the July 11, 2016 agenda items.

Item No. 16. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Chairman Dove asked if there were any statements or remarks. No one came forward.

Item No. 17. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 18. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bettis, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:00 pm.