

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016  
6:30 PM**

**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 Pruet, County Attorney

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., led in the pledge to the American Flag and asked for a moment of silence for those who have passed away; Mike Hillsman, Buddy Logan and Phyllis Ward. He also asked for prayer for John Stuedemann who is having health issues. Chairman Dove thanked everyone for the prayers for his grandson Roman and stated that his surgery was successful.

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

**Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of September 12, 2016. Minutes have been distributed.**

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016 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.**

None

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

Chairman Dove stated that Senior Center Director Kelsey Tyner will be addressing the Board at the next meeting regarding transportation needs at the Senior Center.

Chairman Dove said that Clerk of Courts Michelle Strickland is getting quotes on installing tile in the jury rooms and hallways and should have those numbers next week.

Chairman Dove presented an intergovernmental agreement between the Madison County Board of Commissioners, the Madison County Tax Commissioner and the city of Carlton and an intergovernmental agreement between the Madison County Board of Commissioners, the Madison County Tax Commissioner and the city of Danielsville for the preparation of the tax digest and for assessment and collection of ad valorem taxes.

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

Chairman Dove stated that he looked into Commissioner Escoe's question regarding the amount of time that the 2008 SPLOST jail funds can be held and was told that they can be held until June 30, 2020.

Chairman Dove stated that the work on the canoe launch at the Highway 72 Bridge is close to completion and asked County Attorney Mike Pruett to draft rules of operation.

Chairman Dove announced that it was County Clerk Rhonda Wooten's birthday. Everyone joined in wishing her a happy birthday.

**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 allowing the Board of Elections Office to move to Spring Lake Drive. (Tracy Dean)**

Chairman Dove recognized Board of Elections and Registration Chairperson Tracy Dean. Mrs. Dean addressed the Board regarding her request to relocate the Board of Elections and Registration Office to the vacant building at 94 Spring Lake Drive. After discussion regarding requirements such as handicap accessibility and polling place relocation notices, the Board agreed with the request.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the relocation of the Board of Elections and Registration Office to take place after the election and required public notice. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 7. Discuss the Comprehensive Use Plan. (Wayne Douglas)**

Chairman Dove recognized Planning and Zoning Board Chairman Wayne Douglas. Mr. Douglas addressed the Board regarding the updated Madison County Comprehensive Land Use Plan that is due June 30, 2017. He said that the Planning and Zoning Board is willing to gather information and get started with the Land Use portion of the plan to save on expenses that will incur with either a private company or the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission. Chairman Dove said that he would try to get a cost estimate from the NEGRC.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to grant the Planning and Zoning Board the opportunity to get started on the Madison County Land Use Plan. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 8. Discuss renovating the old gym and moving the Extension Office to that location. (Adam Speir)**

Chairman Dove recognized County Extension Agent Adam Speir. Mr. Speir introduced UGA Intern Jess Chitwood who was in the audience. Mr. Speir presented a proposed layout for office space and renovations to accommodate the 4H and Extension Office. There was discussion regarding the expense, suitability and timing of the relocation.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to go out for bid for renovation of the old gym to relocate the 4H and the Extension office. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond and Escoe voted YES. Commissioners Bettis and Pethel voted NO.

**Item No. 9. Consider Food Bank being opened on Mondays from October 24 through December. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove stated that this is the annual request by Ms. Rooker to handle the work that is done for the Christmas donations.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to allow the Food Bank to be open on Mondays from October 24, 2016 through December, 2016. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 10. Roads Update**

Chairman Dove said that Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski has been working with Ms. Hitchcock of Stone Stewart Road regarding the water run-off problem.

Commissioner Thomas said that he would like to make a motion to go out for bid to have Beck Road resurfaced. After discussion there was no second because it was decided that Chairman Dove would check with Garrett Paving, the company that had the lowest bid for Beck Road this past June, to see if their price remains the same.

**Item No. 11. Urgent Matters**

There were no urgent matters.

**Item No. 12. Review the October 3, 2016 agenda for Regular Business Meeting.**

Mrs. Wooten read the October 3, 2016 agenda items.

**Item No. 13. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.**

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

**Item No. 14. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).**

There was no need for executive session.

**Item No. 15. Adjourn.**

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

