

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 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 5 Commissioner Jim R. Escoe, Sr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

District 4 Commissioner John W. Pethel, Sr.

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 pm, welcomed newly elected District Three Commissioner Theresa Bettis, led in the pledge to the American Flag and asked for a moment of silence for Commissioner Pethel's recovery and thankfulness that he came through a very serious ailment.

Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of September 10, 2015. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2015 Regular Business Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Bettis abstained.

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

None

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Dove read a letter from Brent Cook, D.O.T. District Engineer, regarding a statewide safety campaign entitled "Drive Alert Arrive Alive". Statistics show a significant increase in fatalities due to drivers being distracted or impaired. Chairman Dove encouraged everyone to join in the campaign and share the message of driving responsibly; wear a seat belt, stay off phone, do not drive impaired.

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. Recommend telephone system proposal. (Thomas Smallwood)

Chairman Dove recognized IT Contractor Thomas Smallwood. Mr. Smallwood addressed the Board regarding the proposals submitted for the telephone system. He stated that he and Gary Venable both reviewed the proposals and recommended the proposal submitted by Summit Systems Incorporated. Mr. Smallwood answered questions regarding the failing condition of the current phone system, user friendly features of a new phone system and the economical benefits of fiber-optics.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to accept the telephone system proposal submitted by Summit Systems Incorporated. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to have the new telephone system paid out of cash reserves. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 7. Consider moving Greg Kesler from part time to a vacant full time EMS position. (Jason Lewis)

EMS Director Lewis was unable to attend the meeting. The application for Greg Kesler was previously provided to the Board in their meeting packet.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to move Greg Kesler from a part time EMS position to the vacant full time position. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider hiring Jenny Williams to fill vacant dispatcher position. (David Camp)

911 Director David Camp addressed the Board regarding the hiring of Jenny Williams. The application for Ms. Williams was previously provided to the Board in their meeting packet.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to hire Jenny Williams to fill a vacant dispatcher position. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider Utility Encroachment Application from Hart EMC for Parham Town Rd. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the application for Parham Town Road. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 10. Consider Utility Encroachment Application from Bill Smith for Wayne Hutchens Dr. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the application for Wayne Hutchens Drive. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 11. Consider resolution to amend the General Policy to include Credit Card Usage by Elected Officials. (Chairman Dove)

County Attorney Mike Pruett explained that the reason for the resolution is to be in compliance with House Bill 192, effective January 1, 2016, regarding credit card usage by elected officials.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve the resolution to amend the General Policy to include Credit Card Usage by Elected Officials. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 12. Roads Update

Commissioner Thomas requested an update on Sunray Hatchery Road and Frank Bird Road. Commissioner Escoe requested an update on the culvert for Valley Road.

Item No. 13. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 14. Review October 5, 2015 agenda for Regular Business Meeting.

Mrs. Wooten read the October 5, 2015 agenda items.

Item No. 15. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

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

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 Bond and second by Commissioner Bettis, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:13 pm.