

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
BUDGET WORK SESSION  
JULY 31, 2015  
9:00 A.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commission Chairman Anthony Dove  
District 1 Commissioner Stanley Thomas  
District 2 Commissioner Dewitt Bond  
District 4 Commissioner John Pethel, Sr.  
District 5 Commissioner Jim R. Escoe, Sr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kathy Clark, Finance Director  
Rhonda S. Wooten, County Clerk

The work session started at 9:00 am.

**Item No. 1. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on an agenda item.**

There were no statements or remarks.

**Item No. 2. Budget Work Session to discuss 2016 budget.**

Board of Elections and Registration Chairperson Tracy Dean approached the Board to answer questions regarding the number of voting machines that are required by the state of Georgia.

Clerk of Superior Court Michelle Strickland presented her proposed 2016 budgets for facilities 40, 35, 36 and 28. Chairman Dove asked Ms. Strickland to address the Board regarding facility 76, ESP. Ms. Strickland stated that the county funds for this facility have not been increased in some time and she would like to request a budget increase for the Extra Special People program. The Board thanked Ms. Strickland for her presentation.

Magistrate Judge David Patton presented his proposed 2016 budget for facility 38. The Board thanked him for his presentation.

Chief Tax Appraiser Robin Baker presented his proposed 2016 budget for facility 27. The Board thanked him for his presentation.

Public Works and Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski presented his proposed 2016 budgets for facilities 30, 64 and 65. The Board thanked him for his presentation.

EMS Director Jason Lewis presented his proposed 2016 budget for facility 55. The Board thanked him for his presentation.

Animal Shelter Administrative Manager Tara Ewing presented the proposed 2016 budget for facility 62, Madison Oglethorpe Animal Shelter. The Board thanked her for her presentation.

Information Technology Director Gary Venable presented his proposed 2016 budget for facility 14. The Board thanked him for his presentation.

Building and Zoning Administrative Assistant Teresa Patton presented the 2016 proposed budgets for facilities 92 and 95. The Board thanked her for her presentation.

The Board discussed the five year history of increases and decreases in revenue, the millage rate, a one percent employee salary increase and the deficit between projected revenue and expenditures. The Board discussed moving software maintenance contracts from the facility 14 budget to the budget of each facility that is serviced by a software maintenance contract. The Board set August 24, 2015 at 9:00 am for the next budget work session and August 31, 2015 at 6:00 pm for the public hearing on the millage rate. The Board discussed changing procedures for bid openings.

**Item No. 3. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on any matter.**

There were no statements or remarks.

**Item No. 4. Adjourn**

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn At 12:12 pm.