

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
July 29, 2013
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commission Chairman Anthony Dove
District 1 Commissioner Stanley Thomas
District 2 Commissioner Dewitt "Pete" Bond
District 3 Commissioner Mike Youngblood
District 4 Commissioner John W. Pethel, Sr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

District 5 Commissioner Jim R. Escoe, Sr.

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitchem, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:

Rhonda Wooten, County Clerk
Mike Pruet, County Attorney

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, led in the pledge to the American flag and requested a moment of silence for Commissioner Escoe and his family.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of July 1, 2013. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the minutes of the July 1, 2013 meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

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

None

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Dove stated that we received the 2012 Sales Ratio Study from the Department of Audits and Accounts. He said that the numbers are good; in the range that they need to be.

Chairman Dove said that the County Extension Office has been experiencing problems with their phones. They are down from seven working phones to only two working phones. The phones were put in years ago by a company that is no longer in existence. Chairman Dove stated that we are responsible for providing phones for the Extension Office and asked the Board if they would like for us to work with Windstream on this provision.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and Second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board approved working with Windstream to provide phones for the County Extension Service. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Chairman Dove stated that Road Department employee, Lisa Hattaway has an upcoming surgery scheduled and due to serious medical issues with her husband earlier this year she is in need of sick leave time beyond the amount allowed to be donated. He asked the Board if they would like to approve additional sick leave time due to the extenuating circumstances.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and Second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved allowing Lisa Hattaway additional sick leave time while out with surgery. The vote was as follow: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Chairman Dove stated that a new Open Records resolution needs to be in place. The current resolution has Linda Cox as the Open Records Officer. The new resolution names the position of County Clerk as the Open Records Officer and does not give a name.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and Second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board approved allowing Chairman Dove to sign the new resolution stating that the County Clerk is the Open Records Officer. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 4. Report from IDA (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 IDA.

Item No. 5. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on agenda items.

Chairman Dove asked if there were any remarks on an agenda item. No one came forward.

Item No. 6. Consider 2014 Department of Family and Children Services budget. (Kristy Daniels)

Madison County Department of Family and Children Services Director, Kristy Daniels, presented their 2014 budget request of \$33,500 which is the same as last year. Board member Sheila Collins was also present.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and Second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board approved to allow \$33,500 to be donated to the Madison County Department of Family and Children Services for the 2014 budget. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 7. Consider a new position on the Sex Offender Registry. (Sheriff Thomas)

Sheriff Thomas stated that the duties to maintain the Sex Offender Registry is now being divided among three employees and that the workload is too much for them to handle in addition to their regular jobs. Sheriff Thomas explained the duties involved and requested that a full time position be created in the Sheriff's office

to handle all of the required duties. The Board acknowledged that this is an important position and discussed making a decision at the next budget session.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and Second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board agreed to address the full time position request at the next budget session. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider applying for a \$13,327.00 Byrne Grant. (Sheriff Thomas)

Sheriff Thomas requested approval to apply for a \$13,327.00 Byrne Grant for assistance in obtaining portable radios and accessories.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and Second by Commissioner Pethel the Board agreed to accept the Byrne Grant. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider classification of Animal Control Officer II. (Commissioner Youngblood)

Commissioner Youngblood stated that Animal Control Officer, Beth Harmon, has received certifications and assumes responsibility for running the department in the director's absence. Commissioner Youngblood stated that he would like to see this employee receive a pay increase of \$2.00 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and Second by Commissioner Pethel the Board approved to increase Beth Harmon's salary from \$10.22 per hour to \$12.22 per hour. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 10. Consider classification of Deputy Chief Appraiser. (Commissioner Youngblood)

Commissioner Youngblood stated that Chief Deputy Appraiser, Vicky Krieg, has received certifications and assumes responsibility for running the department in the Chief Appraiser's absence. Commissioner Youngblood stated that he would like to see this employee receive a pay increase of \$2.00 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and Second by Commissioner Bond the Board approved to increase Vicky Krieg's salary from \$12.78 per hour to \$14.78 per hour. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond and Youngblood voted YES. Commissioner Pethel voted NO.

Item No. 11. Consider approval of EMS Director Jason Lewis opening ambulance RFP responses at 12:30pm on 8-15-13 in the Public Meeting Room. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to allow EMS Director Jason Lewis to open ambulance RFP responses at 12:30pm on 8-15-13 in the Public Meeting Room. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 12. Consider allowing EMS Director to move Kasey Phillips from part-time to full-time at same pay to fill a recent vacancy. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Bond and Second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to allow Kasey Phillips to move from part-time to full-time at same pay to fill a recent vacancy. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 13. Consider allowing EMS Director to move Robert Perry from part-time to full-time at same pay to fill a recent vacancy. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and Second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to allow Robert Perry to move from part-time to full-time at same pay to fill a recent vacancy. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 14. Consider allowing Chairman Dove to sign the Work Detail Agreement with Georgia Department of Corrections. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove stated that the Work Detail Agreement has been discussed with Whitworth Women's Facility and while we have been told that they cannot guarantee a minimum number of workers due to uncertainty in availability, they will make every effort to accomplish the required work duties.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and Second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board approved to allow Chairman Dove to sign the Work Detail Agreement with Georgia Department of Corrections. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 15. Consider allowing Chairman Dove to sign the contract with G.A. Food Services on behalf of the Senior Center. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove stated that Senior Center Director, Kelsey Tyner, is pleased with the contract but plans to check for possible better pricing next year.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and Second by Commissioner Bond the Board approved to allow Chairman Dove to sign the contract with G.A. Food Services on behalf of the Senior Center. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 16. Consider allowing Chairman Dove to sign the contract with Northeast Georgia Regional Commission regarding transportation services on behalf of the Senior Center. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove presented the NEGRC contract regarding transportation services for the Senior Center.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and Second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved to allow Chairman Dove to sign the contract with Northeast Georgia Regional Commission on behalf of the Senior Center. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 17. Consider allowing Chairman Dove to sign a resolution calling for the imposition of the one percent Special Purpose Local Option Sales and Use Tax. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove stated that Probate Judge Cody Cross can prepare the ballot once this resolution is approved.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and Second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved to allow Chairman Dove to sign the resolution calling for the imposition of the one percent Special Purpose Local Option Sales and Use Tax. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 18. Consider “Declaration of Taking” for Shady Lane Road Right of Way. (Mike Pruett)

County Attorney, Mike Pruett, explained that in order to move forward with the paving of Shady Lane it will be necessary to pursue eminent domain proceedings by declaration of taking on one tract of land that is in foreclosure.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and Second by Commissioner Bond the Board approved the Declaration of Taking for a road right of way on Shady Lane. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 19. Roads Update

Chairman Dove stated that Pittman Construction had one supervisor out last week and will start next week on Sanford Road. The roads will be ready by the time school starts.

Commissioner Youngblood stated that he would like to have the paving of Shady Lane put out for bid.

Commissioner Pethel stated that he spent four hours with Alan going over road safety issues in areas of his new district.

Item No. 20. Urgent Matters

None

Item No. 21. Review August 5, 2013 agenda for Regular Business Meeting.

Mrs. Wooten read the items to be placed on the August 5, 2013 agenda.

Item No. 22. Statement and Remarks from Citizens.

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

Item No. 23. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential Litigation (if needed).

There was no need for Executive Session.

Item No. 24. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and Second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board agreed to adjourn at 7:30pm. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

