

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
JANUARY 6, 2014  
6:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commission Chairman Anthony Dove  
District 1 Commissioner Stanley Thomas  
District 2 Commissioner Dewitt Bond  
District 3 Commissioner Mike Youngblood  
District 5 Commissioner Jim R. Escoe, Sr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

District 4 Commissioner John Pethel, Sr.

**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 6:30pm, led in the pledge to the American Flag. Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Wayne Douglas gave the invocation.

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

**Minutes of December 19, 2013 Public Hearing and December 30, 2013 Agenda Setting Meeting. Minutes have been distributed.**

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board approved the minutes of December 19, 2013 and December 30, 2013. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Bond abstained.

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

None

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

Chairman Dove stated that the 2014 budgets for the Sheriff's Office State Seizure account, Jail Commission account, the Law Library Special Revenue Fund, Clerk's Deed Special Revenue Fund and Madison County Food bank all need to be considered for approval.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve the 2014 budgets for the Sheriff's Office State Seizure account and Jail Commission account and to approve the 2014 budgets for the Law Library Special Revenue Fund and Clerks' Deed Special Revenue Fund and to

approve the 2014 budget for the Madison County Food Bank. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove stated that the Board needs to consider the approval of a resolution commending ACCG on the occasion of its centennial.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve a resolution commending ACCG on the occasion of its centennial. The voted was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove stated that Madison County ranked second lowest in unemployment rate as of October, 2013.

Chairman Dove stated that the \$586,459 LMIG grant check has been received.

**Item No. 4. Hearings and Actions on Rezone Matters, Special Use Permits, Etc.  
(Linda Fortson and Wayne Douglas)**

1. Oliver Bray is requesting to rezone his 6.58 acre property from A2 to A1 with a Conditional Use for a deer processing facility. The property is located on Map 20 Parcel 79 on Serenity Lane in District 4.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone request and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to approve the request.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. The applicant said the he was in favor of the request.

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On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to approve the request to rezone Map 20 Parcel 79 from A2 to A1 with a Conditional Use for a deer processing facility.

**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. Judge NeSmith came forward and stated that he spoke with Hart County and they are willing to pay their portion of the juvenile judge health insurance premium.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Item No. 6. Consider allowing Chairman Dove to sign agreements with Comer, Danielsville and Royston regarding services and facilities for the detention of city detainees. (Sheriff Thomas)**

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to allow Chairman Dove to sign agreements with Comer, Danielsville and Royston regarding services and facilities for the detention of city detainees. Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES.

### **Item No. 7. Consider County insurance for the judges of the Northern Circuit Juvenile Court. (Judge NeSmith)**

Chairman Dove read the letter that he sent to the Chairmen of the Board of Commissioners of Elbert, Franklin, Hart and Oglethorpe Counties regarding the provision of health insurance for the Northern Circuit's juvenile court judges. There was discussion between the Board, County Attorney Mike Pruett and Juvenile Judge Chris NeSmith regarding the provision.

Commissioner Escoe made a motion for Madison County to pay its portion of Judge NeSmith's benefits. Commissioner Bond seconded the motion. After discussion, Commissioner Escoe amended his motion to Madison County paying the full premium for Judge NeSmith's benefits and to pursue the other counties in the Northern Circuit for their portion of the premium. Commissioner Bond seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES.

### **Item No. 8. Consider score board quotes. (Robin Pendleton)**

Recreation Department Director Robin Pendleton spoke to the Board about the replacement of score boards. She stated that there is enough budgeted in Capital Outlay for one score board; which she plans to use for field one since it is in the worst shape. Director Pendleton provided three quotes and suggested the lowest quote of \$4,315.00 from Electro-Mech Scoreboard Company. She stated that this does not include installation which will be taken care of by Madison County staff. Director Pendleton stated that she would like to purchase a total of three score boards because they are all twenty years old and in bad condition requiring constant maintenance.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the purchase of three score boards from Electro-Mech Scoreboard Company. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES.

There was also discussion regarding methods to deter evening and week-end vandalisms at the Recreation Department.

### **Item No. 9. Discuss County radio communications. (Mike Youngblood)**

Commissioner Youngblood stated that the firemen and First Responders for Hull, Colbert and Neese-Sanford are having trouble getting pages. Commissioner Youngblood stated that he and 911 Director David Camp have been looking into the problem and asked Director Camp to come forward. Director Camp

advised the Board that another repeater tower is needed to have better county coverage. He recommends a transmitter at the Highway 72 tank.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to allow Director Camp to make application with FCC and if approved to go out for bids on a repeater tower at the Highway 72 water tank. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 10. Consider 2014 B.O.C. Meeting calendar. (Chairman Dove)**

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to approve the 2014 meeting calendar. The voted was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 11. Consider 2014 General and Personnel Policies. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove stated that decisions regarding the 2014 General and Personnel policies need to be considered.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to have Commissioner Thomas remain as vice-chairman. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Thomas abstained.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve a resolution to amend the Personnel policy adding section 10 to address the pay for employees that are called in to work on a date he or she was not scheduled to work. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve the 2014 General and Personnel policies. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 12. Consider amendment to the Alcoholic Beverage ordinance. (Chairman Dove)**

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve an amendment to section 6-66(b) of the Alcoholic Beverage ordinance regarding criminal background checks. Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 13. Road Update**

Chairman Dove stated that Alan was unable to prepare the monthly Road Department report. Chairman Dove asked for road requests. Commissioner Thomas requested that Reggie Ingram Road be checked on.

**Item No. 14. Urgent Matters**

None

**Item No. 15. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.**

There were no statements or remarks from citizens.

**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 Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:50pm.