

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2013
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 4 Commissioner John Pethel, Sr.
District 5 Commissioner Jim Escoe

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitchem, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT

Linda Cox, County Clerk
Mike Pruett, County Attorney

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led in the pledge to the American flag. Chairman Dove asked for a moment of silence for George Adair who passed away.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of December 3, 2012; Work Session of December 6, 2012 and Agenda Setting Meeting of December 27, 2012.

Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of December 3, 2012.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board approved the minutes of December 6, 2012 by a vote of four (4) YES votes to one (1) abstain vote. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas; Youngblood; Pethel and Escoe voted YES and Commissioner Bond abstained.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of December 27, 2012.

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

None.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove asked David Camp, E-911 Director, to come forward. Mr. Camp requests the Board allow him to release the RFP on January 17, 2013 and open the RFPs for Radio Consoles & Associated Equipment on February 18, 2013. He will bring a recommendation to the Board on either February 25, 2013 or March 4, 2013.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved to release the RFP on January 17, 2013 and open the RFPs on February 18, 2013.

Chairman Dove reported that the total SPLOST for 2012 was up \$136,812 for 2012 which is over the previous year. LOST was up \$101,266.46.

Jason Lewis, EMS Director, seeks permission from the Board to hire three (3) full-time employees to fill paramedic positions with paramedics or EMTs working on their paramedic license. Two (2) employees recently converted to part-time status and one (1) resigned.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved the request.

Chairman Dove stated that the Board needs to set up a Work Session to discuss several items which include Beer and Wine pricing for license; EMS pricing; retirement incentive and with the Affordable Care Act the Board needs to look at part-time averages. Anyone working 30 plus hours is entitled to benefits. The county has a lot of part-time employees at the Sheriff's office; Transfer Station and EMS.

Chairman Dove will select some dates for the work session and inform the Board of the dates and time for their agreement.

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

1. Mike and Wendy Pullian are requesting to rezone their 1.22 ac. from A2 to RR. The property is located on Map 91 Parcel 29 on Human Rd. in District 2.
2. Mike Pullian is requesting for Broad River Properties to rezone .521 ac. of their 74 ac. parcel from A1 to RR to combine with Mr. Pullian's adjoining property. The property is located on Map 91 Parcel 9 on Human Rd. in District 2.
3. Mike Pullian is requesting for Broad River Properties to rezone 1.103 ac. of their 13.14

parcel from A1 to RR to combine with Mr. Pullian's adjoining property. The property is located on Map 91 Parcel 10 on Human Rd. in District.

Chairman Douglas stated that P&Z took Items 1, 2 and 3 as one (1) vote. He explained each of rezones for the three (3) items and stated that P&Z voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve.

Applicant spoke in favor of the rezones. No one spoke in opposition to the rezones.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board unanimously approved Mr. Douglas' recommendation for the three above items.

4. Chairman Wayne Douglas with amendments to the zoning ordinance.

Chairman Douglas explained amendment Section 6.1.4(a) and stated that P&Z voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve.

No one spoke in favor or opposition to the amendment.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved the amendment.

Chairman Douglas explained the remainder of the amendments and stated that P&Z voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve along with the updated maps.

No one spoke in favor or opposition to the amendments.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved the amendments and to amend the maps.

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

Tracy Dean, Chief Registrar, spoke regarding the Board of Elections.

Item No. 6. Consent Agenda.

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item No. 7. Consider Resolution for Board of Elections and Registration. (Mike Pruett)

Mike Pruett, county attorney, explained the Resolution. The Board discussed a change to the Resolution regarding the Chairperson.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution with the change for the Board to recommend to the Judge the Chairperson for the Board of Elections and Registration.

Item No. 8. Consider Road Department. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove asked Alan Lapczynski to come forward. Alan has been overseeing the Road Dept. and the Maintenance Department. The Board discussed where to go from this point. Chairman Dove asked Alan how he felt about doing this job and maintenance. The Board discussed options with Alan at great length. Alan will let the Board know of his decision at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 9. Consider Beer & Wine license for Danielsville Minit Mart.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved the license for Danielsville Minit Mart.

Item No. 10. Consider General and Personnel Policies. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove recognized Donna Sisk, HR Director, who recommends \$12.06 per hour for Willie Wilbanks. He is cleaning the complex after hours until the work detail with Whitworth starts cleaning again. This is an entry level position for temporary short time work.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved \$12.06 per hour for Willie Wilbanks on a short term basis.

Ms. Sisk presented the changes to the General and Personnel Policies.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved the changes to the General and Personnel Policies.

Ms. Sisk stated the Board needs to elect a new Vice Chairman.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond for Commissioner Thomas as the new Vice Chairman, the Board approved by a vote of three (3) YES votes to one (1) NO vote and one (1) ABSTAIN vote. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Escoe, NO; Commissioner Thomas, ABSTAIN; Commissioner Bond, YES and Commissioner Youngblood, YES.

Item No. 11. Roads Update.

Chairman Dove took requests from the Board for maintenance on roads in their districts.

Item No. 12. Urgent Matters.

Chairman Dove recognized Chris NeSmith, attorney for Kwik Chek, who stated that he respectfully requests the Board reconsider denial for a beer and wine license for his client. He presented sworn documents, pictures and other evidence to support his request.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved to take up discussion on the beer and wine license for Kwik Chek tonight.

Mr. NeSmith presented the evidence and the Board discussed the request at length. Melanie Jenkins, employee of Kwik Chek, gave verbal information to the Board and answered questions.

The Board discussed the matter at great length with questions and answers presented by the Board to the attorney.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board approved the 2013 Beer and Wine license for Kwik Chek by a vote of four (4) YES votes to one (1) NO vote. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Escoe, YES; Commissioner Thomas, NO; Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES and Commissioner Pethel, YES.

Item No. 13. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

There were none.

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

No need for executive session.

Item No. 15. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

