

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
JANUARY 26, 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 Mike Youngblood
District 4 Commissioner John W. Pethel, Sr.
District 5 Commissioner Jim R. Escoe, Sr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:

Tracy Patrick, Deputy Clerk
Mike Pruett, County Attorney

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, led in the pledge to the American Flag and asked for a moment of silence for Mr. Coleman Whitehead, who had passed away this past weekend. Chairman Dove stated that Mr. Whitehead created many job opportunities throughout the years with his many developments and that he meant a lot to the community and would be missed.

Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the Agenda Setting Meeting of January 5, 2015. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Agenda Setting Meeting of January 5, 2015. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

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

None

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Dove read a letter from the Director of the Madison County Food Bank and Christmas Program, Ms. Bobbie Rooker, stating that with the assistance from generous donations and volunteers, 266 households consisting of 918 people, were helped with food and children's toys and gifts during the month of December.

Chairman Dove stated there was a need for a temporary easement on two roads, C O Draper Road (CR# 324) and First Street (CR# 290) outside of Carlton, in order to take care of water runoff issues.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board voted to approve the temporary easements for C O Draper Road (CR# 324) and First Street (CR# 290). The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove stated that he has had many citizens to ask about having their private roads accepted into the County's System and expressed the need for the Board to discuss the criteria for road acceptance. Chairman Dove stated that there are 140 private roads in Madison County. Chairman Dove requested this matter to be placed on the agenda for next week's meeting to be discussed further.

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 statements or remarks on an agenda item. No one came forward.

Item No. 6. Consider IDA TAVT distribution. (Marvin White & Bruce Azevedo)

Industrial Development and Building Authority Executive Director Marvin White and Chairman Bruce Azevedo addressed the Board to request that the IDA be allowed to keep \$48,000 that they received from the Tax Commissioner for motor vehicle tax revenues that county auditors recently said should have gone into the county's general fund, instead of to the IDA. Mr. White and Mr. Azevedo also requested that the county continue to fund the IDA at the level it would if the ad valorem tax had not been changed.

There was discussion.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board approved the requested funds to be transferred to the IDA on a yearly basis. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Youngblood voted NO.

There was discussion.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board voted to allow the IDA to keep the \$48,000 TAVT funds that they received from the Tax Commissioner. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Youngblood voted NO.

Item No. 7. Discuss trash pick-up. (Stanley Thomas)

Commissioner Thomas addressed concerns regarding a trash pick-up request for Sanford Road that he had submitted to the Sheriff's Office and was not picked up by the Sheriff's Work Detail Crew.

There was discussion between the Board, Sheriff Kip Thomas, and Chief Deputy Shawn Burns.

Item No. 8. Consider implementation of B.O.C. Pay Scale Classification Chart. (Chairman Dove)

EMS Director Jason Lewis approached the Board and discussed the paramedic differentials concerning the Pay Scale Classification Chart.

There was discussion.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board voted to accept the Pay Scale Classification Chart, but not to implement it until it could be further discussed in a work session. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove stated that a work session would be scheduled as soon as possible to discuss the implementation of the Pay Scale Classification Chart.

Item No. 9. Consider allowing copier bids to be opened on 1-29-15 at 2:30 pm in Public Meeting Room. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board approved this request. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 10. Consider renewal agreement with SSUI for financial software. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board voted to allow Chairman Dove to sign the renewal agreement with SSUI for financial software. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 11. Roads Update

Chairman Dove stated that the Board could discuss the criteria for accepting private roads in the upcoming work session that is to be scheduled.

Commissioner Pethel stated that he had a request for a road that was not in his district, but one that he travels daily, Fortson Compton Road. He said there was a pothole at the entrance of the school that needed attention.

There were no other road updates.

Item No. 12. Urgent Matters

Chairman Dove stated that a work session would be scheduled as soon as possible to discuss the criteria for private road acceptance and the Pay Scale Classification Chart.

Item No. 13. Review February 2, 2015 agenda for Regular Business Meeting.

Mrs. Patrick read the February 2, 2015 agenda items.

Item No. 14. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Chairman Dove asked if there were any statements or remarks.

Mr. Hoke Strickland approached the Board and voiced various concerns that he had involving the C O Draper Road regarding the condition and maintenance of the road, people dumping dead deer alongside of the road and the carcasses not being removed by the Road Department, and safety concerns due to an increasing number of people driving recklessly on the road.

Item No. 15. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 16. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Escoe, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:03 pm.