

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2014  
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:**

Rhonda Wooten, County Clerk  
Mike Pruetz, 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 in memory of Brenda Escoe, Commissioner Escoe's wife, and Marilyn Lambert, Commissioner Youngblood's sister.

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

**Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of January 6, 2014. Minutes have been distributed.**

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2014 meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Pethel abstained.

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

None

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

Chairman Dove stated that it was requested by the Sheriff and Chief Deputy to be on the February 10, 2014 agenda to consider the purchase of police vehicles. Information on the number of existing vehicles and the specifications on the requested vehicles have been distributed. It has also been requested that the Commissioners come to the Sheriff's office to take a tour of the office space. There has been discussion on renting office space from the City of Danielsville. The Sheriff also asked Chairman Dove to let the Board know that a Jail Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2014 at 10:00 am to discuss the Requests for Qualifications.

Chairman Dove stated that he would like to make the Commissioners aware of a new Georgia plumbing code effective January 1, 2014 which requires high efficiency plumbing fixtures and fittings. He stated that Building Inspections Director Eddie Pritchett brought this to his attention and advised that counties and municipalities are permitted to adopt an

ordinance that grants a waiver under certain conditions. He asked them to consider whether they were in favor of a resolution to adopt the ordinance.

Chairman Dove stated that Juvenile Judge Warren Caswell has submitted a letter requesting health insurance coverage and to be placed on the agenda to address the Board regarding this request.

Chairman Dove stated that House Bill 0310 aligns the state and local election calendar with the federal calendar. Qualifying period is March 3<sup>rd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>; Primary is May 20<sup>th</sup> and the General Election is November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Dove stated that the Georgia Department of Natural Resources is having an Equestrian workday on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 am at Watson Mill Bridge State Park.

**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. Statement 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 adding Fire Department radios to maintenance agreement. (David Camp)**

Chairman Dove recognized 911 Director David Camp. Director Camp came forward to recommend that the budget line item for radio maintenance be increased to include the Fire Department radios. There was discussion regarding the number of radios, type and maintenance cost and benefits.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve adding Fire Department radios to the maintenance agreement for a total of \$27,156.00 to be paid from cash reserves. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 7. Consider purchasing additional ambulances. (Jason Lewis)**

Chairman Dove recognized EMS Director Jason Lewis. Director Lewis came forward to request the purchase of two additional ambulances. There was discussion regarding the satisfaction with the recent purchase and the new features, the mileage of the existing fleet and the reasonable purchase price of \$125,647 per ambulance.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the purchase of two additional ambulances to be purchased out of cash reserves and paid back from the 2014 SPLOST. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 8. Consider purchasing eight Panasonic Tough Books. (Jason Lewis)**

EMS Director Lewis requested the purchase of eight Panasonic Tough Books to replace their worn out units. Director Lewis explained the rugged features of the Tough Books which were made for the environment that EMS works in. He stated that IT Director Gary Venable also recommends the features of the Panasonic Tough Books.

Commissioner Bond made a motion to allow Director Lewis to purchase eight Panasonic Tough Books at \$4450.00 each and to make the purchase from cash reserves to be paid back from the 2014 SPLOST. Commissioner Youngblood seconded the motion.

After discussion, on substitute motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to allow Director Lewis to go out for bid on the purchase of eight Panasonic Tough Books. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Commissioner Bond withdrew his motion with no objections.

**Item No. 9. Consider hiring Blanton Dove for full time vacancy. (Jason Lewis)**

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to hire Blanton Dove for the full time EMS vacancy. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 10. Consider hood rain jackets for Senior Center staff for meal deliveries. (Chairman Dove)**

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve the purchase of six hooded rain jackets for the Senior Center staff. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 11. Roads Update**

Chairman Dove commented on the upcoming weather conditions calling for snow.

Chairman Dove stated that the culvert on Waggoners Grove Church Road has been installed. He gave an update on Noble Road and discussed the flooding issues that he and Commissioner Youngblood have been looking into at the area adjacent to Ingles Grocery Store.

Commissioner Thomas requested the status of the two pipes on Sunray Hatchery Road.

Commissioner Youngblood requested the status of the culvert on Garnett Ward Road.

Commissioner Pethel stated that he had already spoken with Alan regarding his road requests.

**Item No. 12. Urgent Matters**

None

**Item No. 13. Review February 10, 2014 agenda for Regular Business Meeting.**

Mrs. Wooten read the items that were to be placed on the February 10, 2014 agenda.

**Item No. 14. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.**

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

**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 Bond the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:25pm.