

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2015
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 R. Escoe, Sr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

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

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of January 26, 2015 Agenda Setting Meeting. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the minutes of the January 26, 2015 Agenda Setting Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

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

Madison County Library Branch Manager, Kim James, gave a quarterly report of library services for October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. The report included many statistics such as a six percent increase in the number of visits to the library and a 21 percent increase in volunteer hours. Ms. James shared highlights of programs that have been offered at the library and other news pertaining to funding. The Board thanked her for her presentation.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report.

Chairman Dove stated that Rhonda met with several people who were interested in the Deputy Clerk position and is requesting approval to hire Mrs. Jackie Kesler to fill the position at a salary of \$12.50 per hour.

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

Chairman Dove asked for the Board's approval to sign a proclamation recognizing Judge Bailey.

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

Chairman Dove stated that EMS Director Jason Lewis is seeking Board approval to add Tyler Jensen to the part-time call-in list.

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

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

1. Stacie Cork is requesting to rezone 1.5 acres with the home from her 3.59 acre tract from RR to R1. The property is located on Map 23 Parcel 90 at 1885 Highway 106 North in District two.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone request and stated that the Planning and Zoning Board voted five (5) to zero (0) to approve.

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

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

Chairman Douglas advised the Board of a proposal that the Planning and Zoning Commission will be bringing to them in March, amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow for businesses to be permitted in Industrial areas.

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.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 6. Consider recommendation for copier maintenance. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove said that the proposal from Milner was a little better on price but he has heard from employees that it has been difficult to get work orders taken care of and concerns with possible IT charges and, therefore, recommended Athens Digital Systems for copier maintenance.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to go with Athens Digital Systems for copier maintenance. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 7. Roads Update

Commissioner Thomas requested the status of Beck Road, inquired about the resurfacing of Highway 72 when it is widened and stated that Highway 29 is need of trash pick-up.

Commissioner Pethel requested the status of Hill Street.

Commissioner Escoe said that he had talked with Mayor Chris Peck about bidding out Second Street.

Chairman Dove said that the transportation bill will be discussed at the ACCG conference next week. He also advised the Board that he met with Oglethorpe and Elbert County Chairmen regarding the three counties working together on Spratlin Mill Road and Transco Road as a test run.

Item No. 8. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 9. Statement and Remarks from Citizens

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

Item No. 10. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 11. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:10 pm.