

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 6, 2012  
6:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commission Chairman Anthony Dove  
District 1 Commissioner Stanley Thomas  
District 2 Commissioner John Pethel, Sr.  
District 3 Commissioner Mike Youngblood  
District 4 Commissioner Dewitt Bond  
District 5 Commissioner Jim Escoe

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

Zach Mitchem, Madison County Journal

**STAFF PRESENT**

Linda Cox, County Clerk

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led in the pledge to the American flag. Chairman Dove also gave the invocation.

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

**Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of January 9, 2012; Agenda Setting Meeting of January 23, 2012 and Special Called Meeting of January 27, 2012.**

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

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

None

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

Chairman Dove recognized David Camp, E-911 Director, who has an issue to bring before the Board. Mr. Camp presented John Ogle as a new hire employee. Mr. Ogle is GCIC certified and Communication Certified. He is presently employed with Oglethorpe County who stated

that he is a first rate employee and he is used to train others in the department. The starting salary will be \$10.41 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Ogle for employment.

Chairman Dove informed the Board that the county had received an \$1100.00 grant from the Rotary Club to install extra outlets at Memorial Park near the complex. He stated that he would like for Alan to get bids for water also and bring to the Board if there were no objections from the Board. There were no objections.

Chairman Dove stated that the BOC did not stop the Dairy Queen and that Ingles was going to remodel at this time in lieu of constructing a new building.

The library received a grant from the USDA and both would like to meet with the BOC either on February 13, 16 or 21, 2012 preferably in the morning.

The Board agreed to a Special Called Meeting on February 16, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

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

1. Rusty Bell request to rezone 29.6 ac. from A2 to A1 to allow him to combine portion of the adjoining property with this. The property is located on Map 90 Parcel 29 on Dove Drake Rd. in District 2.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone and stated that the P&Z Board voted 4 to 0 to approve.

No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the rezone.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved the rezone.

2. Dennis Shedd is requesting to rezone 1.2 ac. from RR to A1 to combine with his adjoining property. The property is located on Map 59 Parcel 127 on Hardman Morris Rd. in District 5.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone and stated that the P&Z Board voted 4 to 0 to approve.

Mr. Shedd spoke in favor of the rezone. No one spoke in opposition.

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

3. Jimmy Minish is requesting to rezone 7.18 ac. from RR to A2 so that he can combine it with his adjoining property in the future. The property is located

on Map 12 Parcel 15 on Minish Rd. in District 1.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone and stated that the P&Z Board voted 4 to 0 to approve.

Mr. Minish spoke in favor of the rezone. No one spoke in opposition.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved the rezone.

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

There were no statements or remarks.

**Item No. 6. Consent Agenda:**

There were no items for the consent agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item No. 7. Consider amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow campers and RVs under certain conditions in R-1; RR; A-2 and A-1 zones. (Wayne Douglas, P&Z Chairman)**

Mr. Douglas explained the changes in the Ordinance to the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond to approve the item was opened for discussion. Jack Huff, Code Enforcement, asked if a current tag and sticker would be required. If not, it would be illegal. Mike Pruett, county attorney, stated that he would add a section to the ordinance to reference that the RV must maintain a current vehicle tag registration at all times it is occupied pursuant to a permit being issued. Commissioner Youngblood inquired on the number of occupants in each RV. Chairman Douglas stated that this was not addressed.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond to amend his previous motion to include the county attorney add the above referenced section to the ordinance for approval. The Board approved the Ordinance by a vote of four (4) YES votes to one (1) NO submitted by Commissioner Youngblood.

Chairman Dove asked the Board if there were any objections for Commissioner Escoe's first motion to be removed. There were no objections from the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item No. 8. Consider adding new hire to part-time call-in list at the Transfer Station. (Donna Sisk)**

Ms. Sisk presented Brandy Senclair for the position stating that background check and drug test has been completed.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Escoe, the Board unanimously approved Ms. Senclair for the part-time call-in position.

**Item No. 9. Consider allowing the county Code Enforcement to enter into an intergovernmental with the city of Carlton. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove stated that the city of Carlton is currently reviewing a similar contract with the city of Danielsville and will bring back to the Board for approval at a later date.

**Item No. 10. Consider new agreement with the Animal Shelter. (Commissioner Escoe)**

Four new Animal Shelter Board members addressed the Board regarding the need for the county and shelter to work together. They presented the Board with a packet of information compiled by an accountant showing a summary of finances. They would like for the facility's funding to be updated based on the 2010 census. Currently, the shelter receives \$3.00 per capita from Madison and Oglethorpe counties based on the 2000 census. The BOC was impressed with the data provided and looks forward to working with the shelter. No action was taken by the BOC at this time.

**Item No. 11. Discuss updating the Code Book. (Chairman Dove)**

Mike Pruett, county attorney, explained updating the Code Book. P&Z is not required to be in the Code Book. Therefore, this will save a lot of money by not having to include this in the Code Book.

Judge Rice spoke on the need to update the Code Book. Linda Fortson, Zoning Administrator, spoke regarding political signs. This is an election year and she and Chairman Dove have received many calls pertaining to political signs on public property. The Board discussed this at length. Chairman Dove stated that this was not aimed at any person running for office but just so everyone would be on the same playing field.

Mike Pruett, county attorney, explained county owned property is public property and no signs can be posted on county property. During discussion, the Board agreed for Mr. Pruett to add Paragraph (c) to Item 2 which would read: The prohibition on "posting or displaying" a sign shall not be construed so broadly as to prohibit persons from being present on public property, while conducting public business or participating in public activities, while wearing clothing or driving a vehicle with a message painted on or affixed thereto.

Chairman Dove asked for a motion for the Resolution to regulate signage on public property.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution.

**Item No. 12. Consider repairs to the Poca VFD per lease agreement. (Chairman Dove)**

The lease to the Poca VFD was approved in 2001. They are responsible for the day to day upkeep and the county (landlord) is responsible for the remainder. Chairman Dove stated that the county needs to get estimates from roofers for the repairs.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved for Alan and David, Maintenance, to seek the best solution for repairs.

**Item No. 13. Discuss and follow up on dirt roads to be accepted into the county system. (Chairman Dove)**

The Board had been given a packet from the Road Department listing the criteria that will be needed before a dirt road can be accepted into the county system. The criteria included 14 items which the Board discussed extensively. Mike Pruett stated that the Board may need to create some type of application and consider the acceptance of dirt roads on a 6 month or a 1 year basis.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 of the Road Dept.'s criteria.

**Item No. 14. Roads Update.**

Mark Kane, 333 Sailors Rd., Hull, GA spoke regarding a speed limit sign to be reduced from 35 mph to 25 mph. Commissioner Thomas will bring this up at the Board's next meeting.

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

**Item No. 15. Urgent Matters.**

There were none.

**Item No. 16. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.**

There were none.

**Item No. 17. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).**

There was no need for executive session.

**Item No. 18. Adjourn.**

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

