

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 2014  
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 Pruettt, 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 all of the issues in our country and for safety and no loss of life during the upcoming snow storm.

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

**Minutes of Agenda Setting Meeting of January 27, 2014. Minutes have been distributed.**

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board approved the minutes of January 27, 2014. 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 stated that the 2014 Facilities Use Agreement between the Board of Commissioners and the Madison County Little League is up for renewal. There are no changes from last year's agreement.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to allow Chairman Dove to sign the 2014 Facilities Use Agreement between the Board of Commissioners and the

Madison County Little League. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove stated that the Jail Addition Committee recommended that of the six Design-Build teams which submitted qualifications, the Committee would like RFP's from (1)Hogan Construction Group, LLC/Pond & Company, Inc. (2)New South Construction Company, Inc/Wakefield Beasley & Associates Architects, Inc. (3) R.W.Allen, LLC/Smallwood,Reynolds,Stewart,Stewart & Associates, Inc.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to allow the Jail Addition Committee to develop RFP's and move forward with the process. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove stated that the same copier service contract with Graham Office Equipment is up for renewal and asked for the Board's decision regarding the renewal.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to renew the contract with Graham Office Equipment. 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)**

None

**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 software for Board of Elections. (Tracy Dean)**

**This item was moved up from agenda item number nine.**

Chief Registrar and Board of Elections Superintendent, Tracy Dean, came forward along with Sandi Phillips of Sivad Business Solutions to present the features of the EasyFile software program. They explained that the program is useful for the candidates, the public and the staff. The one time installation fee of \$500 and annual fee of \$2500 includes training and support.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board approved the installation of EasyFile and two year contract with Sivad Business Solutions. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES. Commissioners Thomas and Pethel voted NO.

**Item No. 7. Consider purchasing additional police vehicles. (Sheriff Thomas)**

Chairman Dove recognized Sheriff Thomas who came forward to request that the Board approve the purchase of five Dodge Chargers and three Ford F-150's for an approximate total of \$250,000.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the purchase, through state contract, of five Dodge Chargers and three Ford F-150's with the purchase being made from cash reserves and replenished back from the 2014 SPLOST. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 8. Discuss possible rental agreement with the City of Danielsville. (Sheriff Thomas)**

Sheriff Thomas withdrew this request stating that he was no longer interested in this option due to the set up expense being too high for a property that the county does not own.

**Item No. 9. Consider County insurance for Juvenile Judge Warren Caswell. (Judge Caswell)**

**This item was moved back from agenda item number six.**

Chairman Dove recognized Judge Caswell who came forward to address the Board regarding the provision of his medical insurance as one of the judges of the Northern Circuit Juvenile Court. There was discussion regarding the average number of hours worked by Judge Caswell and the one day per week work formula.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted not to grant insurance coverage for Judge Caswell due to his one day per week work formula. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES. Commissioners Bond and Pethel voted NO.

**Item No. 10. Consider allowing Chairman Dove to sign a resolution to adopt an ordinance regarding a new plumbing code that grants a waiver under certain conditions. (Chairman Dove)**

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to adopt an ordinance to grant a waiver for an exemption to the requirements for the installation of high efficiency plumbing fixtures. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 11. Roads Update**

Chairman Dove stated that the weather has been a factor.

The Road crew is still working on Waggoners Grove Church Road in between rain and snow. Two quotes for Noble Road have been received. Whitsel Road got one of the pipes in. Work is being done at the crossing at Young Harris Road.

Chairman Dove stated that they are preparing tonight for weather. The Road crew is ready and bought as much salt as they could buy.

Commissioner Pethel inquired about Duffel Martin Road.

Commissioner Youngblood inquired about road striping. Chairman Dove asked for each commissioner to compile a Road Striping list

### **Item No. 12. Urgent Matters**

Commissioner Pethel asked how county employees were paid for snow days. Chairman Dove stated that they would be paid for snow days and then get paid extra if they worked. Chairman Dove stated that we will need to do a policy on this.

### **Item No. 13. Statements and Remarks from Citizens**

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

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

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session at 7:23 pm to discuss land acquisition and potential litigation.

The Board returned at 7:50 pm.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board unanimously agreed to accept the Executive Session minutes. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

### **Item No. 16. Adjourn**

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.