

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2014
6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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:

Commission Chairman Anthony Dove

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:

Rhonda Wooten, County Clerk
Mike Pruett, County Attorney

Vice-Commission Chairman, Stanley Thomas, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and announced that Chairman Dove was unable to attend the meeting due to the passing of his father-in-law, Mr. Louie Clark. Vice-Chairman Thomas led in the pledge to the American flag and asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Louie Clark.

Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of February 10, 2014. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2014 meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

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

Madison County 4-H Junior Horse Quiz Bowl team

Vice Chairman Thomas recognized County Extension Coordinator, Susan Goldman. Ms. Goldman came forward and introduced four of the five members of the Madison County 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Junior team; Ian Foster, Tori Branyon, Erin Temple, and Leah Scarborough. The team won the double elimination competition on Saturday, January 25, 2014 which included 36 teams. The participants gave examples of the questions asked. The Board congratulated and applauded the Madison County 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Junior team for their achievement.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report

Vice-Chairman Thomas stated that the expenses incurred due to the snow storm are totaling to be around \$100,000.00. Johnny Bridges is seeking reimbursement from GEMA and FEMA.

Vice-Chairman Thomas stated that 9-1-1 handled several calls regarding the earthquake that shook Madison County the weekend before last.

Vice-Chairman Thomas stated that we have received a letter from the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Planning Board stating that Madison County is allocated one seat on their Planning Board. Information and application for this seat is in the County Clerk's office.

Vice-Chairman Thomas stated that the Board needs to consider allowing David Camp to open RFP's on March 12th at 10:00 am in the Public Meeting Room for the Mill Creek transmitter/receiver site and if permitted, Director Camp will present his recommendation to the Board at the March 31st meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to allow Director Camp to open the RFP's on March 12th at 10:00 am in the Public Meeting Room for the Mill Creek transmitter/receiver site. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 4. Report from IDA (Marvin White)

Vice-Chairman Thomas 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. The Board and Mr. White scheduled a March 17th work session with the IDA to discuss incentives for businesses and industry locating in Madison County.

Item No. 5. Statement and Remarks from Citizens on agenda items.

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

Item No. 6. Consider adding names to the EMS part time call in list. (Jason Lewis)

EMS Director, Jason Lewis, was unable to attend the meeting. EMS Shift Supervisor, Bobby Smith, came forward to request names to be added to the EMS part time call in list. The names of the recommended applicants were previously submitted to the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to accept the recommendation of Director Lewis and Bobby Smith. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 7. Consider hiring part time seasonal employees for the Recreation Department. (Robin Pendleton)

Recreation Department Director, Robin Pendleton, came forward to request that the vacant seasonal part time positions be filled. The names of the recommended applicants were previously submitted to the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the hiring of the 19 applicants that were recommended to fill the vacant seasonal part time positions. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider reclassification of Building Inspection Administrative Assistant position. (Eddie Pritchett)

Building Inspection Director, Eddie Pritchett, came forward and requested that Teresa Patton's Administrative Assistant position be reclassified to a grade 14 with eight years experience for a salary of \$13.99 per hour. He stated that this request was based on the additional duties being performed for the Animal Control Department and covering the Planning and Zoning office in Linda Fortson's absence.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve Eddie's request to reclassify the position to grade 14 at a salary of \$13.99 per hour. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider purchasing a surplus shuttle bus and van for the Senior Center due to changes in state policy regarding fuel and repairs. (Kelsey Tyner)

This item was postponed to the March 3, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Item No. 10. Consider 35 mph speed limit sign on Johnnie Chandler Road. (Mike Youngblood)

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to change the speed limit of Johnnie Chandler Road to 35 miles per hour. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 11. Roads Update

Vice-Chairman Thomas stated that weather permitting, the Road Department will be installing the pipe on Whitsel Road on Thursday and Friday of this week.

Vice-Chairman Thomas stated that the Road Department is obtaining prices on installing a 1' wide by 2' high wall on Waggoners Grove Church Road.

Commissioner Escoe requested that the Road Department check on a dead tree that needs to be taken down on Colbert Danielsville Road.

Commissioner Youngblood requested trash pick-up on Glenn Carrie Road.

Item No. 12. Urgent Matters

None

Item No. 13. Review March 3, 2014 agenda for Regular Business Meeting.

Mrs. Wooten read the items that were to be placed on the March 3, 2014 agenda.

Item No. 14. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Vice-Chairman Thomas asked if there were any statements or remarks. 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 Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board unanimously agreed to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition and potential litigation.

The Board returned at 7:15 pm.

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

Item No. 16. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:17 pm.