

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 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. He asked for a moment of silence regarding the shooting at a school in Ohio.

Item No. 1. Chairman's Report.

Chairman Dove stated that the Sheriff's sale totaled \$46,000 and per Sheriff Thomas the net received was approximately \$26,000. The BOC's total was \$7415 and the net received was \$6286.

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

Will Mauldin President of the Madison County Rotary Club, request the Board to consider a Proclamation for the month of March as Child Literacy Month.

Mr. Mauldin addressed the Board regarding the Rotary Club's involvement in child literacy. The Rotary Club members read to the children in the elementary schools. "Dr. Seuss Day" is designated as his birthday of March 2nd and his birthday is also designated as "Read Across America Day". The month of March is designated as National Literacy Month and in Madison County March is designated as Literacy Month. "The Lorax" is the recommended book to read this year.

Mr. Coutant, past President of the Rotary Club, stated that the Club distributes dictionaries to the elementary students and read to them based on their needs and other criteria.

Lannae Johnson, President of Madison County Foundation stated that they distribute free books to children from birth to 5 years of age. Also, once per month, a town hall reading is conducted in the city of Comer.

There were no questions from the Board. Chairman Dove asked for a motion.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the Proclamation recognizing the month of March as Child Literacy Month.

Lamar Hughston to discuss the installation of speed bumps in the Tumbling Creek Subdivision in Colbert, GA.

Mr. Hughston stated that he represents 43 homeowners as President and they have looked into getting speed bumps. They are still in the fact finding stage at this time. Before any decision on purchasing the speed bumps they would like input from the county. Chairman Dove stated that the Road Dept. has concerns with maintenance and the county's viewpoint regarding liability raises a lot of concerns. Mr. Hughston wanted to come before the Board to get ideas, input, etc. from the BOC. He stated that the HOA Board of Directors have not made a decision yet and appreciates the BOC's input. Chairman Dove stated that he appreciates Mr. Hughston being on the HOA Board.

Item No. 3. Report from IDA (Marvin White)

Mr. White gave an update since the last Agenda Setting Meeting.

Item No. 4. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on agenda items.

Mark Kane addressed Item 10 regarding reducing the speed limit on Sailors Rd.

Item No. 5. Consider allowing Alan Lapczynski to open Lawn Maintenance bids in the County Clerk's office on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 12:01 pm. (Alan Lapczynski)

Chairman Dove presented the item suggesting that the bids be opened in the public meeting room and recorded. Also, to advise all bidders to attend if they so desired.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved for the bids to be opened on March 1, 2012 at 12:01 pm in the public meeting room and the openings to be recorded.

Item No. 6. Consider change in status for employee Greg Kesler from EMT-Intermediate to Paramedic. (Jason Lewis)

Mr. Lewis stated that Greg Kesler received his license on February 2, 2012 to become a Paramedic. He must perform as a Paramedic since he is now licensed.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved the change in status for Mr. Kesler to Paramedic.

Item No. 7. Consider GDOT Title VI Compliance Resolution. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove recognized Mike Pruett, county attorney, who explained the Resolution to the Board.

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

Item No. 8. Consider renewal of LOST. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove stated that the cities and county have to have an agreement on how to divide the funds. The cities had some concerns and the county felt it received enough of the funds. All felt the best option would be to keep it as it is currently.

Commissioner Youngblood asked when this would become effective. Chairman Dove said it would be the first of the year in 2013.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved to keep the LOST the same as it is.

Item No. 9. Consider speed limit in Kingston Green Subdivision. (Commissioner Escoe)

Commissioner Escoe stated that the HOA has requested a 25 mph speed limit in Kingston Green Subdivision.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved the 25 mph speed limit.

Item No. 10. Consider reducing speed limit sign on Sailors Rd. (Commissioner Thomas)

Chairman Dove stated that he had spoken with the Road Dept. They looked at a 3 way stop sign but the Road Dept. had some concerns. Based on the Georgia Traffic Guide, the Road Dept. did not think lowering the speed limit would meet the guidelines. The speed limit is now 35 mph and cannot go lower than 30 mph. The Road Dept. recommends the 35 mph speed limit.

Mr. Mark Kane, who has requested the speed limit be lowered to 25 mph, asked the Board if they had the authority to reduce it to 25 mph. Chairman Dove and county attorney, Mike Pruett both stated that the road does not qualify for a lower speed limit. Commissioner Thomas stated to Mr. Kane that they had a lengthy discussion regarding the speed limit and

Commissioner Thomas informed Mr. Kane that it does not follow GDOT standards and guidelines.

Based on the GDOT guidelines, etc. the Board did not take any action to reduce the speed limit.

Item No. 11. Consider speed limit sign on Kellogg Dr. (Commissioner Bond)

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Escoe, the Board unanimously approved a 25 mph speed limit sign at the beginning of Kellogg Dr.

Item No. 12. Consider intergovernmental agreement for Watson Mill State Park if received. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove stated that the Board received an intergovernmental agreement from DNR which is quite extensive and in depth. Mike Pruett, county attorney, reviewed the agreement and there are several concerns. He hit the high spots and went over the concerns with the Board. Mr. Pruett stated that this was a very overblown agreement.

The Board directed Mr. Pruett to take out the group shelter and resubmit to DNR along with the BOC's concerns with the agreement.

Item No. 13. Roads Update.

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

Item No. 15. Urgent Matters.

Commissioner Thomas requested that Senator Frank Ginn be involved with the agreement for Watson Mill.

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 Thomas, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

