

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 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 5 Commissioner Jim R. Escoe, Sr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

District 4 Commissioner John Pethel, Sr.

MEDIA PRESENT:

Margie Richards, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:

Rhonda S. Wooten, County Clerk
Jackie Kesler, Deputy Clerk
Mike Pruet, County Attorney

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, led in the pledge to the American Flag and asked Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman Wayne Douglas to give the invocation.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Agenda Setting Meeting of February 23, 2015. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board approved the minutes of the February 23, 2015 Agenda Setting Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES.

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

UGA/Madison County Extension Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent, Adam Speir, recognized the achievement of the Junior 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Team; first place winners of the State Horse Quiz Bowl competition. Team members Ian Foster, Tori Branyon, Bethany Lance and Sophia Mercka, coached by Shannon McBride, were introduced and gave a demonstration of the competition.

Mr. Speir gave a Madison County agriculture update and provided the Board with a 2014 Summary Report highlighting the activities of the Madison County Extension Office.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report.

Chairman Dove stated that Marta Garland with Greenland Landscape & Masonry, has offered to spruce up the concrete base of the Memorial Park sign as a service project for April 22nd Earth Day.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to allow the stone work to be done by Ms. Garland. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove discussed the latest version of the New Transportation Funding House Bill 170 that is being considered in the House of Representatives. Chairman Dove stated that the latest version would double the LMIG funding for Madison County in fiscal year 2017.

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

1. Elmer Threlkeld is requesting to rezone his 1.01 acre parcel from A2 to A1 to combine with his adjoining property. The property is located on Map 94 Parcel 23 on Cherokee Road in District 4.

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. Elmer Threlkeld spoke in favor of the request.

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

2. Chairman Wayne Douglas with approval of zoning amendment Section 7.9.1.13 to allow permitted Business to also be permitted in an Industrial zone and Article VII (use chart) to have these added changes. Amendment to Section 9.15.5.2; location of telecommunication tower in Industrial zone to go from Conditional Use to Permitted.

Chairman Douglas explained the amendments and stated that the Planning and Zoning Board voted on each amendment separately and voted five (5) to zero (0) to approve.

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The Board combined all three amendments in one vote. On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the three amendments. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Douglas invited the Board to attend a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting being held on March 3, 2015. He advised the Board that the topic of home businesses would be discussed and what changes might need to be made to the Zoning Ordinance to allow for more home businesses.

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 purchasing a work detail vehicle. (Sheriff Thomas)

Sheriff Thomas addressed the Board requesting the purchase of a 2015 F250 Crew Cab with a state contract price of \$25,986 to be used as a work detail vehicle. Sheriff Thomas stated that the purchase price plus radio, lights and striping would bring the total cost to around \$29,000. The Board asked Sheriff Thomas to look into purchasing a vehicle similar to the surplus vans that were recently purchased for the Senior Center at a cost of \$5,000. Sheriff Thomas said that he would look into it and come to the next meeting to let them know if that would work.

Item No. 7. Consider bid recommendation for fencing at the soccer complex. (Robin Pendleton)

Recreation Department Director Robin Pendleton recommended the \$6800.00 bid of Southland Power Fence, Feed & Equipment Company to install a chain link fence around the practice soccer field.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to have Southland Power Fence, Feed & Equipment install a chain link fence around the practice soccer field for \$6800.00. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider bid recommendation for irrigation system. (Robin Pendleton)

Recreation Department Director Robin Pendleton recommended the \$6900.00 bid of College Pro Landscaping for the irrigation system at the practice soccer field.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to have College Pro Landscaping install the irrigation system. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider filling part time seasonal positions at Recreation Department. (Robin Pendleton)

Recreation Department Director Robin Pendleton submitted the applications of Amber Adams, Sam Bartlett, Neal Bulla, Mary-Michael Chasteen, Leah Gearing, Colby King, Chandler Kyle, Foster Loftis, Kelsie Palmer, Cason Pope, Bailey Seabolt, Cameron Stevenson, Makayla West.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to hire the recommended applicants to fill vacant seasonal part-time positions at the Recreation Department. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 10. Consider moving six Recreation Leader I employees to Recreation Leader II. (Robin Pendleton)

Recreation Department Director Robin Pendleton requested approval to move six employees currently classified as Recreation I Leader to Recreation II Leader with a small pay increase. She explained that her request was due to the employees' good leadership skills and responsibilities.

Commissioner Bond made a motion to approve the request. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

The Board expressed their concern about classification and salary changes being requested at Board meetings and said that those requests should be made by the Department Head during budget sessions.

Item No. 11. Consider bid recommendation for lawn maintenance. (Alan Lapczynski)

The following two bids were opened by County Clerk Rhonda Wooten and Deputy Clerk Jackie Kesler on February 25, 2015 at 2:30 pm in the Public Meeting Room:

Vendor: Tim Nunn General Contracting Services	Vendor: College Pro Landscaping
Date & Time received: 2-24-15 at 12:10 pm	Date & Time received: 2-24-15 at 2:38 pm
E-Verify Affidavit included with bid: Yes	E-Verify Affidavit included with bid: Yes
Bid price: \$280.00 per cutting	Bid price: \$355.00 per cutting

Public Works and Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski recommended Tim Nunn General Contracting Services.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to have Tim Nunn General Contracting Services perform lawn maintenance for \$280.00 per cutting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 12 Consider filling vacant positions at Road Department. (Alan Lapczynski)

Public Works and Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski submitted the applications of Tommy Hollis and Brian Eddings.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the hiring of Tommy Hollis and Brian Eddings to fill the vacant positions at the Road Department. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 13. Consider changing EMS status from part time to full time for Ronnie Thompson and Tyler Jensen. (Jason Lewis)

Chairman Dove stated that EMS Director Jason Lewis was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted the applications of Ronnie Thompson and Tyler Jensen to fill vacant full time EMS positions.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve moving Ronnie Thompson and Tyler Jensen from part time to full time to fill the vacant EMS positions. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 14. Consider proclamation for Conolus Scott, Sr. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove stated that he would like for the Board to consider a well deserved proclamation for Conolus Scott, Senior. Chairman Dove stated that Mr. Scott is certainly a tremendous individual and we are proud to have him in the county. The proclamation will be read at the annual Ham and Egg Supper held at the Senior Center on March 6, 2015.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board approved the signing of the proclamation recognizing the service of Conolus Scott, Sr. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 15. Consider reclassification of the position held by Randy Gosnell at the Transfer Station. (Stanley Thomas)

Commissioner Thomas stated that when the Board was discussing the wage study and classification for Heavy Equipment Operators at the Road Department, for some reason Randy Gosnell, who has been an employee for 19 years and handles heavy equipment at the Transfer Station, was overlooked. Commissioner Thomas said that this employee's pay needs to be adjusted.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to adjust the salary of Randy Gosnell to \$13.50 per hour. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 16. Roads Update

The Board and County Attorney Mike Pruett discussed the logistics of the county maintaining a private road during a hardship situation. Mike Pruett advised the Board that a private road is private property and the county cannot maintain a private road without adopting the road, but that after the road was improved the Board could go through the road abandonment process.

Item No. 17. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 18. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

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

**Item No. 19. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation
(if needed)**

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 20. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Youngblood the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.