

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 3, 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 gave the invocation.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Agenda Setting Meeting of February 24, 2014. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the minutes of February 24, 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.

Rotary members Will Mauldin and Jerry Coutant addressed the Board regarding a request to proclaim the month of March to be "Child Literacy Action Month". They stressed the importance of learning to read as a key to success. Two students from Ila Elementry, Ella Chancey and Walker Johnson, read the proposed proclamation.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to allow Chairman Dove to sign the proclamation. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report.

Chairman Dove stated that three quotes for new Toughbook computers and three quotes for refurbished Toughbook computers have been obtained. The refurbished computers come with a free one year warranty and several counties have had good luck with them. The price for refurbished computers in comparison to new computers is a huge savings.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to purchase refurbished Toughbook computers from ToughDepot.com at \$1495.00 each. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove stated that we have been asked to look at getting higher internet speed from several departments. We are currently with Windstream. Quotes from Charter, for better internet speed, will be presented at the next meeting.

Chairman Dove asked the Board to allow Alan Lapczynski to open Lawn Maintenance bids at 10:00 a.m. on March 25, 2014 in the Public Meeting room and to give his recommendation at the March 31, 2014 B.O.C. meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to allow Alan Lapczynski to open Lawn Maintenance bids at 10:00 a.m. on March 25, 2014 in the Public Meeting room. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove stated that the Georgia Sheriff's Association will be touring the jail on March 11th to provide input regarding the jail expansion.

Item No. 4. Hearings and Actions on Rezone Matters, Special Use Permits, Etc.

(Linda Fortson and Wayne Douglas)

1. Carolyn Bellew is requesting to rezone her 3.2 ac. parcel from A2 to RR to combine with her adjoining parcel then subdivide the property in half. The property is located on Map 93 Parcel 5 on Winns Lake Rd. in District 4.
2. Carolyn Bellew is requesting to rezone her 1.91ac. parcel from A2 to RR to combine with her adjoining parcel then subdivide the property in half. With a home on each half. The property is located on Map 93 Parcel 5-02 on Winns Lake Rd. in District 4.

Chairman Douglas explained the two rezone requests by Carolyn Bellew and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission took both requests as one vote and voted unanimously to approve.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the requests. The applicant, Carolyn Bellew, spoke in favor of the requests.

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On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the requests to rezone Map 95 Parcel 5 and Map 93 Parcel 5-02 from A2 to RR. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, and Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Douglas advised the Board that there has been interest in looking at an ordinance regarding solar panel farms. He stated that he would be bringing information concerning this ordinance to the Board in the near future.

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 hiring Josh Smith to fill vacant full time position. (Jason Lewis)

EMS Director, Jason Lewis, came forward to recommend that current part time employee, Josh Smith, fill the vacant full time EMS position.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the hiring of Josh Smith for the vacant full time EMS position. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 7. Consider purchasing a surplus shuttle bus and van for the Senior Center due to changes in state policy regarding fuel and repairs. (Kelsey Tyner)

Senior Center Director, Kelsey Tyner, came forward to address the Board regarding a new state policy that prohibits state vehicles from being serviced or fueled at a county operated facility. Ms. Tyner requested approval to purchase one van and two shuttle buses from Georgia DOT Surplus for an estimated \$12,000 and turn over the state vehicles used by the Senior Center in order to get out from under the costly regulations.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve the purchase of two surplus shuttle buses and one surplus van with money from cash reserves. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider obtaining bids for paving Shady Lane and Northwood Circle. (Mike Youngblood)

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to request bids for base and paving of Shady Lane and Northwood Circle. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider proposed purchase of real property. (Mike Youngblood)

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to purchase property at Charlie Bolton Road and Oak Bend Drive for future right of way for road improvements. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 10. Road Update.

Chairman Dove stated that the 2015 LMIG funding should be close to the same amount as it has been and requested that the commissioners work on their 2015 LMIG projects.

Commissioner Thomas requested trash pick-up on Sanford Road and asked that the shoulder back filling be checked on Sanford Road, Sanford Nicholson Road and Martin Griffeth Road.

Commissioner Youngblood stated that he wants to make sure that the standing water problem at the corner of Glenn Carrie Road and Highway 29 is discussed with the D.O.T. when they meet this week.

Commissioner Escoe asked if the rails are in on Waggoner's Grove Church Road.

Item No. 11. Urgent Matters.

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 12. Statement and Remarks from Citizens.

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

Item No. 13. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed)

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 14. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:22 pm.