

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
AND
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 4, 2013
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 Escoe

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitchem, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT

Linda Cox, County Clerk
Mike Pruett, County Attorney

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led in the pledge to the American flag. Chairman Dove asked for a moment of silence for Jo Rice, wife of Judge Harry Rice, whose son, George Ott passed away.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Dove stated that a vote on the 2014 SPLOST would probably be in November of this year. The first hearing is being held tonight and another hearing will be scheduled.

He asked if anyone would like to speak as to why they want SPLOST funds.

Butch McDuffie, Shiloh VFD, spoke on behalf of all the departments. He presented a summary sheet for the 2014 SPLOST project request to the Board. The total SPLOST 2014 request is \$1,200,000. Disbursement of \$240,000 annually (\$100,000 per department over 5 years). \$20,000 per department in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Marvin White, IDA, requested \$2,000,000.00 over the next five (5) years for water and sewer expansion in Madison County. This would allow the authority to add additional water and sewer lines in the county. Mr. White stated that without help from SPLOST they are at a financial point where they could not add additional water and sewer lines.

No one else came forward to speak. Chairman Dove closed the Public Hearing.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of February 11, 2013 and Agenda Setting Meeting of February 25, 2013.

Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

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

None.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove received a request from the VFD and asked county attorney, Mike Pruett, to make the necessary changes to the contract and bring to the next meeting.

The Pilot Club requests a Proclamation for Brain Awareness Month. Chairman Dove asked for a motion for him to sign the Proclamation.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the Proclamation for Brain Awareness Month.

Chairman Dove stated that Alan Lapczynski requests permission to open the Lawn Maintenance bids on March 21, 2013 at 3:30 pm.

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

The county received notice from Board of Trustees of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia – Group Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund. The dividend amount Madison County will receive is \$24,562.00. This amount will be in the form of a credit towards our workers' compensation premium for the 2013 policy year.

Chairman Dove gave an update on Mr. Tommy Williams who is now living with his niece and is very happy.

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

1. Robert Fields for M. E. Baker request to rezone 2.45 ac. of his 21.13 ac. from A1 to A2 to combine with the adjoining property. The property is located on Map 43 Parcel 101 on Hwy 29 south in District 5.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone and stated that P&Z voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve.

Applicant spoke in favor of the rezone. No one spoke in opposition.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved the rezone.

2. Roger and Larry Kirk are requesting to rezone 30.9 ac. from A1 to A2 to combine with adjoining property. The property is located on Map 48 Parcel 36 on James Springs Rd. in District 4.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone and stated that P&Z voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve.

Applicant spoke in favor of the rezone. No one spoke in opposition.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Escoe, the Board unanimously approved the rezone.

3. Scott Jarrett for Gwennell Lerch is requesting an Area Variance on her 6.85 ac. parcel. A new structure is not meeting setbacks. The property is located on Map 68A Parcel 6 in District 2.

Chairman Douglas stated that the Board does not have to vote on this item. His explanation was for informational purposes only.

4. Sara and Joe Hobbs are requesting to rezone their 1 ac parcel from A2 to R1 and combine a portion of the adjoining property. The property is located on Map 91 Parcel 9 in District 2.

Items 4 and 5 were taken as one vote.

5. Sara and Joe Hobbs are representing Broad River Properties. They are requesting to rezone .5 ac from 71 ac., from A1 to R1. The property is located on Map 91 Parcel 9 in District 2.

Items 4 and 5 were taken as one vote.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezones in Item 4 and 5 and stated that P&Z voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve both items.

Applicant spoke in favor of the rezone. No one spoke in opposition.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the rezones in Items 4 and 5.

6. Chairman Wayne Douglas with zoning amendments. (Chairman Douglas)

Chairman Douglas explained the amendment to Respite homes and stated that P&Z voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve.

No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the amendment.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved the amendment.

Chairman Dove explained the amendment to Interior parking lots, Section 6.2.3.5 and stated that P&Z voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve.

No one spoke in favor or opposition to the amendment.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved the amendment.

Chairman Douglas explained the amendment to Area Variance, Section 11.1.1 and stated that P&Z voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve two (2) public hearings.

The next vote was to deny one (1) public hearing for Area Variance and the P&Z voted seven (7) to zero (0) to deny having one (1) public hearing.

No one spoke in favor or opposition to the amendments.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved the amendment to Area Variance, Section 11.1.1 in order to have two (2) public hearings.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved to deny having one (1) public hearing for Area Variance.

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

There were none.

Item No. 6. Consent Agenda.

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item No 7.

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 8. Consider part-time seasonal employment for the Recreation Dept. (Donna Sisk)

Ms. Sisk presented 21 individuals who were chosen for the part-time employment. The Board also received a copy of each application.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved the 21 applicants for part-time seasonal employment.

Item No. 9. Consider Road Superintendent position. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove stated that they had taken applications for the position. The Board discussed this matter in Executive Session and decided to make an offer to Alan Lapczynski. Alan requested the Board to consider his salary to be around \$44,000.00. Chairman and Donna Sisk, HR Director, determined that with 15 ½ years of service the salary would be around \$44,349.30 per year.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved to promote Alan to Road Superintendent with a yearly salary of \$44,349.30.

Mike Pruett, county attorney, stated that Alan's application with his salary would need to be made available to the public for fourteen (14) days.

Item No. 10. Discuss Memorial Park. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove asked the Board for suggestions on hours for Memorial Park. Mike Pruett, county attorney, will put together a document reflecting the hours.

Item No. 11. Consider 25 mph speed limit inside city of Hull on Glenn Carrie Rd. (Commissioner Youngblood)

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved to provide the 25 mph speed limit signs and provide installation.

Item No. 12. Consider 25 mph speed limit on Van Manley Rd. (Commissioner Pethel)

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

Item No. 13. Consider speed limit on Williams Wilson Rd. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved to lower the speed limit to 25 mph on Williams Wilson Road.

Item No. 14. Roads Update.

Chairman Dove updated the Board on the fire at the Road Dept.
Chairman Dove took requests from the Board for maintenance on roads in their districts.

Item No. 15. Urgent Matters.

None.

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).

No need for executive session.

Item No. 18. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Pete, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

