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. Chairman Wayne Douglas, P&Z, gave the invocation.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:
Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of February 6, 2012; Special Called Meeting of February 16, 2012 and Agenda Setting Meeting of February 27, 2012.
On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Item No. 2. Business Involving Guests, Groups or Multiple Visitors.
Chairman Dove recognized two new Board of Directors of the Animal Shelter who addressed the Board regarding the possibility of the county paying the shelter based on the 2010 census. The Board is currently paying $3.00 per capita to the Shelter based on the 2000 census. The population of Madison County increased from 25,730 in 2000 to 28,120 in 2010. The increase would allow the Shelter to hire and maintain a qualified Shelter Manager with the skills and past experience in business and personnel management to further solidify the shelter financially and to provide the staff, community service workers and inmate oversight
that has been lacking. The new Board of Directors has been working hard to turn the shelter around. The additional funds based on the 2010 census would allow them to hire an outstanding candidate. They will meet with Chairman Pittard of Oglethorpe County tomorrow and will ask them to do the same.

Chairman Dove stated that the BOC could act on the request tonight or a special called meeting could be scheduled for later in the week.

On motion Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved a budget amendment to provide an increase in funding to the Animal Shelter based on the 2010 census at $3.00 per capita with the funds coming from the Fund Balance.

**Item No. 3. Chairman’s Report (Chairman Dove)**

Mike Pruett, county attorney, gave an update on the lease for the VFD and will compile the paperwork for the contract. The Poca VFD will need repairs the roof and advertising for sealed bids to repair the roof will be needed. Alan Lapczynski, maintenance, will handle the advertising and bid process.

Chairman Dove discussed the 2011 budget. Louise Watson, Tax Commissioner is closing out her 2011 budget and once the data is provided to the Finance Director, Kathy Clark, she will close out the year.

Chairman Dove gave an update on SPLOST and LOST.

Chairman Dove presented a request from the Pilot Club for a Proclamation for Brain Awareness Month during the month of March.

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

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

1. Colby Phillips is requesting to rezone 3.85 ac. from RR to A1 to combine with his adjoining property. This property is located on Brewer Phillips Rd. on Map 40 Parcel 32 in District 4.

   Chairman Douglas stated that the P&Z combined this request and the second one for Mr. Phillips into one vote. He explained both requests and stated that P&Z voted 6 to 0 to approve.

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

   On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Escoe, the Board unanimously approved this rezone as well as the second rezone listed below.
2. Colby Phillips is requesting to rezone 1.21 ac. from RR to A1 to combine with his adjoining property. This property is located on Brewer Phillips Rd. on Map 40 Parcel 33 in District 4.

This request was combined with the above request and unanimously approved by the Board.

3. Harry Duranso is requesting to rezone 4.48 ac. from A2 to RR to allow him to build a second home on the property. This property is located on Parham Town Rd. on Map 91 Parcel 63 in District 2.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone and stated that P&Z voted 6 to 0 to approve.

Mr. Duranso spoke in favor of the rezone. No one spoke in opposition.

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

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

There were no statements or remarks.

**Item No. 6. Consent Agenda:**

There were no items for the consent agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item No. 7. Consider recommendation for lawn maintenance. (Alan Lapczynski)**

Alan presented the five (5) bids received on March 1, 2012 and were opened in the public meeting room attended by Linda Cox, County Clerk and himself.

1. Hart’s Lawn Maintenance
   (Has required affidavit)  
   $330 per cutting

2. Mickey Haynes Lawn Services
   (Does NOT have required affidavit and cannot be considered)  
   $300 per cutting

3. Whitehead’s Lawn Service
   (Has required affidavit)  
   $750 per cutting
4. Precision Green Works (Jamie Patton) $275 per cutting
   (Has required affidavit)

5. Tim Nunn General Contracting Serv., LLC $280 per cutting
   (Has required affidavit)

Alan discussed the low bid by Precision Green Works versus Tim Nunn General Contracting. Mr. Nunn has been awarded the in previous years and has done very good work. He does not know anything about Precision and has no references. One year the county gave the contract to someone other than Tim Nunn and had many problems. There have been no concerns with Mr. Nunn’s service and there is only a $5.00 difference in the two bids.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved Tim Nunn General Contracting Service, LLC for lawn maintenance.

Item No. 8. Consider hiring Maintenance Worker I for the Recreation Dept. (Donna Sisk)

Ms. Sisk presented Ralph (Trey) McCay, III for the position. The Board had previously been given a copy of his application. The position is full time Park Maintenance Worker I with a salary of $9.08 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved Mr. McCay for the above position.

Item No. 9. Consider hiring seasonal part-time employees for the Recreation Dept. (Donna Sisk)

Ms. Sisk presented fourteen (14) candidates for the above positions. The Board had previously been given copies of the applications. The salary for each position is $7.25 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved to hire the seasonal part-time employees presented to the Board.

Item No. 10. Consider any proposed agreements regarding Watson Mill Park. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove recognized county attorney, Mike Pruett, who stated that he had spoken with Becky Kelly, DNR regarding the agreement. The operation of the group shelter made the agreement very lengthy. The Board discussed various areas of the agreement.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood to fund $26,700 for the operation of reservations which means the park would retain park status and do nothing regarding the group shelter. This motion and second opened the motion for discussion.
Commissioner Thomas stated he would like to work on an agreement to keep the group shelter. Commissioner Pethel asked if Oglethorpe County would contribute any funds.

On substitute motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Escoe to contact Oglethorpe County Chairman, Billy Pittard, and ask for assistance to fund the $26,700 since a large portion of the park is in Oglethorpe County.

The substitute motion passed by a vote of three (3) YES votes to two (2) NO votes submitted by Commissioners Bond and Youngblood.

A Special Called Meeting, if needed, will be scheduled once we receive a response from Oglethorpe County.

On Commissioner Bond’s first motion and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board approved to move forward with the contract with DNR to keep park status by three (3) YES votes to two (2) NO votes submitted by Commissioners Escoe and Pethel.

The funds would be taken from the Fund Balance.

**Item No. 11. Discuss local discretionary projects if T-SPLOST is approved by the voters in July. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove requested the Board to compile the number of road projects in their districts to use T-SPLOST funds if approved by the voters in July.

**Item No. 12. Roads Update.**

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

**Item No. 13. Urgent Matters.**

There were none.

**Item No. 14. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.**

There were none.

**Item No. 15. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).**

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation at 8:00 pm.

The Board returned from executive session at 8:15 pm.
Item No. 16. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:15 pm.