

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 9, 2009
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 Bruce Scogin

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitchem, The Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT

Linda Cox, Acting County Clerk
Gary Venable, IT Director
Mike Pruett, County Attorney

Item No. 1. Call to order and approval of the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of February 9, 2009; the Special Called Meeting of February 19, 2009 and the Agenda Setting Meeting of February 23, 2009.

Chairman Dove led in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Dove asked everyone to remain standing and gave the invocation. Chairman Dove called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of February 9, 2009. Commissioner Bond made a motion approve. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Scogin, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES and Commissioner Bond, YES. The motion was approved five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

Chairman Dove asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of February 19, 2009. Commissioner Pethel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Pethel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Bond seconded the motion. A roll call

vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Scogin, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES and Commissioner Bond, YES. The motion was approved five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

Chairman Dove asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Agenda Setting Meeting of February 23, 2009. Commissioner Youngblood made a motion to approve. Commissioner Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Scogin, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES and Commissioner Bond, YES. The motion was approved five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

Item No. 2. Chairman's Report (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove announced the Item Number and asked for a motion to approve a Proclamation by the Commissioners of Madison County Georgia to Recognize National Professional Social Work Month 2009. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve. Commissioner Pethel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Scogin, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES and Commissioner Youngblood, YES. The motion was approved five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

Chairman Dove read information from the following: Risk Management Services, Inc. report regarding existing safety and loss control efforts; Building Inspections – End of month report for February 2009; Madison County Gasoline Consumption ending January 2009; Madison County Financial Statement ending January 31, 2009 and Madison County Real Estate Transfer Tax Declaration Information for February 2009.

Item No. 3. Comments from citizens on any agenda item.

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and asked for comments on any agenda item.

Mr. Marion Baker spoke on the Occupational Tax. Mr. Baker's son is a truck driver for a business located outside of Madison County but keeps the tractor trailer at his residence. He feels that he should not be required to pay the tax. Chairman Dove thanked Mr. Baker and stated that Eddie Pritchett of Building Inspection will clarify.

Item No. 4. Appeal from Will Moss to allow a storage trailer in a R1 zone. Address is 804 Glenn Carrie Rd., Hull, GA 30646. (Linda Fortson)

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and explained that Linda Fortson of Planning and Zoning was unable to attend the meeting due to the flu. Chairman Dove stated the P&Z voted six (6) to zero (0) not to allow. Chairman Dove asked for a motion. Commissioner Youngblood made a motion to deny. Commissioner Pethel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Bond,

YES and Commissioner Scogin, YES. The motion was approved to deny by a vote of five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

Item No. 5. Christine Tiller request for property tax refund. (Stacy Rubio)

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and recognized Stacy Rubio. Stacy explained the reason for refund. The BOA voted to recommend the refund for 2007. Chairman Dove asked if there were any questions for Stacy. There were none. Chairman Dove asked for a motion. Commissioner Pethel made a motion to approve. Chairman Youngblood seconded the motion. Chairman Dove asked if there was any discussion. There was none. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Scogin, YES. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

Item No. 6. Appointment to Planning and Zoning. (Commissioner Socgin)

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and recognized Commissioner Scogin. Commissioner Socgin stated that he wished to postpone this item until the next meeting. Item was postponed.

Item No. 7. Occupational Tax. (Eddie Pritchett)

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and stated that Mr. Pritchett was not in attendance due to illness. Chairman Dove opened this item to the BOC to make a decision or to postpone. Commissioner made a motion to postpone. Commissioner Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Scogin, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

Item No. 8. Report from Board of Assessors for Chief Appraiser. (David Ragland)

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and recognized David Ragland, Chairman of the Board of Assessors. Chairman Ragland stated that the BOA did not have anyone to recommend at this time and asked for direction on what the county would be willing to pay for a chief appraiser. He stated they have looked many times at their applications but have no one to recommend. We are looking but we are not receiving any applications. Commissioner Scogin made a motion to amend line item budget to \$75,000 for the Chief Appraiser. The additional funds would be moved from the contingency fund. Commissioner Bond seconded the motion. Chairman Dove asked if there was any discussion. Several Board members expressed their thoughts on the motion. Chairman Dove asked for a second on the motion. Commissioner Bond seconded the motion. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Scogin, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner

Pethel, NO. The motion was approved by a vote of four (4) YES votes to one (1) NO vote.

Item No. 9. Road Projects. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and read a list of work performed by the Road Department from February 9, 2009 thru March 6, 2009. Chairman Dove thanked the Road Department and various other departments and agencies within the county for their outstanding work during the ice storm that occurred March 1 and March 2, 2009.

Item No. 10. Urgent Matters.

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and asked if there were any urgent matters. Commissioner Pethel suggested that county vehicles, pickup trucks and cars, furnish a mileage log with travels to the Chairman. Chairman Dove stated that he would check into this. There was no other urgent matters.

Item No. 11. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and asked for statements and remarks from the citizens. Chairman Dove recognized Hoke Strickland. Mr. Strickland commented on the Chief Appraiser stating that if you buy cheap, you get cheap. Look at what they can produce and pay accordingly. Chairman Dove thanked Mr. Strickland and asked if there was anyone else to speak. There was no other speakers.

Item No. 12. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and asked if there was a need for executive session. Commissioner Scogin made a motion to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation. Commissioner Pethel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Scogin, YES. The motion was approved by a vote of (5) YES votes to (0) NO votes. The Board went into executive session.

Item No. 13. Adjourn.

The Board returned from executive session. Chairman Dove asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Pethel made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. All in favor say aye. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.