

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
MARCH 30, 2015
6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commission Chairman Anthony Dove
District 1 Commissioner Stanley Thomas
District 2 Commissioner Dewitt "Pete" Bond
District 3 Commissioner Mike Youngblood
District 4 Commissioner John W. 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 Pruett, County Attorney

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, led in the pledge to the American Flag and asked for a moment of silence for the families of those who have lost their lives in vehicle accidents and to remember fellow Rotarian Keith Cowne who passed away suddenly last week. Commissioner Pethel asked that Mary McElroy, former employee of Judge Rice, also be remembered.

Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of March 2, 2015. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of March 2, 2015. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Pethel abstained.

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

None

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Dove requested that the Board approve a Military Proclamation for Madison County resident Richard Patrick who served for 40 years in four different branches; Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines.

Chairman Dove requested that the Board approve a Military Proclamation for Madison County resident Jack Fortson, a veteran of the Air Force and served during the Korean War from 1951-1955.

Chairman Dove requested that the Board approve a Military Proclamation for Codie Ayers, a 2012 Madison County High School graduate, who is serving in the Army and has done one tour in Africa and is now preparing to leave for Iraq.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond the Board approved the Military Proclamations for Richard Patrick, Jack Fortson and Codie Ayers. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove stated that EMA Director Johnny Bridges is working with GEMA and FEMA on possible recovery of expenses from last month's ice storm. He stated that most of the expenses from the 2014 winter storm have been recovered. There is one more road to be repaired when weather is dry.

Item No. 4. Report from IDA (Marvin White)

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and recognized Marvin White, Executive Director of the Madison County Industrial Development and Building Authority. Mr. White gave a report of the activities of the IDA.

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.

Item No. 6. Discuss work detail vehicle. (Sheriff Thomas)

Sheriff Thomas addressed the Board and stated that he looked at the vans at the Senior Center and that he did not want that type of vehicle. He said that he would like to have the Ford F250.

Commissioner Pethel made a motion to approve the purchase of a Ford F250 truck for \$29,000 including lights and striping to be used as the work detail vehicle.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Item No. 7. Discuss jail addition. (Sheriff Thomas)

Sheriff Thomas and New South Construction Senior Project Manager Steve Langdon addressed the Board to answer questions regarding the \$2,657,994.00 proposal for the 32 bed jail addition. The Board asked several questions regarding the proposal and what the additional expenses to maintain and operate the new facility would be. After discussion, the approximate figure to maintain and operate the addition was estimated to be \$250,000.00 per year. The Board requested that Mr. Langdon provide them with all of the numbers necessary to determine a more accurate figure. The Board also requested a copy of the floor plans for the new jail addition. Mr. Langdon said that he would provide both requests.

Item No. 8. Consider hiring Rhonda Drake for Transfer Station Call-in list. (Sandra Webb)

Transfer Station Director Sandra Webb was unable to attend the meeting. She previously submitted the application of Rhonda Drake.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to hire Rhonda Drake for the call-in position at the Transfer Station. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider acquiring a hydraulic excavator and a compact track loader. (Alan Lapczynski)

Public Works and Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski approached the Board requesting to lease with the option to buy or to purchase a hydraulic excavator and compact tract loader. He said that the Road Department was able to use demonstration equipment for two days and found that the equipment could be used for every facet of the work that is handled at the Road Department. He stated that some of the commissioners had been out to see the demonstration and were pleased with the equipment.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the purchase of a hydraulic excavator with packer attachment and a compact loader with angle broom attachment using money from SPLOST and if there is not enough in SPLOST to cover the expense, to take the remaining money needed out of Cash Reserves and replenish with SPLOST when additional funds are available. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 10. Consider private road hardship cases. (Mike Youngblood)

Commissioner Youngblood stated that he would like to discuss having a separate resolution, or an amendment, with different acceptance criteria for a private road with hardship situations. After discussion with County Attorney Mike Pruet, it was concluded that the current ordinance addressed the hardship situation but more stringent criteria was later placed on road acceptance. The Board discussed using the more stringent criteria as a guideline only and to handle each private road on a case by case basis.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to do away with the Dirt Road Acceptance Criteria that was voted in on February 6, 2012. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Escoe and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 11. Consider vacant maintenance position at the Recreation Department. (Mike Youngblood)

Commissioner Youngblood stated that there is a vacant part-time maintenance position at the Recreation Department budgeted for \$11,600 per year and he would like to change that to \$9,000 per year.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to change the vacant part-time maintenance position at the Recreation Department to \$9,000 per year. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 12. Consider approving Jessica Croya and Morgan South to fill vacant part-time positions at the Recreation Department with the same salary and hours that are already budgeted. (Mike Youngblood)

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve Jessica Croya and Morgan South to fill vacant part-time positions at the Recreation Department with the same salary and hours that are already budgeted. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 13. Accept right-of-way of road extension off of Madico Drive. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove stated that we have an approved plat of Madico Park with a 60' road extension right-of-way on the plat that apparently was never formally accepted by the county.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to accept the road extension right-of-way off of Madico Drive as shown on the plat recorded on 5-23-08. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 14. Consider Resolution to amend ACCG Defined Benefit Plan. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove explained that the resolution approves pension benefits for permanent part-time employees who work at least thirty (30) hours per week.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board approved the resolution to amend the ACCG Defined Benefit Plan. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 15. Consider Proclamation naming April Donate Life month. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the proclamation naming April Donate Life month. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 16. Roads Update

Commissioner Thomas inquired about Aderhold Rogers Road.

Commissioner Bond stated that he would like to have the consideration of a 25 mph speed limit on Forest Trail on the next meeting agenda.

Commissioner Youngblood inquired about the ditch at Highway 72 railroad crossing.

Commissioner Pethel requested that the road crews not maintain Cain Road because there are no residence on that road and the road abandonment process will be starting.

Commissioner Escoe said that he has received complaints about the closed gates at Madison Preserve Subdivision blocking off county roads. After discussion regarding county roads being either opened to the public or abandoned by the county through the abandonment process, Commissioner Escoe made a motion to open the gates leading to the roads in the Madison Preserve Subdivision. Commissioner Youngblood seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Thomas abstained.

Item No. 17. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 18. Review April 6, 2015 agenda for Regular Business Meeting.

Mrs. Wooten read the April 6, 2015 agenda items.

Item No. 19. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

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

Item No. 20. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 21. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Escoe, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.