

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 6, 2015
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
Rebecca Scott, UGA

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 to reflect back on this past week-end and the real meaning of Easter.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Agenda Setting Meeting of March 30, 2015. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the minutes of the March 30, 2015 Agenda Setting Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

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

None

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report.

No report was given.

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

There were no zoning matters.

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 jail addition. (Sheriff Thomas)

Agenda items eight and nine were handled prior to this agenda item to allow for the arrival of Karen Sicner, Senior Project Manager with Wakefield Beasley & Associates.

New South Construction Vice President of Operations, Dave Butler and Wakefield Beasley & Associates Senior Project Manager, Karen Sicner gave a power point presentation and answered several questions regarding the proposed jail addition. There was discussion on the difference between the contingency fund and work order changes, the housing and transporting of female inmates, the installation of more energy efficient equipment and construction costs. There was at length discussion between the Board and Sheriff Thomas pertaining to the SPLOST money that was designated for a jail addition and whether it was feasible to incur the additional annual housing and maintenance expenses after the 32 bed addition was built. The Board requested additional numbers on operating costs such as food, clothing, janitorial supplies and property and liability insurance.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to postpone the decision until they can get a handle on the final numbers for budgeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 7. Consider filling vacant part-time position at the Senior Center. (Kelsey Tyner)

Senior Center Director Kelsey Tyner presented the name of Jerry Wayne Green to fill a vacant part-time position.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to approve the hiring of Jerry Wayne Green to fill a vacant part-time position at the Senior Center. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider 25 MPH speed limit on Forest Trail. (Pete Bond)

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on Forest Trail. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider pay adjustments with remaining budgeted money in Recreation Department. (Mike Youngblood)

Commissioner Youngblood stated that last week when we filled a vacant position at the Recreation Department in maintenance for \$9,000, there was \$11,600 budgeted for that position. He said that he would like to use the remaining \$2600 to give four employees a salary increase. There was considerable discussion among the Board members regarding the moving of money within a department's budgeted salaries but not increasing the budget next year to compensate for the change. There was also discussion on not using the extra money in a department's budget to give salary adjustments but rather using the money to reduce the overall budget.

Commissioner Youngblood said that he had no problem with salary increases being given with money that has already been budgeted for salaries and encouraged Department Heads to contact him if they would like to discuss it.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve a 25 cents per hour salary increase for Bryan Lasseter, Andrew Lee and Dee Reynolds and a 50 cents per hour salary increase for Ralph McCay. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond and Youngblood voted YES. Commissioners Pethel and Escoe voted NO.

Item No. 10. Consider starting abandonment process of roads in Madison Preserve subdivision. (Jim Escoe)

County Attorney Mike Pruett advised the Board that a conservation easement was not in place when the plat for a conservation subdivision was presented and that the plat should not have been approved. He said that this was realized when dealing with the new owners' attorney regarding a tax appeal. At that time, we entered a consent order stating that the final plat should not have been approved, that it was not a subdivision and these are not public roads. Chairman Dove asked Mr. Pruett if any further action was needed by the Board to abandon the roads. Mr. Pruett stated that no action was needed since the roads are not public roads.

Item No. 11. Roads Update

Commissioner Thomas said that shoulder work needs to be done on Sanford Road.

Commissioner Youngblood inquired about the status of James Holcomb Road and Highway 72.

Commissioner Pethel said that he would get with Alan to show him some work that needs to be done on a couple of roads.

Item No. 12. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 13. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

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

**Item No. 14. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation
(if needed)**

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 15. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:00 pm.