

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
APRIL 7, 2014  
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

**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 Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Wayne Douglas to give the invocation and have special prayer for the victims at Fort Hood.

**Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:**

**Minutes of Agenda Setting Meeting of March 31, 2014. Minutes have been distributed.**

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board approved the minutes of the March 31, 2014 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.**

Chairman Dove stated that he wanted the Board to be aware that the Recreation Department needs to increase the amperage box at the track for Relay for Life and future events. This should cost around \$1200.00.

Chairman Dove requested that the Board consider transferring, from cash reserves, the excess funds from the 2011 Wellness Program to the 2014 Wellness Program. He stated that there are currently 60 participants in the Wellness Program.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to have the excess funds from the 2011 Wellness Program transferred to the 2014 Wellness Program. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove read a quote from Sir Alex Fraser Tyler on the average age of the world's greatest civilizations.

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

1. Pat Graham is representing Jay Dopson, they are requesting to rezone Mr. Dopson's 9.4 acre Property from A1 to RR to subdivide into 3 lots for resale. The property is located on Map 9 Parcel 16-03A, Jot-Em-Down Road in District 1.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone request and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted five (5) to zero (0) to approve.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. Attorney Victor Johnson with Graham Law Firm spoke in favor of the request.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in opposition of the request. No one came forward.

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On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the request to rezone Map 9 Parcel 16-03A from A1 to RR to subdivide into three lots. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe.

2. Providence Real Estate Consulting is representing Robert Williams, who is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to allow a cell tower on his 234.95 acre property located on Map 43 Parcel 149, at the corner of Moons Grove Church Road and Cleghorne Road in District 2.

Chairman Douglas explained the Conditional Use request and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted five (5) to zero (0) to approve.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. Leslie Carroll with AT&T spoke in favor of the request.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in opposition of the request. No one came forward.

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On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a Cell Tower on Map 43 Parcel 149. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

3. Amendment to the Madison County Zoning Ordinance to allow Solar Farms in Industrial and as a Conditional Use Permit in Agriculture.

Chairman Douglas stated that this item has been postponed.

**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 purchasing walk in storage coolers. (Julie Phillips)**

Chairman Dove recognized Coroner Phillips. Ms. Phillips addressed the Board regarding the need for a walk in storage cooler for decedents in waiting to be accepted by the crime lab for autopsy. Ms. Phillips stated that there is an increased waiting period caused by the closing of two crime labs due to budget cuts.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board approved the purchase of a SRC Refrigeration walk in storage cooler to be paid from cash reserves. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Thomas abstained.

**Item No. 7. Consider recommendation for Shady Lane & Northwood Circle Base & Pave project. (Alan Lapczynski)**

Bids for the Shady Lane & Northwood Circle Base & Pave project were opened in the Public Meeting Room on April 7, 2014 at 12:15 pm by Public Works and Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski and County Clerk Rhonda Wooten.

**1. Pittman Construction**

**Attended Pre-Bid Conference**

**E-Verify affidavit included**

**10% Bid Bond included**

**Bid price: \$357,420.00**

**2. Allied Paving Contractors**

**Attended Pre-Bid Conference**

**E-Verify affidavit included**

**10% Bid Bond included**

**Bid price: \$184,587.45**

Mr. Lapczynski recommended Allied Paving Contractors.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to go with Allied Paving Contractors. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 8. Consider hiring Cody Goss for vacant position at the Road Department. (Alan Lapczynski)**

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board agreed to hire Cody Goss for the vacant position at the Road Department. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 9. Consider adding a full time position at the Transfer Station. (Sandra Webb)**

Transfer Station Director Sandra webb presented the additional figures that the Board requested at the previous meeting when considering a full time position at the scale house.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to approve adding a full time scale house position at the Transfer Station. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Thomas voted NO.

**Item No. 10. Consider establishing a Pay Scale Committee. (Mike Youngblood)**

Chairman Dove stated that he has received a lot of questions and comments this past week regarding the Pay Scale Committee. There was discussion between all Board members and County Attorney Mike Pruett regarding the best way to move forward with this project. It was decided that the efforts to create a pay scale should be handled by the Board of Commissioners for their employees only.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the Board agreed to schedule work sessions to decide on a pay scale. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 11. Consider adding to the part time security list. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove recommended that applicant Tommy Lackey's name be added to the part time security list.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the Board agreed to add Tommy Lackey to the part time security list. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 12. Discuss reconsideration of pay increase for Purchasing Agent. (John Pethel)**

Commissioner Pethel voiced his disapproval of the pay increase given to Purchasing Agent Cheryl Jensrud by the Board at the last meeting.

Commissioner Pethel made a motion to rescind and not give any pay increases until the Board gets together and has some work sessions and try to determine what is fair to the employees and the tax payers. Commissioner Escoe seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of two in favor and three opposed. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Pethel and Escoe voted YES. Commissioners Thomas, Bond and Youngblood voted NO.

After discussion, Commissioner Bond made a motion to amend the previous adoption and give this person \$16.84 which represents 18 on the grade scale and seven years experience. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of three in favor and two opposed. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond and Escoe voted YES. Commissioners Youngblood and Pethel voted NO.

**Item No. 13. Road Update.**

Commissioner Thomas requested that information regarding the cracking on the newly paved roads be looked into.

Commissioner Youngblood requested that the entrance of Ed Coile Road be checked. He also requested that a white line be painted on Maplewood Lane up to the entrance point of Woodale Street.

**Item No. 14. Urgent Matters.**

There were no urgent matters.

**Item No. 15. Statement and Remarks from Citizens.**

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

**Item No. 16. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed)**

There was no need for executive session.

**Item No. 17. Adjourn**

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