MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
MAY 6, 2013
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.

MEMBERS ABSENT:
   District 5 Commissioner Jim Escoe

MEDIA PRESENT:
   Zach Mitchem, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT
   Linda Cox, County Clerk
   Mike Pruett, County Attorney

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order 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 and Public Hearing of April 1, 2013; Work Session
with the Economic Development Committee of April 9, 2013; Special Called Meeting of
April 10, 2013 and Agenda Setting Meeting of April 22, 2013.

Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board approved
the minutes of April 9, 2013, by a vote of three (3) YES and zero (0) NO votes.
The vote was as follows: Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES and
Commissioner Bond, YES. Commissioner Pethel abstained.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board approved
the minutes of April 10, 2013, by a vote of three (3) YES votes and zero (0) NO votes. The vote
was as follows: Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES and Commissioner Pethel, YES. Commissioner Youngblood abstained.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board approved the minutes of April 1, 2013 and April 22, 2013, by a vote of four (4) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES and Commissioner Youngblood, YES.

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

Conolus Scott – Request from the Democratic Party Committee

Chairman Dove stated that Leo Smith would address the Board in lieu of Mr. Scott. Mr. Smith presented copies to the Board of his request. The Democratic Party urges the Board to support a constitutional amendment to overturn the U.S. Supreme Court’s January 2010 Citizens United ruling, which held by a majority of 5 to 4 that the First Amendment prohibited the government from restricting political independent expenditures by corporations, associations or labor unions. It gave corporations and unions the green light to spend unlimited sums on ads and other political tools calling for the election or defeat of individual candidates.

Chairman Dove stated the Board will take this under consideration.

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

Chairman Dove gave an update on SPLOST. Chairman Dove stated that Joe Dudley, Senior Center Director has retired and would like to be added to the part-time call in list for security at the complex. Chairman Dove asked for a motion.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board approved for Joe Dudley to be added to the part-time call in list for security at the complex by a vote of four (4) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES and Commissioner Thomas, YES.

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

1. Lewis and Tara Graham request to rezone 4.3 ac. from a 10 ac. parcel from A2 to RR. The property is located on Map 67 on Escoe Rd. in Comer.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone and stated that P&Z voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve.

The applicant spoke in favor of the rezone. No one spoke in opposition.
On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the rezone by a vote of four (4) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES and Commissioner Youngblood, YES.

2. Chairman Wayne Douglas with zoning amendments.

Chairman Douglas explained the amendment and stated that P&Z voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve the change.

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

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board approved the amendment by a vote of four (4) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES and Commissioner Thomas, YES.

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

Larry Stewart of Danielsville and Todd Higdon, Mayor of Danielsville, spoke on the 2014 SPLOST.

Item No. 6. Consent Agenda.

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item No 7. Consider bid recommendation for LMIG Repaving Projects. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove stated that Alan Lapczynski, Department Head of Public Works and Road Dept., recommends Pittman Construction who had the lowest bid of $1,149,600.00. Phil Munro, County Engineer reviewed the bid and all criteria and specifications were met.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board approved Pittman Construction for the LMIG repaving projects by a vote of four (4) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES and Commissioner Bond, YES.

Item No. 8. Discuss and/or consider 2014 SPLOST requests. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove informed the Board of the progress to replace the culvert on Sam Bruce Road. There will be some in-house work and another engineer working on the project. The county is also working with the home owner.
On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board approved to move forward on Sam Bruce Rd. by a vote of four (4) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES and Commissioner Bond, YES.

Commissioners Youngblood and Thomas presented their recommendations for SPLOST funds requested from each department and agency.

Commissioner Bond suggested forming a committee to look at the jail addition from the last SPLOST. Chairman Dove agreed with the committee and stated the jail addition should be less than $3.3 million and the funds left could be used to purchase vehicles. This would free money up to go back into infrastructure. Chairman Dove stated he would like to move forward tonight to get the committee started.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board approved for Commissioners Youngblood and Thomas to be on the committee to study the jail project by a vote of four (4) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES and Commissioner Bond, YES.

Commissioner Bond suggested that one or two citizens be on the committee. Chairman Dove stated that the sheriff and engineer need to be involved as well as Alan Lapeczynski. Mike Pruett, county attorney, stated the District Attorney and Public Defender need to be on the committee. Chairman Dove would like a decision as to who will be on the committee by the end of the week.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 9. Consider Kelsey Tyner as Senior Center Director. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove recognized Donna Sisk, HR Director, who stated that the proposed salary was a minimum of $32,500.40. Ms. Tyner asked if there was room to negotiate and would like a starting salary of $34,000.00 to $35,000.00. She is very excited to be offered the position.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board approved to set the salary at $33,500.00 by a vote of four (4) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES and Commissioner Youngblood, YES.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board approved to hire Kelsey Tyner as the Senior Center Director by a vote of four (4) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES and Commissioner Pethel, YES.
Item No. 10. Consider candidate for part-time call-in list at the Transfer Station.
(Donna Sisk)

Ms. Sisk presented Jackie Barton to be added to the part-time call-in list at the Transfer Station. The Board had received a copy of her application.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board approved to add Jackie Barton to the part-time call-in list by a vote of four (4) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES and Commissioner Thomas, YES.

Item No. 11. Discuss and consider updated Memorandum of Understanding with Cooperative Extension Agency. (Chairman Dove)

Mike Pruett, county attorney, had reviewed the MOU and stated that it was exactly the same as the previous one. The agency need a current MOU signed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board approved for Chairman Dove to sign the MOU by a vote of four (4) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES and Commissioner Bond, YES.

Item No. 12. Consider 2012 budget amendments (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove stated the auditors would be here soon and these are budget amendments that need to be made. Commissioner Pethel questioned the amendment amount of $189,539. He requested another report from the Finance Dept. showing the department, individual, description and why each is over budget. Chairman Dove stated he will get the information to him before the next meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board approved to accept the 2012 budget amendments by a vote of four (4) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES and Commissioner Thomas, YES.

Item No. 13. Roads Update.

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


None.
Item No. 15. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Jack Huff, Code Enforcement, gave a report on the coin operated machines. He will inspect the establishments each month. Those inspected all have been in compliance and up to date on regulations.

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

No need for executive session.

Item No. 16. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:25 pm.