

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING  
MAY 23, 2013  
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 Mitchem, Madison County Journal

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Rhonda Wooten, Administrative Assistant  
Mike Pruett, County Attorney

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, led in the pledge to the American flag and requested a moment of silence for the people of Oklahoma affected by the tornado and for Ms. Bobbie Rooker with the passing of her son.

**Item No. 1. Chairman's Report.**

Chairman Dove read the attached statement regarding the investigation of two employees' time sheets.

Commissioner Youngblood, Commissioner Thomas and Commissioner Bond each spoke in favor of leaving disciplinary actions with the Chairman.

Chairman Dove stated the SPLOST numbers for April were up eight percent.

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

None.

**Item No. 3. Report from IDA (Marvin White)**

Marvin gave a monthly report from the IDA.

**Item No. 4. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on agenda items.**

There were none.

**Item No. 5. Consider reappointment of Janis Ellis to the Board of Assessors.  
(Commissioner Youngblood)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond to put forth the name of Janis Ellis to be reappointed to the Board of Assessors.

Substitute motion was made by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel to put forth the name of Pastor Reginald Hunter to be appointed instead.

Commissioner Escoe said that he would like to have someone from his district.

The motion by Commissioner Escoe and Second by Commissioner Pethel to appoint Reginald Hunter was denied by a three to two vote. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Thomas, NO; Commissioner Bond, NO; Commissioner Youngblood, NO; Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Escoe, YES.

The original motion made by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond for Janis Ellis to be reappointed to the Board of Assessors was passed by a three to two vote. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Pethel, NO; Commissioner Escoe, NO.

**Item No. 6. Consider helping Carlton VFD with parking lot addition. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove stated the Carlton Volunteer Fire Department would like to expand the parking lot and are asking for help with base work, grading and gravel. On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted unanimously to move forward with helping the Carlton Volunteer Fire Department with base work, grading and gravel to expand their parking lot.

**Item No. 7. Discuss speed limit sign for Hammond Williams Road. (Commissioner Bond)**

On Motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted unanimously to consider moving forward with having a speed limit sign for Hammond Williams Road at the June 3, 2013 Board meeting.

**Item No. 8. Roads Update**

There were no requests for road maintenance

**Item No. 9. Urgent Matters.**

Commissioner Pethel gave kudos to Alan and the Road Department for the good work that they are doing.

**Item No. 10. Review June 3, 2013 agenda for Business Meeting.**

The Administrative Assistant read the items to be on the agenda.

**Item No. 11. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.**

Butch McDuffie, appointed by the Fire Chiefs to represent SPLOST requests for the Volunteer Fire Departments, came forward regarding the Board's consideration of the requests previously submitted.

Commissioner Pethel spoke regarding the status of the County Clerk and the Human Resource Director positions.

Jail Captain Greg Sisk stated he was not here representing the Sheriff's Office but rather representing the citizens of Madison County. Mr. Sisk spoke regarding his feelings about the time sheet investigation and the suspension of his wife, Human Resource Director, Donna Sisk.

Donna Sisk spoke regarding her actions with the time sheet investigation.

Attorney Victor Johnson spoke representing Linda Cox and as a citizen of Madison County regarding the counties need for an Open Records policy.

Sheriff Thomas and Allison Craig spoke regarding open records.

There was discussion between Sheriff Thomas, Allison Craig, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Pethel and Chairman Dove regarding the open records request and the video recording.

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

There was no need for Executive Session.

**Item No. 13. Adjourn.**

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board unanimously approved to adjourn at 7:48pm