

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING  
MAY 24, 2012  
6:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commission Chairman Anthony Dove  
District 1 Commissioner Stanley Thomas  
District 2 Commissioner John Pethel, Sr.  
District 3 Commissioner Mike Youngblood  
District 4 Commissioner Dewitt Bond  
District 5 Commissioner Jim Escoe

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

Zach Mitchem, Madison County Journal

**STAFF PRESENT**

Linda Cox, County Clerk

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led in the pledge to the American flag. Chairman Dove gave the invocation.

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

Chairman Dove stated that the Board had been given a copy of a map where the county had accepted the right-of-way on Foote-McCellan Rd. for a new business coming in. This would be a formal abandonment since the road is ceased to be used. Chairman Dove asked for a final vote to abandon the road.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved the abandonment.

Chairman Dove stated that he had received a request from the Dept. of Corrections of the County's intentions to renew two (2) new contracts for parolee work details. There is no increase in cost.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved for Chairman Dove to inform the Dept. of Corrections that the County intends to renew the two (2) contracts and to prepare the contracts.

A grant was received which helps fund the Georgia Emergency Management in the amount of \$12,459 from GEMA.

The Food Bank has moved to the new location this week with the help of prisoners. The Rotary Club is building the sign for the location.

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

There were none to be recognized.

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

Mr. White gave an update since the last Agenda Setting Meeting.

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

There were none.

**Item No. 5. Consider approval to apply for a grant to purchase radars and tasers. (Sheriff Thomas)**

Sheriff Thomas informed the Board that the Sheriff's Office received a grant from Burn Jag for 6 radars and 5 tasers. A requirement of the grant was to inform the Board.

**Item No. 6. Consider approval for new hire to fill recently vacated position. (David Camp)**

Mr. Camp presented Amy Carter to fill the vacated position of John Ogle who resigned.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved Amy Carter for the position.

**Item No. 7. Consider approval of benefits effective July 1, 2012 from MSI Benefits. (Matt Bidwell)**

Mr. Bidwell presented the Board with two (2) companies that submitted the best pricing. They were BC/BS and Aetna. He explained the benefits and price increases of both companies. The Board discussed both and asked questions regarding the dollar amount of increase to the employees and other questions.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved BC/BS for health and dental. For life, voluntary life and short term disability through Dearborn. Also, in the motion was for the County to absorb the increase in the deductions the employees would have to pay.

**Item No. 8. Consider speed limit sign for Young Harris Rd. (Commissioner Pethel)**

Commissioner Pethel stated that the road has been grubbed and graded and needs a 35 mph speed limit sign.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved the 35 mph speed limit sign for Young Harris Rd.

**Item No. 9. Consider changing speed limit on Duffell Martin Rd. (Commissioner Pethel)**

Commissioner Pethel stated that approval for a 35 mph speed limit sign had been made, however, due to bad curves, hills, congestion and two (2) school buses going in and out, he would like a 25 mph speed limit. Mike Pruett, county attorney, advised the Board that the speed limit could be reduced to 25 mph due to special hazards which justifies the reduction. Commissioner Pethel stated the new limit would be for the dirt portion of the road.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved a 25 mph speed limit for the dirt portion of Duffell Martin Rd. due to special hazards on the portion of the road which justifies the 25 mph.

**Item No. 10. Discuss affidavit and minutes for executive session. (Mike Pruett)**

Mike Pruett, attorney, stated that the change in law regarding executive session and minutes of the executive session are still undecided. Two things can be considered. All members in executive session can sign the affidavit and who would take the minutes and how are they approved. No clear instructions have been set forth by the Attorney General.

**Item No. 11. Roads Update.**

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

Commissioner Bond made a motion and Commissioner Escoe second the motion to request each bidder to include the entire Colbert-Danielsville Rd. along with the original request of from the city limits of Colbert towards Danielsville to the intersection of Colbert Grove Church Rd. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

**Item No. 10. Urgent Matters.**

None.

**Item No. 11. Review June 4, 2012 agenda for Business Meeting.**

There were no items to be placed on the June 4, 2012 agenda.

**Item No. 12. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.**

There were none.

**Item No. 13. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).**

There was no need for executive session.

**Item No. 14. Adjourn.**

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:45 pm.