

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
JUNE 1, 2015
6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commission Chairman Anthony Dove
District 1 Commissioner Stanley Thomas
District 2 Commissioner Dewitt Bond
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 for a moment of silence for the passing of Mary Elrod and the passing of Jo Hix.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Agenda Setting Meeting of May 21, 2015. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board approved the minutes of the May 21, 2015 Agenda Setting meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, 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 received this message from Mike Youngblood today:

After much consideration, effective June 1, 2015 I will be resigning my post as District Three Commissioner. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens of Madison County for 14 ½ years.

Chairman Dove stated that a Memorandum of Understanding with UGA for County Extension Personnel needs to be signed. It is the same agreement that has been signed with previous County Extension Coordinators. The Board decided to consider this with agenda item number eight later in the meeting.

Chairman Dove stated that the Non-Revenue Work Detail Agreement that we sign every year with Georgia Department of Corrections is due. This agreement is also signed by other counties and cities to share in the provision of a non-revenue work detail crew from Whitworth Women's Facility.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to allow Chairman Dove to sign the Non-Revenue Work Detail Agreement with Georgia Department of Corrections. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove stated that Richard Sims has applied for the position of Courthouse security and would like to be added to the Call-In list.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to hire Richard Sims as a call-in for Courthouse Security. The vote was as follows. Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove stated that Bill Moss, Pop Bill's Peanuts, has been selling peanuts in front of the old Presbyterian Church at Albany Avenue and Highway 29, which is property that belongs to the county. Chairman Dove said that he didn't mind him using the location but the City of Danielsville is now requiring that he provide permission from the Board of Commissioners to sell at that location before they will issue a business license. After discussion with County Attorney Mike Pruet, the Board decided that they could not give permission to just one person when others could make a similar request.

Chairman Dove stated that EMS has been awarded a \$70,590.00 grant for the purchase of three cardiac monitors and that the county's requirement is a ten percent match totaling \$7,059.00.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to transfer the ten percent match from the 2008 SPLOST and any balance needed to be taken from the General Fund. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove stated that he heard back regarding the old school gym behind the Government Complex, which was previously discussed in executive session, and the agreement with the Board of Education can now be publicized. The Board requested that consideration of the agreement to purchase the old gym to be placed on the next agenda.

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

1. Chairman Wayne Douglas with zoning amendment.

A. Home Base Business

Chairman Douglas explained the zoning amendment and stated that the Planning and Zoning Board voted six (6) to zero (0) to approve.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the amendment.
No one came forward.

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

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the amendment.
No one came forward.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the zoning amendment regarding home base businesses. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

B. Allowing chickens, sheep and goats in R-1, R-2 and R-3

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone request regarding chickens in R-1, R-2 and R-3 and stated that the Planning and Zoning Board voted six (6) to zero (0) to approve.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the amendment.
No one came forward.

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

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the amendment.
No one came forward.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to approve the amendment in accordance with the guidelines in 9.23.1. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Pethel voted NO.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone request regarding sheep and goats in R-1, R-2 and R-3 and stated that the Planning and Zoning Board voted six (6) to zero (0) to approve.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the amendment.

No one came forward.

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

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the amendment.
No one came forward.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to approve the amendment in accordance with the guidelines in 9.23.2 The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Pethel voted NO.

C. Withdrawal of zoning applications.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone request and stated that the Planning and Zoning Board voted six (6) to zero (0) to approve.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the amendment.
No one came forward.

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

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the amendment.
No one came forward.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the amendment regarding withdrawals of zoning applications. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Douglas advised the Board that the decision regarding the Jones Chapel Shiloh Road business has been appealed and will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Board tomorrow night.

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 Madison County Family & Children Services FY 2016 Budget request and reappointment of John Reed to the Madison County Board of Family and Children Services. (Kristy Daniels)

Chairman Dove stated that the Madison County Department of Family and Children Services has submitted their 2016 fiscal year budget and has also requested reappointment of John Reed to their Board. Board members Sheila Collins and Anne Stone of the Madison County Department of Family and Children Services were present.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve the FY 2016 budget. The motion was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to reappoint John Reed to the Madison County Board of Family and Children Services. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 7. Discuss voting equipment assessment with ES&S, Election Systems & Software. (Tracy Dean)

Board of Elections Chairperson Tracy Dean addressed the Board regarding the need to have voting equipment assessed for possible updating. Mrs. Dean stated that Election Systems and Software Company will provide this service at an expense of \$1,575.00 per day. She stated that it should take two days, for a total expense of \$3,150.00 to handle the assessment.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to allow Election Systems and Software Company provide the assessment service for \$3,150.00. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider Madison County contribution to the salary of the Family and Consumer Science Agent. (Adam Speir)

Mr. Speir was unable to attend the meeting due to the recent birth of his daughter, Sarah Joy Speir.

The Memorandum of Understanding with UGA for County Extension Personnel, that Chairman Dove mentioned earlier in the meeting, was discussed and voted on at this time.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to allow Chairman Dove to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with UGA for County Extension Personnel. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove addressed the Board regarding the information provided to them concerning Madison County's contribution to the salary of the Family and Consumer Science Agent and the agreement by Oglethorpe County to share in the expense.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to contribute \$8,565.00 annually toward the salary and travel expense of the Family and Consumer Science Agent. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Discuss the Department Head position for Building and Zoning. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove stated that Teresa Patton and Wayne Douglas have expressed interest in the handling of this position. After discussion, the Board decided to have Chairman Dove remain the Building and Zoning Department Head and discuss the position again at budget hearings.

Item No. 10. Roads Update

Commissioner Thomas requested that Buford Carey Road be checked for pot holes.

Commissioner Pethel requested that Jones Chapel Shiloh Road be check for pot holes.

Commissioner Escoe commended the work that was done on the cut-through road in Colbert.

Item No. 11. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 12. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Chairman Dove asked if there were any statement or remarks. Benjamin Gossett and Ben Tuggle of Kingston Greens subdivision each came forward and addressed the Board regarding road paving, pot holes and drain gutters in their subdivision.

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 Thomas the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:05 pm.