

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
JUNE 2, 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:

Tracy Patrick, Deputy 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 asked a special prayer for the family of Briar Newsome.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Agenda Setting Meeting of May 22, 2014. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2014 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.

Chairman Dove recognized Coroner Julie Phillips. Ms. Phillips addressed the Board regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education for reimbursement of costs incurred by the District in providing a substitute teacher on the days she is required by her duties, as Coroner, to take leave from her duties with the District.

A motion was made by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education. After discussion, the motion to approve failed. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted NO. Commissioner Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Thomas abstained.

Chairman Dove recognized Madison Oglethorpe Animal Shelter Board President Sheilah Luthie. Ms. Luthie distributed the 2013 Animal Disposition Report to the Board and introduced Operations Manager Danielle Morton. Ms. Morton briefly discussed the report and requested financial assistance in funding the Spay Neuter Assistance Program. Ms. Morton introduced the shelter's veterinarian, Dr. Lynn Beckmann. Dr. Beckmann addressed the Board to request to have the shelter's driveway and parking lot paved in order to maintain a sterile environment for the spay/neuter clinic. She discussed the ongoing problem of excessive dust and particulate matter created from vehicles on a daily basis, and how paving would reduce the amount of dust in the immediate vicinity and would be extremely helpful in their ongoing efforts to provide sterility and cleanliness in surgery.

Chairman Dove stated that budget hearings will be beginning soon and that the Board will consider the request at that time.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report.

Chairman Dove stated that according to a new state law, roadwork over \$20,000, but less than \$200,000, now requires only two estimates. He stated that County Policy still requires sealed bids for anything over \$10,000, and that the Board may want to consider a three-bid process for smaller projects to enable us to react quicker on our roads and also get bids from contractors that we feel are better suited for the job.

Chairman Dove stated that he has an Application for Utility Facility Encroachment for a waterline under the Diamond Hill Neese Road for the Board to consider. He stated that the application was for someone wanting to put in a waterline that they were going to be paying for. He stated that the Road Department was consulted and that they did not have any conflicts with the application.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to allow the applicant to put the waterline in the County's right-of-way. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove stated that County Attorney Mike Pruitt has completed the resolution regarding the Administrative Procedures for the Enforcement of State Minimum Standard Codes for Construction that the Board passed at their last meeting, and stated that the Board needed to reaffirm the approval of the resolution.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to adopt the resolution amending ordinance adopting Administrative Procedures for the Enforcement of State Minimum Standard Codes for Construction. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

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

1. Velitta Johnson is requesting to rezone a 2-acre portion of her 8.61-acre property from A2 to RR to subdivide with her son's home. The property is located on Map 45 Parcel 107 at 600 Sorrow Patterson Rd. in District 5.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone request and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to approve the request.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. The applicant said that she was 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 Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the request to rezone a 2-acre portion of property from A2 to RR located on Map 45 Parcel 107 at 600 Sorrow Patterson Road. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

2. Betty Ann Arnold is requesting to rezone her 7.91 ac. parcel from A2 to RR to subdivide the house for resale. She will retain the remaining property. The property is located on Map 47 Parcel 73 H on Lem Edwards Rd. in District 5.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone request and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to approve the request.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. The applicant's son said that he was 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 Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the request to rezone a 7.91-acre parcel from A2 to RR located on Map 47 Parcel 73 H on Lem Edwards Road. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

3. Travis Adams is representing his father Lee Adams. They are requesting to rezone approx. 5 ac. of his 10.78 from A2 to RR. The Property is located on Map 65 Parcel 26 at 2474 Hwy 29 N. in District 2.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone request and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to approve the request.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. The applicant said that he was 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 Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the request to rezone approximately 5 acres of a 10.78-acre parcel from A2 to RR located on Map 65 Parcel 26 at 2474 Hwy 29 N. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

4. Wayne Barrett is requesting to rezone 5.11 ac. from A2 to RR so that he can subdivide for another home site. The property is located on Map 30 Parcel 52 on Willis Glenn Rd. in District 3.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone request and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to approve the request.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. The applicant said that he was 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 Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the request to rezone 5.11 acres from A2 to RR located on Map 30 Parcel 52 on Willis Glenn Road. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

5. Victor Johnson is representing John and Holly Scoggins. They are requesting a Conditional Use Permit on approx. 21.5 ac. of his 275.82 ac. parcel. This is for a recreational development to also allow clay shooting. The property is located on Map 54 Parcel 1 at 1211 Veterans Dr. in District 2.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone request and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to approve the request.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. The applicant said that he was in favor of the request. Attorney Victor Johnson of Graham Law Firm, representing John and Holly Scoggins, said that he was in favor of the request.

Attorney Victor Johnson discussed the request in detail and provided a petition with 33 signatures of individuals supporting the request.

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

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in opposition of the request. Ms. Sandra Yarbrough of 678 Veterans Drive addressed the Board and stated that she was not against the request, but expressed concerns regarding traffic safety and road maintenance.

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

Chairman Dove asked if anyone else would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. Mr. Scoggins came forward and spoke in favor of the request.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone else would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. Mr. Derek Doster, Madison County 4-H Shotgun Team Coach, came forward and spoke in favor of the request.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone else would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. Mr. Terry Mabry, Scout Master of Troup 377, of the Madison County Boy Scouts, came forward and spoke in favor of the request.

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

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the Conditional Use Permit on approximately 21.5 acres of a 275.82-acre parcel located on Map 54 Parcel 1 at 1211 Veterans Drive for a recreational development and to also allow clay shooting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

6. Danny Allen is representing John Allen. They are requesting to rezone 2 ac. of his 4.42 ac. parcel from B to RR for a home site. The property is located on Map 64 Parcel 93 on Hwy 29 North, in District 2.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone request and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to approve the request.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. The applicant said that he was 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 to rezone 2 acres of a 4.42-acre parcel from B to RR for a home site located on Map 64 Parcel 93 on Hwy 29 N. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

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:

Chairman Dove stated that he would like to move the Healthcare Renewal Plan (Item No. 11) in front of the other New Business Items since Matt Bidwell was in attendance. The Board agreed to the request.

Item No. 6. Consider Jail Committee's recommendation for Design-builder. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove recognized Sheriff Kip Thomas and Mr. Wayne Wilbanks, Project Manager for Jail Addition.

Sheriff Kip Thomas addressed the Board and stated that the Jail Committee voted unanimously to recommend New South Construction and Wakefield Beasley & Associates for the Design-Build team.

There was discussion and Mr. Wilbanks answered the Board's questions regarding the Jail Addition.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to accept the Jail Committee's recommendation to hire New South Construction and Wakefield Beasley & Associates for the Design-Build team. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 7. Discuss and review 2013 budget. (Stanley Thomas)

Chairman Dove stated that Sheriff Thomas has submitted budget amendments for Departments 50 and 51.

Commissioner Thomas voiced concerns regarding the budget overages for the Jail and the Sheriff's facilities. Sheriff Thomas responded to each concern.

Item No. 8. Consider 2013 budget amendments. (Chairman Dove)

The Board discussed the budget amendments.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to delay all budget amendments until the meeting of the Finance Committee. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider filling vacant Road Department Office Supervisor position. (Alan Lapczynski)

Public Works and Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski received applications and conducted interviews for the Road Department Office Supervisor position. Alan submitted, for the Board's approval, the application of Irene Jordan, a Level III Madison County 911 Dispatcher, employed with Madison County for 14 years. He requested that her salary of \$12.63 per hour remain the same.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the hiring of Irene Jordan for the vacant Road Department Office Supervisor position at her current salary of \$12.63 per hour. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Mr. Lapczynski stated that Ms. Jordan will be working a two-week notice with the 911 Center and requested the Board to allow her to come in and work on her off days while working the notice. The Board agreed to this request.

Item No. 10. Consider recommendation for Hook truck. (Alan Lapczynski)

Hook truck bids were received from the following companies and opened in the Public Meeting Room on May 14, 2014 at 9:06 AM by Public Works and Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski and County Clerk Rhonda Wooten:

- 1. Diversified Fabricators Inc.**
- 2. Transpro Equipment Sales**
- 3. Cherokee Truck Equipment**

Public Works and Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski addressed the Board about the need for a hook truck and other versatile equipment and requested the Board to allow him to go forward with the purchases.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to allow Mr. Lapczynski to purchase up to \$225,000 for a hook truck and several other implements and for the money to come from the General Fund Account and to be repaid from 2014 SPLOST. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 11. Consider a healthcare renewal plan. (Chairman Dove)

Matt Bidwell with MSI Benefits Group provided the July 1, 2014 renewal quotes for health insurance coverage that included a fifth option. Mr. Bidwell discussed the various options and recommended the fifth option. Mr. Bidwell stated that the renewal would increase the County's premium by 14.10% as compared to last year.

After discussion, on motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve Option 5 of the healthcare renewal plan. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 12. Discuss Denver Campbell Drive in Colbert. (Jim Escoe)

Commissioner Escoe received a written request from Melissa Arrington of 102 Denver Campbell Drive, requesting that Denver Campbell Drive, be closed beyond the railroad tracks due to safety concerns regarding the increasing number of incidents of unwarranted people traveling down the dead end road.

Commissioner Escoe recognized Ms. Arrington.

County Attorney Mike Pruett discussed the situation with Ms. Arrington and advised her to contact CSX Railroad regarding the closing before the Board takes action due to legal concerns.

Ms. Arrington agreed to contact CSX Railroad and then bring the request back before the Board at that time.

Item No. 13. Roads Update

Commissioner Thomas stated that he did not have any requests. Commissioner Thomas stated that he appreciated the Road Department removing the trash and debris on Crabapple Hollow Road.

Commissioner Bond stated that Cleghorne Road and Holman Autry Road need restriping.

Commissioner Youngblood stated that there was a beginning of a pothole on Glenn Carrie Road.

Commissioner Pethel did not have any requests.

Commissioner Escoe asked about the status of Madison Boulevard.

Chairman Dove asked the Board to be working on their 2015 LMIG requests.

Public Works and Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski discussed road issues and expressed concerns regarding the increasing problem of people tearing up County roads after the rains with 4-wheel drive trucks and ATVs. Mr. Lapczynski also expressed concerns regarding the increasing problem of people stealing road signs.

Chairman Dove expressed the need to address these issues by possibly, prosecuting violators for the destruction of County property. Chairman Dove asked Zach Mitcham, of the Madison County Journal, to run a story in the paper informing the public of the situation and how those actions cost taxpayers, and to instruct anyone seeing someone tearing up County roads or stealing road signs, to contact 911.

Item No. 14. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 15. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Chairman Dove asked if there were any statements or remarks.

Chief Deputy Shawn Burns addressed the Board regarding the budget concerns and encouraged the Board to come by and visit the facility.

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 Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm.