

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
June 3, 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.
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 called for a moment of silence for the passing of Grady Autry's father, John Henry Autry and the passing of Jack Huff's mother-in-law, Jo Ann Davis, and for the recovery of Henry Hicks and for Commissioner Escoe's family.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of May 6, 2013; Special Called Meeting of May 16, 2013 and Agenda Setting Meeting of May 23, 2013.

Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of May 6, 2013 and May 23, 2013.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board approved the minutes of May 16, 2013 by a vote of four (4) YES and zero (0) NO votes. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Youngblood, Pethel, Escoe and Thomas voted YES. Commissioner Bond abstained.

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

Review of the Jail Committee report.

Sheriff Thomas stated that he didn't have anything right now but should have some numbers in the next week or two.

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

Chairman Dove stated EMS was awarded a \$1454.26 grant from Georgia Trauma Commission for uncompensated care reimbursement.

Chairman Dove stated Mr. Conolus Scott requested that the Board address the campaign financing reform that they had put forward and he told them that he would bring it back before the Board. The Board chose not to take any action on this matter.

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

1. Phil Piche' is representing W.F. Greene Inc. He is requesting to rezone 16.62 ac. from B to Industrial. The property is located on Map 24 Parcel 36 on Hwy 98W. in District 1.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone request is for a pallet refurbishing company not a manufacturing company. The request for Industrial is in the event they would need outside storage which would be located behind the building. P&Z voted unanimously to approve the rezone only for pallets and any outside storage would be behind the building.

No one spoke in favor of the rezone. No one spoke in opposition.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond the Board unanimously approved the rezone with conditions that it be for pallets only and storage only behind the building.

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

None

Item No. 6. Consent Agenda.

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item No 7. Consider recommendations for finalizing SPLOSTS projects. (Chairman Dove)

There was discussion among the Board regarding SPLOST recommendations. Chairman Dove said that final totals need to be set by the next meeting. County Attorney Mike Pruett said that he will work on the Intergovernmental agreement with the cities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 8. Consider 2013/2014 budget for Public Defender's Office. (Mike Pruett)

County Attorney Mike Pruett presented the Public Defender's Office 2013/2014 Budget Resolution. He stated that the Public Defender's fiscal year is the same as state. Madison County's portion goes up from 22% to 23% this year. Madison County's contribution this year is \$80,289.34. Madison County will continue acting as the physical agent. There is also a lease for a new property at the same rent with better space.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted unanimously to approve the Public Defender's budget resolution.

Chairman Dove stated that the Northern Circuit of the Public Defender's Office has opened a position and he proposed that Linda Cox be moved into that position stating her years of experience in the legal field would be beneficial to Madison County and the Public Defender. Chairman Dove proposed that we add \$16,700 to the Public Defender's Office amount of \$12,000 for a total of \$28,700 for the position and continue to pay for Linda's retirement benefits.

After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Pethel and seconded by Commissioner Escoe to keep Linda's current salary until July 1, 2013 and then change her salary to \$28,700 with pension while in the position at the Public Defender's Office.

Attorney Victor Johnson requested to speak.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board unanimously agreed to suspend the rules to allow Attorney Victor Johnson to speak. Attorney Johnson spoke on Linda Cox's behalf.

The earlier motion on the table made by Commissioner Pethel and seconded by Commissioner Escoe to keep Linda's current salary until July 1, 2013 and then change her salary to \$28,700 with pension while in the position at the Public Defender's Office was unanimously approved by the Board.

Item No. 9. Consider speed limit sign for Hammond Williams Road. (Commissioner Bond)

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board unanimously approved a 35mph speed limit for Hammond Williams Road

Item No. 10. Consider seeking a five member Board of Assessors. (Commissioner Escoe)

Commissioner Escoe requested that this item be postponed until the next meeting.

Item No. 11. Consider 25 mph speed limit signs for Noble Road. (Commissioner Pethel)

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the Board unanimously approved 30mph speed limit at the beginning of Noble Road and 25mph at the hazardous areas 300 yards before and after the bridge.

Item No. 12. Consider 35 mph speed limit signs for Newtown Road and Shirley Road. (Commissioner Pethel)

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board unanimously approved 35mph speed limit for Newtown Road.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the Board unanimously approved 35mph for Shirley Road and two Slow Moving Equipment signs.

Item No. 13. Consider allowing EMS Director Jason Lewis to sign pharmaceutical agreement. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board unanimously approved allowing EMS Director Jason Lewis to sign the pharmaceutical agreement.

Item No. 14. Roads Update.

Chairman Dove stated the Pittman contract has been signed.

Chairman Dove took various road requests from the commissioners.

Commissioner Thomas requested that the consideration of a 4 Way Stop sign at the intersection of Aderhold Rogers Road and Rogers Church Road be placed on the next agenda.

Item No. 15. Urgent Matters.

None

Item No. 16. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Linda Cox read a statement regarding her employment with Madison County and requested that it be a part of the official record and included in the minutes.

Leo Smith spoke regarding his request for support to overturn the U.S. Supreme Court's Citizens United ruling.

Item No. 17. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need to go into Executive Session.

Item No. 18. Adjourn.

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

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