

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
JUNE 30, 2014
6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

District 2 Commissioner Dewitt "Pete" Bond
None

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:

Rhonda Wooten, County Clerk
Mike Pruet, County Attorney

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

Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:

Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of June 2, 2014 and Work Sessions of June 4, 2014 and June 18, 2014.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of June 2, 2014 and Work Sessions of June 4, 2014 and June 18, 2014. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

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

Chairman Dove recognized Bryant Collins and presented him with a plaque for outstanding citizenship in saving a 15 month old girl who had wandered from home to the edge of Highway 72 in Carlton. Mr. Collins saw the child while he was driving down the road. He stopped, rescued the child from harm's way and called 911. Chairman Dove commented on all the things that had to happen for Bryant to be there at that time and stated that he believed it was divine intervention. The Board and audience stood with applause as Bryant received the plaque.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Dove advised the Board that he signed an agreement for commercial propane gas for the Mill Creek transmitter sight, a job that the Board had previously approved.

Chairman Dove stated that a one percent cost of living increase was authorized by the state for employees on the state merit system. The county normally follows the state and will be adding the employee one percent salary increase to the 2015 budget.

Chairman Dove advised the Board that the Sheriff's office will be using office space at the Hull EMS station to take care of reports while in that area rather than driving to Danielsville.

Chairman Dove advised the Board that the county received the first reimbursement check from FEMA in the amount of \$63,954.25 for disaster recovery efforts resulting from the February snow storm. He expressed his gratitude for all of those who helped with the reimbursement effort; Senator Johnny Isakson, Congressman Doug Collins, Senator Frank Ginn, Emergency Management Director Johnny Bridges, Deputy Clerk Tracy Patrick and Public Works and Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski.

Item No. 4. Report from IDA (Marvin White)

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and recognized Marvin White, Executive Director of the Madison County Industrial Development and Building Authority. Mr. White gave a report of the activities of the IDA.

Item No. 5. Statement 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.

Item No. 6. Consider 2014/2015 DFACS budget request. (Kristy Daniels)

Kristy Daniels, County Director of Madison County Department of Family and Children Services, came forward to present their budget request of \$33,500.00 for fiscal year 2014/2015. Board members Sheila Collins and Mary Smith were also in attendance.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the request. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 7. Consider SPLOST advance for Fire Department equipment. (Marc Perry)

Fire Chief Marc Perry appeared before the Board to request the following advanced SPLOST funding:

Collins VFD \$25,000.00 for protective clothing, hose and equipment
Danielsville VFD \$40,000.00 for protective clothing and thermal imaging camera
Hull VFD \$32,000.00 for protective clothing
Poca VFD \$35,000.00 for protective clothing and thermal imaging camera

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the request for advanced SPLOST funding in the amount of \$132,000.00 to be repaid to the General Fund. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider applying for a \$12,351.00 Byrne Grant. (Sheriff Thomas)

Sheriff Thomas requested Board approval to apply for a \$12,351.00 Byrne grant.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board approved the request to apply for a \$12,351.00 Byrne grant. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider hiring Sherri Morales and Ansley Warren to fill the vacant Dispatcher positions. (David Camp)

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board approved the hiring of Sherri Morales and Ansley Warren to fill the vacant Dispatcher positions. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 10. Consider amendments to Animal Control ordinance. (Jack Huff)

Code Enforcement Director, Jack Huff, advised the Board of new laws regarding vicious and dangerous dogs and presented the revised Animal Control ordinance, addressing the changes, for the Board's approval.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to adopt the ordinance. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 11. Consider speed limit sign on Minish Lake Road. (Stanley Thomas)

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to have a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on Minish Lake Road and West Minish Lake Road and have speed limit signs and "Caution People Walking" signs placed. Commissioner Youngblood seconded the motion.

County Attorney Mike Pruet advised that the Road Department had to approve the speed limit.

On amended motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board agreed that after the Road Department's review and upon approval, the speed limit will be 25 miles per hour on Minish Lake Road and West Minish Lake Road and speed limit signs and some type of signage for pedestrians walking will be placed. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 12. Consider approving Intergovernmental Agreement with Franklin County for use of Madison County's 12-lead transmission server for Franklin County's EMS Department. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove explained Franklin County's need for the agreement.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board agreed to allow Chairman Dove to sign the agreement. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 13. Consider proclamation declaring Madison County as a Purple Heart County. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove presented, for the Board's consideration, a proclamation to honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the proclamation to designate June 30, 2014 as the day in Madison County to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 14. Consider going out for bid to purchase a trailer for the Transfer Station. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to approve going out for bid for a refuse trailer for the Transfer Station to be purchased from 2008 SPLOST. The motion was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 15. Consider Work Detail agreement with Georgia Department of Corrections. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove advised the Board that the Work Detail agreement with Georgia Department of Corrections is up for renewal. The cost for two work details is \$79,000.00 per year which allows \$39,500.00 for one Correctional Officer per detail. Chief Deputy Sheriff Shawn Burns spoke to the Board at a previous Work Session regarding the Madison County Sheriff's Office taking over the duties that have been performed by the Whitworth Women's Facility. Chairman Dove asked Sheriff Thomas to come forward for discussion. Sheriff Thomas discussed the duties already being performed by the current work crew and stated that he would be willing to take on additional duties but will need to hire an additional officer and buy a vehicle.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved \$40,000.00 for the Sheriff's 2015 jail budget, facility 51, for one work crew and to sign an agreement with Whitworth for one work crew at \$39,500.00. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board approved moving half of the balance of this year's designated Whitworth money to facility 51. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

A little later in the meeting, Chairman Dove asked the Board if they wanted to accept the Non-Revenue Work Detail Agreement with Whitworth.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board approved the agreement with Whitworth Women's Facility for a non-revenue work detail. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 16. Consider 2014/2015 budget for Public Defender's Office. (Mike Pruett)

County Attorney Mike Pruett presented the 2014/2015 Indigent Defense Agreement among the circuit Public Defender Office of the Northern Judicial Circuit and the governing authorities of Elbert, Franklin, Hart, Madison and Oglethorpe counties. Madison County's contribution is \$81,735.00. The agreement also states that Elbert County will administer the operating expenses which have been handled by Madison County for the last few years.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to accept the Indigent Defense Agreement. The motion was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 17. Consider any fiscal year budget items. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the \$154,109.00 Board of Health budget request for fiscal year 2014/2015. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve the \$11,858.00 Advantage Behavioral budget request for fiscal year 2014/2015. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove advised the Board that the auditor caught something with the distribution of TAVT tax and that the IDA has received money in error. He asked the Board if they would like to leave the money with the IDA or ask for it to be returned.

Commissioner Escoe made a motion to discontinue giving the tax to the IDA. The motion failed for a lack of second.

After discussion, on motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to retrieve the money from the IDA and have the auditors stop the tax money from being distributed to them. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 18. Consider 2015 LMIG requests. (Chairman Dove)

Public Works and Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski came forward to address the Board regarding the bids that were received for the 2014 LMIG projects and to discuss the 2015 LMIG requests. Bids for the 2014 LMIG & Other Paving Projects were opened in the Public Meeting Room on June 25, 2014 at 9:30 am by Public Works and Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski and County Clerk Rhonda Wooten.

1. C.W. Matthews Contracting Co.	2. Allied Paving Contractors	3. Pittman Construction
Attended Pre-Bid Conference	Attended Pre-Bid Conference	Attended Pre-Bid Conference
E-Verify affidavit included	E-Verify affidavit included	E-Verify affidavit included
10% Bid Bond included	10% Bid Bond included	10% Bid Bond included
Roads: \$1,814,733.13	Roads: \$1,666,370.65	Roads: \$1,809,968.00
Soccer: \$ 218,593.14	Soccer: \$ 136,963.00	Soccer: \$ 189,216.00
Base Bid: \$2,033,326.27	Base Bid: \$1,803,333.65	Base Bid: \$1,999,184.00

There was considerable discussion regarding the high bids due to the asphalt pricing increase. Alan advised the Board that Allied Paving was the low bidder and that they are willing to stand by the individual job prices quoted if the Board chooses to go with an individual road or the soccer complex. The Board discussed going statewide with the road portion of the bid and asked Alan to look into tar and gravel procedures, expenses and equipment cost.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board agreed to have Allied Paving Contractors pave the Soccer Complex for \$136,963.00. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to reject the road portion of the bid and go statewide with the same bid. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 19. Roads Update

Commissioner Youngblood requested pot hole repair on Stone Stewart and ditch work on Shady Lane. Commissioner Pethel inquired about the Duffell Martin bridge. Commissioner Escoe inquired about Morris Lane.

Item No. 20. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 21. Review July 7, 2014 agenda for Regular Business Meeting.

Mrs. Wooten read the July 7, 2014 agenda items.

Item No. 22. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Chairman Dove asked if there were any statements or remarks. No one came forward.

Item No. 23. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need for Executive Session.

Item No. 24. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:15 pm.