

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 3, 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 Wayne Douglas to give the invocation.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Agenda Setting Meeting of July 27, 2015. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the minutes of the July 27, 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.

Chairman Dove read a proclamation acknowledging the Rotary Club of Madison County's Ramp-Building Program and the construction of its 600th handicap ramp.

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

Chairman Dove recognized Rotary Club Ramp Crew Leader Roy Gandy. Mr. Gandy expressed his gratitude for the cooperation of the Madison County Board of Commissioners in providing the proclamation. Mr. Gandy stated that every ramp has been truly appreciated by the recipient and has had a tremendous impact on the families.

Madison County Library Branch Manager, Kim James, gave a quarterly report of library services for April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015. Ms. James also requested the Board's consideration of the appointment of Karen Moss Bryan and Ellen Cowne to serve on the Library Board.

The following considerations are listed as agenda items seven and eight, however they were voted on at this time.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve the appointment of Karen Moss Bryan and Ellen Cowne to the Library Board. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report.

Chairman Dove stated that there has been discussion to make some changes to improve the bid opening process.

Commissioner Escoe made a motion to allow bid openings to take place in the Public Meeting Room at a day and time determined by the Department Head and have the County Clerk in attendance to document and provide results to the Board prior to the Public Meeting at which they will be considered. The date, time and place of bid openings will be posted on the Madison County website. Commissioner Bond seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove stated that Harold McCarty was the first person to receive a handicap ramp built by the Rotary Club. Mr. McCarty's truck was recently destroyed by fire and thankfully he was not harmed. Chairman Dove said that the Rotary Club is taking donations to purchase a van for Mr. McCarty. Anyone that would like to contribute to this cause should make checks payable to Madison County Rotary Foundation.

Chairman Dove stated that an agreement with Piche Auction & Realty needs to be signed to have the surplus sale at the Road Department on September 12, 2015.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to allow Chairman Dove to sign the agreement with Piche Auction & Realty. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

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

1. Tommy Hunter is requesting to rezone his 38.91 acre parcel from A2 to A1. The property is Located on Map 103 Parcel 11-01 on Cherokee Road in District 4.

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

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. Applicant Tommy Hunter spoke in favor of the request.

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

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

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the rezone of property located at Map 103 Parcel 11-01 from A2 to A1. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

2. Chairman Wayne Douglas with zoning amendments.

Chairman Douglas explained the amendments to change the period to reapply for Use Variance and Sign Variance from six months to 60 days. He stated that the Planning and Zoning Board voted five (5) to zero (0) to approve.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone 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. No one came forward.

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On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to approve the zoning amendments. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, 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:

Item No. 6. Consider purchase of a training simulator from old SPLOST. (Shawn Burns)

Sheriff Thomas and Chief Deputy Shawn Burns addressed the Board regarding the purchase of a training simulator from Ti Training Corporation for \$28,650.00 with the amount to be paid from the 2008 SPLOST funds. The Board was advised of the many benefits of the training simulator and the updated scenarios that will afford new training for the officers.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the purchase of the training simulator from Ti Training Corporation for \$28,650.00 to be paid from 2008 SPLOST funds. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 7. Consider appointment of Karen Bryan to the Library Board. (Kim James)

This agenda item was handled under agenda item number two after Ms. James gave the quarterly report.

Item No. 8. Consider appointment of Ellen Cowne to the Library Board. (Kim James)

This agenda item was handled under agenda item number two after Ms. James gave the quarterly report.

Item No. 9. Discuss and Consider Property & Casualty Insurance Policy. (Dan Horne)

Chairman Dove recognized Chastain and Associates Insurance Agent Dan Horne. Mr. Horne addressed the Board stating that One Beacon Government Risks in partnership with Public Entities of America provided an excellent proposal at \$184,532.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to approve the policy proposal submitted by One Beacon Government Risks in partnership with Public Entities of America for \$184,532. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 10. Consider hiring Alex Rose McLaughlin to fill vacant position at the Senior Center. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove stated that Senior Center Director Kelsey Tyner has submitted the application of Alex Rose McLaughlin and seeks the Board's approval to hire Ms. McLaughlin to fill a vacant position at the Senior Center.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to hire Alex Rose McLaughlin to fill the vacant position at the Senior Center. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 11. Discuss entering into an agreement with Judge Bailey to conduct arraignments and other court functions. (Chairman Dove)

County Attorney Mike Pruett stated that the District Attorney is seeking an agreement in principal to have Judge Bailey as a standing judge. By allowing Judge Bailey to serve in this capacity, cases will flow more quickly and the number of days that the inmates spend in our local jail will be diminished. The Board asked questions regarding the per diem rate and whether other counties will be contributing to the cost. The Board requested that Mr. Pruett draft an agreement for their review.

Item No. 12. Consider going out for bid to have Old Church Road paved. (Stanley Thomas)

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to go out for bid to have Old Church Road paved. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 13. Consider going out for bid to have Madison Boulevard paved. (Jim Escoe)

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to go out for bid to have Madison Boulevard paved. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 12. Roads Update

Commissioner Thomas requested pot hole repair at the intersection of Dillard Road and Nowhere Road.

Commissioner Thomas inquired about the status of Beck Road.

Commissioner Pethel requested a speed limit of 45 miles per hour on Lexington Road going out of Carlton. On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to have a 45 mile per hour speed limit on Lexington Road going out of Carlton. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Commissioner Escoe requested a speed limit of 45 miles per hour on Colbert Smithonia Road from the city limits to the county line.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to have a 45 mile per hour speed limit on Colbert Smithonia Road from the city limits to the county line. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 13. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 14. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Chairman Dove asked if there were any statements or remarks from citizens. The following citizens came forward one at a time to express their concern about the high number of poultry houses being built in a concentrated area and the possibility of the water supply being polluted or depleted:

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| Matthew Hatala | 2160 Friendship Church Road |
| Tim Leachman | 78 Burke Leachman Road |
| Ann Davis | 3244 Macedonia Church Road |
| Shirley Craig | 2121 Friendship Church Road |
| Steve Buggay | 68 Highway 174 |
| Anne Epps | 334 Highway 174 |
| Steve Buggay, Sr. | 68 Highway 174 |
| Nick Scott | 222 Burke Leachman Road |

The citizens requested a temporary moratorium on the issuance of poultry house permits until research can be done and data gathered. The Board and County Attorney Mike Pruett discussed the concerns of the citizens and the issues involved with such a request.

Item No. 15. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed)

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 16. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:35 pm.