

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 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:

Rhonda S. Wooten, County Clerk
Daniel Haygood sitting in for Mike Pruett as 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.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Budget Work Session of August 22, 2014, Agenda Setting Meeting of August 25, 2014 and Special Called Meeting of August 28, 2014. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the August 22, 2014 minutes. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve the August 25, 2014 and August 28, 2014 minutes. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Bond abstained.

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

Adjutant Jim Goff and five other members of the Northeast Georgia Military Order of the Purple Heart, Farris Johnson, John McGilvray, Perry Thompson, John Cranmer and John Bagley appeared before the Board in recognition of the proclamation the Board approved claiming Madison County to be a Purple Heart county. Mr. Goff stated that they were making an effort to recognize veterans, especially recipients of the Purple Heart. The Board and audience stood in applause, thanking the veterans for their service and each Board member shook the hand of each veteran.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report.

Chairman Dove stated that he is moving this agenda item and will give his report before agenda item number six.

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

1. John Scoggins is requesting a Conditional Use Permit on 36.628 ac. of his 254.622 ac. parcel to add to the 21.198 ac. approved for a clay shooting range. The property is located on Map 54 Parcel 1 at 1211 Veterans Dr. in District 2.

Chairman Douglas explained the Conditional Use request and stated that the Planning and Zoning Board voted four (4) to zero (0) to approve.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. Applicant John Scoggins came forward to speak 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 add 36.628 acres on Map 54 Parcel 1 to the 21.198 acres previously approved for a clay shooting range. 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:

None

Chairman's Report

Chairman Dove stated that Food Bank Director Bobbie Rooker has requested the Food Bank be opened on Mondays beginning October 20th through Monday, December 22nd to accommodate the increased food needs and to facilitate the Children's Christmas program.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve Ms. Rooker's request. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove stated that Senior Center Director Kelsey Tyner has looked into securing a less expensive satellite service for the Senior Center and has received a quote from Dish Network for \$26.99 per month the first year and \$39.99 per month thereafter. The Center is currently budgeted for \$71.25 per month with Charter.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve Dish Network satellite service for the Senior Center. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove requested the Board's approval to claim the week of September 17, 2014 through September 23, 2014 as Constitution Week.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to claim the week of September 17, 2014 through September 23, 2014 as Constitution Week. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove read a Wellness Program update provided by Wellness Coordinator Tracy Patrick. The Wellness Program received its fourth ACCG Wellness Grant. The program currently has over 65 employees enrolled and 30 employees attended the annual Wellness Screening in May. A combined total of 636 pounds was lost from the three weight loss challenges. The Madison County Wellness Program has partnered with the UGA College of Pharmacy and the UGA County Extension Office to offer employees two new programs called Healthy Fit and Walk Georgia. Commissioner Youngblood said that he would like to recognize Tracy at the next Board meeting for the great job that she is doing with the Wellness Program.

Chairman Dove stated that the Regional Commission sent the 1980 to 2010 population trends and the 2020 and 2030 projections. The estimated population for Madison County is 34,796 in 2020 and 41,029 in 2030.

Chairman Dove recognized Public Works and Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski. Alan addressed the Board regarding bids that he received for road striping. Alan recommended Parker Traffic Markings at \$395.00 per line per linear mile.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to have the road striping done by Parker Traffic Markings. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Alan addressed the Board regarding bids that he received for a new fuel system. He recommended C&M Equipment with a proposal of \$17,515.96 for a Fuelmaster system. He stated that Information Technology Director Gary Venable gave an estimate of \$3510.00 to make take care of the transition.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to purchase the Fuelmaster system out of SPLOST. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Alan addressed the Board regarding the sale of surplus equipment such as a water truck, packer and other items.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to allow Alan to advertise for sealed bids to be submitted per item with a minimum price. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 6. Open and Discuss 2014 LMIG bids. (Alan Lapczynski)

The following bids were opened in the Public Meeting Room on September 3, 2014 at 2:30 pm by Public Works and Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski and County Clerk Rhonda Wooten:

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| Vendor: Pittman Construction | Transco | \$ 639,125.00 |
| Date & Time received: 9-3-14 8:50am | Spratlin Mill | \$ 670,815.00 |
| E-Verify Affidavit included with bid: Yes | Young Harris | \$ 681,315.00 |
| Bid Bond included with bid: Yes | Moriah Church | \$ 733,935.00 |
| Bid price: \$3,083,490.00 | Aderhold Rogers | <u>\$ 358,300.00</u> |
| | | \$3,083,490.00 |

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| Vendor: Allied Paving Contractors | Transco | \$ 569,237.50 |
| Date & Time received: 9-3-14 11:00am | Spratlin Mill | \$ 621,381.57 |
| E-Verify Affidavit included with bid: Yes | Young Harris | \$ 497,389.10 |
| Bid Bond included with bid: Yes | Moriah Church | \$ 452,727.60 |
| Bid price: \$2,357,572.87 | Aderhold Rogers | <u>\$ 216,837.10</u> |
| | | \$2,357,572.87 |

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| Vendor: C.W. Matthews | Transco | \$ 660,450.30 |
| Date & Time received: 9-3-14 11:05am | Spratlin Mill | \$ 698,362.06 |
| E-Verify Affidavit included with bid: Yes | Young Harris | \$ 634,174.16 |
| Bid Bond included with bid: Yes | Moriah Church | \$ 618,339.77 |
| Bid price: \$2,908,389.03 | Aderhold Rogers | <u>\$ 297,062.74</u> |
| | | \$2,908,389.03 |

| | | <u>Asphalt</u> | <u>Triple Surface</u> |
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| Vendor: Farm & Home Carnesville | Transco | Did not bid | Did not bid |
| Stratton & Son Construction | Spratlin Mill | Did not bid | Did not bid |
| Date & Time received: 9-3-14 11:25am | Young Harris | \$ 488,294.00 | \$ 286,819.00 |
| E-Verify Affidavit included with bid: Yes | Moriah Church | \$ 452,074.00 | \$ 343,447.00 |
| Bid Bond included with bid: Yes | Aderhold Rogers | <u>\$ 242,724.00</u> | <u>\$ 176,634.00</u> |
| Bid price: \$1,183,092.00 Asphalt | | \$1,183,092.00 | \$ 806,900.00 |
| \$ 806,900.00 Triple Surface | | | |

Commissioner Bond made a motion to go with Farm & Home Carnesville/Stratton & Son Construction for triple surface treatment for Young Harris Road, Moriah Church Road, Aderhold Rogers Road and the dirt portion of Jones Matthews Road. Commissioner Youngblood seconded the motion.

Commissioner Escoe made a substitute motion to go with Allied Paving Contractors for Young Harris and Moriah Church Road. The motion failed for lack of a second.

With no further discussion the Board voted on the first motion. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

There was discussion on the asphalt and triple surface pricing options and the consideration of buying equipment so that the Road Department can take care of paving and/or triple surface treatment and also work in cooperation with other counties.

Item No. 7. Consider filling a vacant position at the Road Department. (Alan Lapczynski)

Public Works and Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski presented the name of Matthew Holmes to fill a vacant position at the Road Department with a starting salary of \$10.02 per hour and after a six month probation period a salary increase to \$11.03 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board approved the hiring of Matthew Holmes at the salary of \$10.02 per hour and after a six month probation period a salary increase to \$11.03 per hour. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider bid recommendation for refuse trailer. (Sandra Webb)

Chairman Dove presented Transfer Station Director Sandra Webb's recommendation to purchase a refuse trailer from Anderson Manufacturing for \$10,470.00. Anderson Manufacturing was the only company to bid on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board approved the purchase of the refuse trailer with payment to be made from the 2008 SPLOST funds. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider radio communications for Neese-Sanford tower. (Mike Youngblood)

Commissioner Youngblood withdrew this agenda item.

Item No. 10. Consider application for Utility Facility Encroachment for a 1100' waterline at 249 Madison Hills Road. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the application for Utility Facility Encroachment for a 1100' waterline at 249 Madison Hills Road with approval of the Madison County Water Department. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 11. Roads Update

Road matters were discussed under agenda item number six.

Item No. 12. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 13. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

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

**Item No. 14. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation
(if needed)**

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 15. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:40 pm.