

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2011
6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commission Chairman Anthony Dove
District 1 Commissioner Stanley Thomas
District 2 Commissioner John Pethel, Sr.
District 3 Commissioner Mike Youngblood
District 4 Commissioner Dewitt Bond
District 5 Commissioner Jim Escoe

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitchem, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT

Linda Cox, County Clerk

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

Item No. 1. Chairman's Report. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove read the letter he received from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources regarding the closing of Watson Mill State Park. There was discussion for Madison County to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Dept. of Natural Resources to contribute to the funding in order to keep the park open. The Board discussed this in detail and county attorney, Mike Pruett, answered questions regarding the agreement.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously agreed to continue negotiations with the Dept. of Natural Resources and that the Board is interested in forming a partnership.

Chairman Dove informed the Board that the Sheriff's office had completed their 2011 budget for seized funds and jail commission accounts. This has been turned in to the Clerk's office.

Chairman Dove informed the Board that Sanford Nicholson Road was in bad shape and patching the road would cost as much or close to the cost of resurfacing the road. The road is approximately 1.7 miles.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved to seek bids for the resurfacing of Sanford Nicholson Rd.

The purchase of the property for Fine Finish is complete. The final cost is \$541,254.30. Chairman Dove said he has received a request from the County Extension Office and 4-H to move to the building next to Fine Finish. This item will be placed on the October 10, 2011 agenda for consideration.

E-911 has received a grant of \$22,500 for the 9-1-1 notification system.

The DOT will do a traffic study at Old Danielsville Rd. at Merchants and Farmers Bank at Ingles.

The Bicentennial Festival which was held on September 24, 2011 was a tremendous success. Many commented on the fun, activities and how much they enjoyed the day. The festival was organized and presented without any tax payer funds. Sponsor donations were made from various businesses in Madison County and surrounding areas. A big thank you goes to the Bicentennial Committee for their work on making the festival truly a success enjoyed by everyone.

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

None.

Item No. 3. Report from IDA – Marvin White.

Mr. White gave an update of the activities of the IDA since the last meeting.

Item No. 4. Statements and remarks from Citizens on agenda items.

There were none.

Item No. 5. Consider recommendation of Allison Carter for District 4 representative on the Recreation Board. (Commissioner Bond)

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved Allison Carter for District 4 representative on the Recreation Board.

Item No. 6. Consider adoption of 2012 budget for Law Library and Clerk's Deed Special Revenue Fund; Food Bank and Bicentennial. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously accepted the 2012 budgets for the above.

Item No. 7. Discuss and consider bids for Thomas Road. (Commissioner Youngblood)

Chairman Dove stated that three bids were received, however, All About Asphalt had withdrawn their bid. The two (2) bids to be considered were as follows:

Garrett Paving Company, Inc.	\$49,280.00
Allied Paving Contractors, Inc.	\$51,087.40

Both companies' bids contained the required affidavit.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved Garrett Paving Company, Inc. to resurface and restripe Thomas Road.

Item No. 8. Consider acceptance of Stapler Road into the county. (Commissioner Youngblood)

Commissioner Youngblood withdrew this item.

Item No. 9. Consider acceptance of proposed state highway system revisions in Madison County on State Route 172 and Foote McClellan realignments. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously accepted the above.

Item No. 10. Consider approval of the school bond Resolution. (Chairman Dove)

Mike Pruett, county attorney, explained the Resolution to the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved the school bond resolution.

Item No. 11. Roads Update. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove took requests from the Board for maintenance on roads in their districts.

Item No. 12. Urgent Matters. (Chairman Dove)

There were none.

Item No. 13. Review October 10, 2011 agenda for Business Meeting.

The clerk read the items to be placed on the October 10, 2011 agenda.

Item No. 14. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on any matter.

There were none.

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 Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously adjourned at 7:30 pm.