

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING  
OCTOBER 26, 2009  
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 Bruce Scogin

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

Zach Mitchem, Madison County Journal  
Joe VanHoose, Athens Banner

**STAFF PRESENT**

Linda Cox, County Clerk  
Donna Sisk, HR Director  
Robin Baker, Chief Appraiser

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. and led in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Dove asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Felton Rice, father of Madison County Magistrate Judge, Harry Rice, who passed away on October 25, 2009.

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

Chairman Dove stated that the Master Gardeners of Madison County are seeking permission for a community garden behind the new extension office on Sunset Dr. in Danielsville. The Board discussed this item and on motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved to put this item on the November 2, 2009 agenda for consideration.

Chairman Dove gave an update of items to the Board since the last meeting.

**Item No. 2. Business Involving Guest, Groups or Multiple Visitors.**

**a) Consider a proclamation recognizing November as Family Month.**

Chairman Dove stated he had received a request for a proclamation recognizing November as Family Month in Madison County. The Chairman recognized Libby Hollett who informed the Board the proclamation encourages families to spend more time together, teaching children to live moral lives and to pass down the values that define a caring society.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved the Proclamation for Family Month.

**b) Consider displaying historical documents signed into law H.B. 941, on 7-1-2006 by Governor Perdue.**

**Documents donated by Senator Ralph Hudgens and wife, Suzanne.**

Chairman Dove recognized Mrs. Hudgens who stated that on July 1, 2006, Governor Sonny Perdue signed into law H.B. 941 authorizing local governments to erect historical documents. These displays pave the way for communities to further educate their citizens regarding historical facts about our country's founding.

Mrs. Hudgens stated that it was her and Senator Hudgens' honor to donate these historical displays to Madison County and would be pleased if the Board approved to display them.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved to accept the donation of the historical displays from Senator Hudgens and Mrs. Hudgens.

**Item No. 3. Report IDA. (Marvin White)**

Mr. White gave a month end report of the activities from the IDA.

**Item No. 4. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on agenda items.**

Larry Elliott spoke on the issue of dangerous dogs in the county. Waymon Dove spoke regarding problems he has had with some people regarding his dogs.

**Item No. 5. Discuss appointment of Gabe Martin to the Planning and Zoning Board for the next term. (Wayne Douglas)**

Mr. Douglas stated that Mr. Martin is currently serving on the Board and his term will end in December 2009. He would like to appoint Mr. Martin for another term.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved to put this item on the November 2, 2009 agenda for consideration.

**Item No. 6. Consider tax refund for Peggy Kingman. (Robin Baker)**

Mr. Baker stated that through their research and review, it was discovered that the mobile home had been taxed on the property and was in fact removed prior to the 2006 tax year. The Board of Assessors voted and approved to correct the errors and recommended a refund for the 2006, 2007 and 2008 tax years which total \$904.53.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved the above refund.

**Item No. 7. Consider tax refund for Martha Dills. (Robin Baker)**

Mr. Baker stated that through their research and review, it was discovered that the account had been listed as a boat and was in fact two jet skis. The Board of Assessors voted and approved to correct the errors and recommended a refund for the 2008 tax year totaling \$217.47.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved the above refund.

**Item No. 8. Consider amendment to Personnel Policy, random drug testing section. (Donna Sisk)**

Ms. Sisk presented the amendment and Mike Pruett, County Attorney, answered questions from the Board regarding the amendment. On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved the amendment.

**Item No. 9. Consider new hire for part-time call-in for EMS. (Donna Sisk)**

Ms. Sisk presented Thomas J. Carrington for the part-time call-in list for EMS. The Board was provided a copy of his application. On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Carrington for the part-time call-in list for EMS.

**Item No. 10. Discuss amending the Animal Control Ordinance. (Commissioner Youngblood)**

Commissioner Youngblood discussed amending the ordinance and Jack Huff, Animal Control, explained the dangerous dog law. There was various comments and discussion among the Board regarding the amendment.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved to put this item on the November 2, 2009 agenda for consideration.

Waymon Dove expressed his concerns regarding his dogs. Jack Huff, Animal Control, explained the situation to the Board.

**Item No. 11. Consider Well-Care In Network Contract with EMS. (Mike Pruett, County Attorney)**

Mr. Pruett explained that this contract enables EMS to file claims on line and reduce costs in paper, postage, etc. Payment for these claims will be directly deposited into the County's bank account. There is no cost to the County for this service.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved to enter into the contract with Well-Care.

**Item No. 12. Consider renewing contract for Law Enforcement Services in the city of Colbert. (Mike Pruett, County Attorney)**

County Attorney, Mike Pruett presented the contract to the Board stating that this is the same contract previously entered between the parties.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved to renew the above contract.

**Item No. 13. Consider Supplemental Watershed Agreement. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove presented the Agreement to the Board stating that this supplemental agreement would extend for 50 years the original agreement signed when both structures were built in Madison County. The agreement applies to only the two watershed dams that proposed upgrades are planned. The two watershed dams are Little Sandy Trail Creek No. 1 located at Beck Road just above Seagraves Lake and South River No. 4 located off of Buford Carey Road. The funds would be paid from stimulus funds.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Scogin, the Board unanimously approved to allow Chairman Dove to sign the Watershed Agreement.

**Item No. 14. Roads Update. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove gave an update on the road damage due to the recent floods. He requested for each BOC member to furnish one (1) or two (2) top priority roads in their districts for paving which would be funded by State grants. Also, he requested they keep the public informed of the progress.

**Item No. 15. Urgent Matters.**

There were no urgent matters.

**Item No. 16. Review November 2, 2009 agenda for Business Meeting.**

The County Clerk read the items approved for the November 2, 2009 Business Meeting.

**Item No. 17. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.**

Melissa Atkinson spoke of her concern with the water quality in the Windsor Heights Community in Hull, GA. She presented a petition signed by residents in the area and also presented a sample of the water to the Board. Ms. Atkinson stated that she had spoken several times with Steve Shaw of the IDA water and the problem has been corrected temporarily only to reoccur. She asked that he Board intervene and hopefully the problem can be resolved. There were various discussions among the Board and Ms. Atkinson.

Commissioner Youngblood asked the County Clerk to set up a meeting with Marvin White and Steve Shaw of the IDA with himself and Chairman Dove for this week to discuss the matter.

Ms. Atkinson thanked the Board for their consideration and time in hearing her concern.

**Item No. 18. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).**

There was not a need for Executive Session.

**Item No. 19. Adjourn.**

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Scogin, the Board unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:25 pm.