

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2015
6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN ANTHONY DOVE
District 1 Commissioner Stanley Thomas
District 2 Commissioner Dewitt "Pete" Bond
District 3 Commissioner Theresa Bettis
District 5 Commissioner Jim R. Escoe, Sr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

District 4 Commissioner John W. Pethel, Sr.

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:

Jackie Kesler, Deputy 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 for a moment of silence for Commissioner Pethel's recovery, for Rhonda Wooten's father, for those affected by the Canadian whale watching boat accident and the earthquake in Afghanistan.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of October 5, 2015. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2015 Regular Business Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Escoe voted YES.

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

None

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Dove stated that he spoke at the Realtor meeting in Athens and talked about the progress of residential permits being issued and the increase the last 4 years on house building revenues. Chairman Dove stated that house building permit revenues are increasing overall, but still not up to 2007 numbers.

Chairman Dove stated he took a look at the numbers in the County's bank account at the low point of the year before entering the new year and the cash amount is approximately \$3.109 million. The 2008 SPLOST account is at \$2.8 million and the 2014 SPLOST account is at \$500,000. This brings the total to \$4.1 million.

Item No. 4. Report from Industrial Development & Building Authority. (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 ID&BA.

Item No. 5. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on an agenda item.

Chairman Dove asked if there were any statements or remarks on an agenda item. No one came forward.

Item No. 6. Consider installing fiber-optic cable with new phone system. (Thomas Smallwood)

Thomas Smallwood was not in attendance. Chairman Dove discussed there is still more financial data to be reviewed, but it's in the best interest of the County to hold off on the project until after the first of the year. Chairman Dove stated all servers and server updates are in good shape and wants to make sure nothing else comes up that might need to be addressed the remainder of the year.

Item No. 7. Consider hiring Christopher Jones to fill vacant 911 dispatcher position. (David Camp)

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to hire Christopher Jones for the upcoming vacant full time position. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider renaming a portion of Jones Matthews Road to C & D Farm Road. (Jim Escoe)

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to rename a portion of Jones Matthews Road to C and D Farm Road. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Discuss 2016 LMIG requests. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove stated the 2015 LMIG was completed with the paving of Spratlin Mill Road and the list for the 2016 LMIG would need to be turned in the first of the year. Commissioner Thomas asked if we would be working with Oglethorpe County for paving again to cut back on paving prices. Chairman Dove stated working with Oglethorpe County in 2015 was a test year and it worked out well for the County. Chairman Dove stated Oglethorpe County would be looking at their numbers to see if they would do it again based on those numbers. Commissioner Escoe requested LMIG financial numbers per District be pulled to see where each district stands financially.

Item No. 10. Roads Update

Commissioner Thomas requested a pick up crew to go out to Sanford Road and reflector signs be replaced at big curve in Nowhere Road.

Commissioner Bond stated the Animal Control road and parking lot looked great and the improvements will be good for the County.

Commissioner Escoe requested stripping work be done on Smithonia Road.

Chairman Dove requested stripping work be done on Hudson River Road.

Item No. 11. Urgent Matters

None

Item No. 12. Review November 2, 2015 agenda for Regular Business Meeting

Mrs. Kesler read the November 2, 2015 agenda items.

Item No. 13. Statement 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)

Item No. 15. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Escoe, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:25 pm.