

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 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:

Margie Richards, Madison County Journal
Erin France, Athens Banner

STAFF PRESENT

Linda Cox, County Clerk

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and asked for a moment of silence for the people in Turkey due to the earthquake.

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

Chairman Dove said that he had received a letter from Carl Varnadoe, Extension Agency, stating that they had decided to stay in the multi-purpose building.

He also has received confirmation from the Health Department to rent the lower building for approximately \$1000 per month. They also have some remodeling funds available. They want to move WIC to the smaller 1900 sq. ft. building. They will come before the Board at the next meeting regarding the move.

The Board will also be considering at the next meeting RFPs for the county wide Mass Notification Emergency Alert System. David Camp, E-9-1-1 Director, stated that he had received some good RFPs and the county would be getting a fifty percent (50%) grant from FEMA.

Next, the Chairman stated that bids for the paving and striping of Sanford-Nicholson Rd. were due today by 3:00 pm. Chairman Dove opened the bids and they are as follows:

Garrett Paving Co., Athens, GA	\$124,878.79
C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Marietta, GA	\$125,109.36
Pittman Construction, Conyers, GA	\$117,815.00
E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc., Snellville, GA	\$121,907.80

(All of the above contained the required OCGA Affidavit)

The following bid did not contain the required OCGA Affidavit and therefore could not be considered.

Allied Paving Contractors, Pendergrass, GA \$120,863.75

These bids will be given to the Road Dept. for review that all criteria and specifications have been met. A Special Called Meeting will be scheduled for next week for the Board to consider the Road Dept.'s recommendation.

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

Consider Proclamation for Ms. Lucy Pulliam, age 99 on October 27, 2011.

Chairman Dove stated that the Board would like to honor Ms. Lucy Pulliam at the age of 99. Chairman Dove read the Proclamation to the audience and asked Commissioner Pethel if he would like to make a motion to accept the Proclamation since Ms. Pulliam resides in his district. Commissioner Pethel commented that he is very proud of Mama Lucy, which is has always referred to her. She has always been one of his favorite constitutes and just a few months ago he saw her driving her John Deere tractor across the road where Marshall and Scott were working to give them their orders. Just a short while ago, Mama Lucy was on her riding lawn mower cutting the grass. He stated that he is very proud to know Ms. Lucy.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel to accept the Proclamation for Mama Lucy, the Board unanimously approved the Proclamation.

Chairman Dove stated that he will play a recording and wants everyone to know that is dramatic and intense. The recording was a 9-1-1 call from Norb Krzak at approximately 7:30 in the morning on October 22, 2011. He was passing through Carlton on his way to work when he witnessed a vehicle with two occupants drive off the road and down an embankment adjacent to the railroad track, ejecting two people. He ran to the scene while remaining on the line with 9-1-1 and saw that one of the ejected occupants was laying injured on the railroad track. A train was approaching the area and Mr. Krzak yelled to the young man to get off the tracks. The young man did not respond, therefore, Mr. Krzak pulled him from the tracks as the engineer of the train applied his brakes.

Chairman Dove read the Proclamation which, in part, stated that the Board expresses its gratitude that a person of such character, compassion and presence of mind was there to prevent what would otherwise have been an unthinkable tragedy and its admiration for the extraordinary actions of this real life hero.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the Proclamation for Mr. Krzak.

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

Bruce Azevedo gave an update from the IDA since the last agenda meeting.

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

Tom Krobot spoke on the issue of accepting roads that do not meet county standards. He stated that fairness and moral standards regarding criteria for acceptance of roads should be considered.

Item No. 5. Discuss criteria for acceptance of roads. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove stated that he had talked with the Road Department and came up with things to consider when accepting a road into the county system and what criteria would be needed. The Board was furnished a copy of the things needed before a dirt road would be accepted into the county system. Chairman Dove opened the matter for discussion. There were various discussions between Board members regarding this item.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved to continue the process of gathering criteria for roads to be accepted into the county system and to be more specific.

Item No. 6. Roads Update.

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

Item No. 7. Urgent Matters. (Chairman Dove)

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 8. Review November 7, 2011 agenda for Business Meeting.

The clerk reads the items to be placed on the November 7, 2011 agenda.

Item No. 9. Statements and Remarks from citizens on any matter.

Scott Williams spoke on Pictometry and time keeping system.

Item No. 10. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 11. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

