

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
November 4, 2013
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 Mitchem, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:

Rhonda S. Wooten, County Clerk
Mike Pruettt, County Attorney

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and led in the pledge to the American Flag. Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Wayne Douglas gave the invocation.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Agenda Setting Meeting of October 28, 2013. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board approved the Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2013. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

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

None

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report.

Chairman Dove asked the commissioners to check their calendars to see if a Budget Session could be scheduled for November 15th or 22nd.

Chairman Dove stated that the SPLOST and LOST numbers are almost exactly the same as this time last year.

Chairman Dove stated that the water use at the jail is down. A Smart meter has been installed and the jail employees, Danielsville employees and our employees are all working together to monitor the water usage.

Chairman Dove stated that Madison County Coroner Julie Phillips would like to speak to the Board regarding the purchase of a vehicle. Chairman Dove recognized Coroner Phillips. Coroner Phillips came forward and stated that when she appeared before the Grand Jury she was asked questions regarding her personal vehicle usage. Coroner Phillips then considered the reasons a county vehicle would be helpful in facilitating the duties of Coroner. She gave information on a 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe that she located with 125,000 miles for \$11,500.

Commissioner Youngblood made a motion to purchase the 2007 Tahoe. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and then withdrew his motion with no objections. He said that he would have to abstain. Commissioner Bond then seconded the motion. After discussion Commissioner Youngblood and Commissioner Bond withdrew their motion to purchase the 2007 Tahoe. There were no objections. On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to look into a new vehicle and get bids on similar vehicles. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Thomas abstained.

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

1. Julia Lunn for Lionheart Construction is requesting to rezone a 4 ac. property from A2 to B for her construction company. They build chicken houses and farm buildings. The property is located on Map 87 Parcel 10, on Wildcat Bridge Rd. Royston, in District 4.

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

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. Ms. Lionheart came forward and spoke 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.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. No one came forward.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the request to rezone Map 87 Parcel 10 from A2 to B. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

2. Chairman Wayne Douglas Mobile Home Park Ordinance amendments.

Chairman Douglas explained that the Mobile Home Park Ordinance has been amended to correct typographical errors and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to approve the amendments by a vote of four (4) to zero (0).

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the amendments. No one came forward.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in opposition of the amendments. No one came forward.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the amendments. No one came forward.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the Mobile Home Park Ordinance amendments. 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:

Item No. 6. Consider re-appointment of Gabe Martin to the Planning & Zoning Board. (Wayne Douglas)

Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Wayne Douglas came forward and recommended that Gabe Martin be re-appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission. He stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted four (4) to zero (0) to approve the re-appointment of Gabe Martin.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond the Board agreed to approve the re-appointment of Gabe Martin to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES

Item No. 7. Consider re-appointment of Wayne Douglas to the Planning and Zoning Board. (Stanley Thomas)

Commissioner Thomas spoke favorably regarding the responsibility that Wayne Douglas has handled as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board agreed to approve the re-appointment of Wayne Douglas to the Planning and Zoning Board. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider tax refund for Joe and Wanda Parham. (Robin Baker)

Chief Appraiser, Robin Baker, came forward to request a \$2,475.38 tax refund for Joe and Wanda Parham. They paid taxes in 2011 and 2012 after their house burned.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board approved the tax refund request of \$2,475.38. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider hiring one part time/will call position at the Transfer Station. (Sandra Webb)

Solid Waste Director, Sandra Webb, came forward to recommend the hiring of Tracey Swaim for a part time/will call position.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the Board approved the hiring of Tracey Swaim for a part time/will call position at the Transfer Station. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 10. Consider 4 Way Stop at Sailors Road and Planter Gunnell Road. (Stanley Thomas)

Commissioner Thomas stated that the intersection at Sailors Road and Planter Gunnell Road is very dangerous and is in need of a 4 Way Stop.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board agreed to have a 4 way stop placed at the intersection of Sailors Road and Planter Gunnell Road. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 11. Road Update

Chairman Dove discussed the monthly Road Department report submitted by Public Works and Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski.

Commissioners Thomas and Youngblood expressed their appreciation for D.O.T. providing the guard rails on Highway 106 in front of Hull Sanford Elementary.

Commissioner Escoe requested pot hole repair be done on Madison Boulevard.

Item No. 12. Urgent Matters

None

Item No. 13. Statement and Remarks from Citizens

Chairman Dove asked if there were any statements or remarks. Coroner Julie Phillips came forward and thanked the Board for their consideration in getting bids on new vehicles.

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 Thomas and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:15 pm.