

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
NOVEMBER 7, 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; led in the pledge to the American flag and asked for a moment of silence for all our veterans. Commissioner Thomas also asked for a moment of silence for the family of Bruce Cooper who passed away today.

**Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:**

**Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of October 10, 2011; Agenda Setting Meeting of October 27, 2011 and Special Called Meeting of November 2, 2011.**

**Minutes have been distributed.**

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of October 10, 2011 and October 27, 2011.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board approved the minutes of November 2, 2011 by a vote of four (4) YES votes to one (1) abstain submitted by Commissioner Bond.

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

**Leigh Anne Aaron, Madison County Extension, presentation by participating Students of Teens as Planners program.**

Chairman Dove recognized Ms. Aaron who explained the CYFAR program which is funded by the USDA and grants from Oglethorpe and Madison counties. She introduced each student who gave a description of the activities they are involved with. Some of the activities are working at the Victory Garden picking vegetables and taking to the Food Bank; cleaning the cemetery where General Daniels is buried; an outdoor classroom mural at Ila Elementary and several other community projects.

Ms. Aaron said the group wants as many projects as possible. She has spoken with Judge Rice regarding the Veterans Memorial Garden and the BOC about painting the canon at the old courthouse.

The group gave an inspiring presentation to the Board.

### **Item No. 3. Chairman's Report (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove stated that the Board has all the information before them which involves an employee with catastrophic needs and there will be no names mentioned. There is a wish by several employees who have contacted Chairman Dove to extend our donation policy which is 120 hours to this employee which will retire soon to at least give him time until he does retire. Chairman Dove asked the Board to consider this, if they so choose, to allow this to happen. The Board needs to put in form of a motion to allow donated time to be extended to this employee. This had been discussed when we made the policy and the Board will look at putting this into the 2012 policy for needs such as this.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved to extend donated time for this employee.

Chairman Dove has received a letter from Becky Kelly of the Dept. of Natural Resources regarding Watson Mill. There are three (3) proposals. The most favorable was to maintain the park status which would require a \$25,000 supplement for five (5) years and the Board is interested in this if funding would be reinstated at a later date. They are willing to listen to any proposals from the Board and there is room for negotiations. There was lengthy discussion among the Board with various questions and answers.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved to continue negotiations in order to maintain the park status.

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

- 1. Joyce McElroy for her daughter, Tammy Brawner, is requesting to rezone 4 acres from A2 to A1 to combine with her adjoining property. The property is located on Map 35 Parcel 8 on Jot Em Down Road in District 2.**

Chairman Dove recognized Chairman Douglas who explained the rezone and stated the P&Z Board voted 5 to 0 to approve.

The applicant spoke in favor of the proposal and no one spoke against it.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board approved the rezone by a vote of four (4) YES votes to one (1) NO vote submitted by Commissioner Escoe.

**Item No. 5. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on agenda items.**

No one came forward to speak.

**Item No. 6. Consent Agenda.**

There were no items for the consent agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item No. 7. Consider recommendation for Mass Notification Emergency Alert System. (David Camp)**

David Camp, E-911 Director, presented First Call as his recommendation for the Notification System. There were a total of five (5) bids, however, First Call met the needs for Madison County and was the lowest bid. The other bids contained features that were not needed. There is a 50-50 matching grant for the system. The cost is \$23,400 and after being reimbursed by GEMA, the cost to Madison County would be \$11,700 for a three (3) year contract.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved to enter into a three (3) year contract with First Call.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item No. 8. Consider annual maintenance agreement with Resource Software Int'l Ltd. for telephone accounting software. (Chairman Dove)**

Gary Venable, IT Director, has pulled this item from the agenda.

**Item No. 9. Consider Heath Department (WIC) moving to the 1900 sq. ft. building. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove recognized Beth Heath of the Health Dept. Ms. Heath gave her reasons for their request to move to the building. The Health Dept. has funding which would allow them to pay rent in the amount of \$1,000 per month.

Mike Pruett, county attorney, stated the contract would be from January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012 which is the end of their fiscal year. However, they may begin moving in when they are ready.

After further discussion, Chairman Dove asked for a motion.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved for Chairman Dove to sign the intergovernmental lease agreement with the Department of Health for six (6) months on Building 94.

**Item No. 10. Roads Update.**

The Board received a report from the Road Department on work performed during the month of October through November 4, 2011. Chairman Dove took requests from the Board for maintenance on roads in their districts.

**Item No. 11. Urgent Matters.**

There were no urgent matters.

**Item No. 12. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.**

None.

**Item No.13. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).**

There was no need for executive session.

**Item No. 17. Adjourn.**

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:20 pm.