

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 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.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

District 5 Commissioner Jim R. Escoe, Sr.

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, led in the pledge to the American Flag and requested a moment of silence for Commissioner Escoe and his wife.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Agenda Setting Meeting of November 25, 2013. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to approve the minutes of the Agenda Setting Meeting of November 25, 2013. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

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

Mary Freeman, Chair of the Broad River Watershed Association Board, requested the signing of a resolution to recognize and approve the Broad River Water Trail. County Attorney, Mike Pruett, added language to the previously drafted resolution to protect Madison County from any obligations.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the Board agreed to approve the signing of the resolution recognizing and approving the Broad River Water Trail. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report.

Chairman Dove stated Collins Fire Chief Jackson Parham has requested a lease purchase agreement and asked that he come forward. Chief Parham stated that he would like to request that the County enter into a lease purchase agreement with First Citizens for \$11,500 for the purchase of a tanker for the Collins Volunteer Fire Department.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to allow Chairman Dove to sign the agreement once the language is approved by County Attorney Mike Pruett. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Chairman Dove stated that Georgia EMS selected Madison County to receive a grant for First Responder courses.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board agreed to accept the GAEMS grant for First Responder courses. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

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

1. Charles Dinsmore is representing his wife Rebecca Dinsmore. They are requesting to rezone their 4.12 acre parcel from A2 to RR for an additional home site. The property is located on Map 35 Parcel 15 in District 4.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone request and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted seven (7) to zero(0) to approve the request.

Chairman Dove asked if in anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. Charles Dinsmore said that he was 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 35 Parcel 15 from A2 to RR. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

2. Chairman Wayne Douglas the Codification of the Zoning Ordinance to include amendments for 2012 and 2013.

Chairman Douglas explained the codification of the Zoning Ordinance to include amendments for 2012 and 2013 and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve the codification.

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

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

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

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board agreed to approve the codification of the Zoning Ordinance to include amendments for 2012 and 2013. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel 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 allowing Chairman Dove to sign the renewal agreement with Philips Healthcare. (Jason Lewis)

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board unanimously agreed to allow Chairman Dove to sign the renewal agreement with Philips Healthcare. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 7. Consider allowing Chairman Dove to sign the renewal agreement with EMSAR. (Jason Lewis)

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to allow Chairman Dove to sign the renewal agreement with EMSAR. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider allowing Jason Lewis to sign renewal agreement with Athens Technical College. (Jason Lewis)

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to allow Jason Lewis to sign the renewal agreement with Athens Technical College. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider allowing Jason Lewis to apply for Assistance to Firefighters grant. (Jason Lewis)

EMS Director Jason Lewis explained that the \$77,649 grant would be used to purchase cardiac monitors.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board agreed to allow Jason Lewis to apply for the Assistance to Firefighters grant. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 10. Consider Jail Addition Committee appointments. (Mike Youngblood)

Commissioner Youngblood stated that the Board previously appointed himself and Commissioner Thomas to the Jail Addition Committee, however, a full Board needs to be appointed.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board agreed to appoint Sheriff Kip Thomas, Phil Munro, Alan Lapczynski, Melanie Hughston and Lamar Hughston to serve with Mike Youngblood and Stanley Thomas on the Jail Addition Committee. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 11. Consider one time COLA for employees. (Mike Youngblood)

Commissioner Youngblood made a motion to give a one-time three percent Cost of Living Adjustment to each employee with the option of bailing-out of state and federal taxes on this check but that the Cost of Living Adjustment amount be added to their W-2 at the end of the year and that this check be cut as a separate check and that the funds come from cash reserves. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

After discussion, Commissioner Youngblood made a substitute motion to give a one-time three percent Cost of Living Adjustment to each employee that has been with the County for at least 90 days, with the option of not having state and federal taxes withheld and that the funds come from cash reserves. This motion failed for a lack of a second.

After further discussion, on motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve to give a one-time \$900 Cost of Living Adjustment to each employee that has been with the County for at least 90 days, with the amount to be distributed according to the percentage of time worked; 100% employees to receive \$900, 75% employees to receive \$675 and 50% employees to receive \$450, and that the employee can choose not to have state and federal taxes withheld on this check and elected officials are excluded from receiving the Cost of Living Adjustment and that the funds are to come from cash reserves. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond and Youngblood voted YES. Commissioner Pethel voted NO.

Commissioner Youngblood withdrew his first motion with no objections.

Item No. 12. Consider 2014 Beer and Wine License applications. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the following 2014 Beer and Wine License applications:

Balihai Food Mart	Ikomang Yasa
Boutier Winery	Mary Jakupi-Boutier
CVS Pharmacy	Deanna Escharui
Country Superette	Sara Sexton
Diamond Hill Grocery	Dipa Patel
Food Mart	Gurcharan Udhwani
Golden Farm Store & Gas	Xin Sen Zheng
Ingles Markets #450	Benjamin Stowers
Jai's Country Corner	Dipa Patel
Kwik Chek	Irfan Hameed
Neese Grocery	Kasyapkumar Patel
Paoli Junction	Ishwarsingh Udhwani
Poca Grocery	Kaushikbhai Patel
Quick Pick	Gurcharan Udhwani

The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to allow Chairman Dove to sign the 2014 Beer and Wine License for Tiny Town Looney Mart upon receipt of the only pending document; the Madison County Journal affidavit verifying the appearance of the second advertisement. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 13. Consider re-appointment of Ralph McCay Jr. to the Board of Assessors. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to re-appoint Ralph McCay Jr. to the Board of Assessors. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 14. Consider speed limit for Charlie Bolton Road. (Mike Youngblood)

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to have a 35 mile per hour speed limit sign posted on Charlie Bolton Road just outside of the city limits. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 15. Road Update

Chairman Dove stated that the LMIG requests need to be turned in and that Alan has provided his best estimates on the amount that will be needed to handle the previously submitted road requests.

After discussion, on motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to present the following road projects for the 2014 LMIG funding and any extra funds to be pulled from cash reserves:

District One	Aderhold Rogers Road
District Two	Young Harris Road
District Three	Spratlin Mill Road
District Four	Transco Road
District Five	Moriah Church Road

The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES.

Item No. 16. Urgent Matters

None

Item No. 17. Statements and Remarks from citizens

Chairman Dove asked if there were any statements or remarks. No one came forward.

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

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 19. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:45pm.