

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING  
December 27, 2010  
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 Bruce Scogin

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

Zach Mitchem, Madison County Journal  
Erin France, Athens Banner

**STAFF PRESENT**

Linda Cox, County Clerk  
Rhonda Wooten, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag. Commissioner Scogin gave the invocation.

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

Chairman Dove moved to Item No. 2 and Item No. 3 and then gave the Chairman's Report.

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

**Son of Jodi & Mark Cronic, Caleb Cronic, graduating from Naval Academy**

Chairman Dove recognized Caleb Cronic, his parents and his grandparents for their faith, service and civic activities. He commended Jodi and Mark Cronic for bringing Caleb up in a good Christian home. Chairman Dove read a proclamation recognizing Caleb Cronic

for achievement of high distinction as a Midshipman at the United States Naval Academy.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved the signing of the proclamation by Chairman Dove.

**Commissioner Bruce Scogin.**

Commissioner Scogin requested and received permission from Chairman Dove to speak at the end of the meeting.

**Item No. 3. Report from IDA.**

In Marvin White's absence, Chairman Dove referred to the IDA report giving an update of activities since the last Agenda Setting Meeting. He pointed out the study on the county wide sewer and stated that the numbers did not work and that we will have to go back to the drawing board.

**Chairman's Report (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove recognized the admirable work by Madison County High School in organizing an annual Young Professionals Dinner to allow young people to connect with professionals in a comfortable setting.

The Georgia Forestry Commission has submitted three proposals for consideration.

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources wants the county to handle damn inspections and be a liaison between D.O.T. and our contractors. Contractors must be certified for local government construction administration. They are also asking that we have someone trained for possible underground storage emergencies.

**Item No. 4. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on agenda items.**

There were none.

**Item No. 5. Consider tax refund for Brandon Lee Parson. (Robin Baker)**

Chief Tax Appraiser, Robin Baker, advised the Board that the Board of Assessors approved a refund for taxes on a barn that Brandon Parson did not have.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved a \$180.15 tax refund.

**Item No. 6. Consider tax refund for Tillman Adams. (Robin Baker)**

Chief Tax Appraiser, Robin Baker, advised the Board that the Board of Assessors approved a refund for taxes assessed to Tillman Adams on inaccurate acreage.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved a \$489.06 tax refund.

**Item No. 7. Consider grant for first responder program approved by the State Trauma Network Commission. (Jason Lewis)**

EMS Supervisor, Bobby Smith, spoke concerning a grant for First Responder training. The grant allows for \$25 per hour for the instructor, \$65 per student for books and \$10 per student for supplies. There is no maximum amount.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously voted to accept to approve the grant.

**Item No. 8. Consider grant for equipment approved by the State Trauma Network Commission. (Jason Lewis)**

EMS Supervisor, Bobby Smith, spoke concerning a grant for specific trauma equipment. The grant allows for reimbursement up to \$2,888.00.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously voted to accept to approve the grant.

**Item No. 9. Discuss and open RFP's for copier maintenance. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove opened the two sealed bids that were received and verified that affidavits were included. One bid was from Athens Digital Systems, Incorporated and one was from Graham Office Equipment. Copies were made and distributed to the commissioners to be considered at the January 3, 2011 Regular Business Meeting.

**Item No. 10. Consider allowing Chairman Dove to sign a Proclamation honoring Bruce Scogin, District 5 Commissioner of Madison County. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove announced that Commissioner Scogin will be honored tomorrow, December 28, 2010 and would like permission to sign a Proclamation.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood and with Commissioner Scogin abstaining, the Board unanimously voted to approve Chairman Dove to sign a Proclamation honoring Commissioner Scogin.

**Item No. 11. Consider a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) with The Department of Corrections (Probation Division) for use of the facility located at 91 Sunset Drive, Danielsville,GA. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove stated that by verbal agreement The Department of Corrections currently uses office space in the county’s building on Sunset Drive. Chairman Dove requested approval to sign a Memorandum of Agreement drawn up by county attorney, Mike Pruett, with The Department of Corrections.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously voted to approve Chairman Dove’s signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Corrections and Madison County Board of Commissioners.

**Item No. 12. Consider dissolving the search committee for EMS Director. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove stated that the search committee for the EMS Director needs to be officially dissolved by vote.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously voted to dissolve the search committee for the EMS Director.

**Item No. 13. Consider selecting by resolution a County Legislative Coordinator for ACCG. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove stated that ACCG has asked each county to designate a County Legislative Coordinator to assist in keeping them updated on county legislation. After discussion, it was determined that Chairman Dove is the most qualified and would be the best candidate.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously voted to approve a resolution appointing Chairman Dove as the County Legislative Coordinator for ACCG.

**Item No. 14. Discuss 2011 General and Personnel Policy. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove stated that the next Board meeting will be the first meeting of the year and the 2011 General and Personnel policies will need to be brought before the Board for any discussion.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board unanimously voted to place discussion of 2011 General and Personnel policies on the next agenda.

**Item No. 15. Consider any budget amendments. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove stated that there are a few budget amendments for 2010 and 2011 Commission training that need to be made and provided the commissioners with information on other required adjustments.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Scogin, the Board unanimously approved to allow Finance Director, Kathy Clark, to make necessary budget adjustments.

**Item No. 16. Discuss purchasing vehicle for Sheriff's office. (Commissioner Youngblood)**

Commissioner Youngblood stated that several of the Sheriff's vehicles have over 200,000 miles on them and since the county is in the black financially, he would like to see eight new vehicles purchased for the Sheriff's office. Sheriff Thomas stated that Crown Victorias are no longer being made and V6 Dodge Chargers are less expensive at \$26,000. There was much discussion about gas mileage, motors, and officers' use of the vehicles for transportation to and from work, maintenance and insurance. Commissioner Bond stated that he would agree to the purchase of 4 or 5 cars and retire the existing loan. Commissioner Pethel stated that he would agree to 2 cars and pay off the existing loan. Commissioner Thomas stated that he would like for the Sheriff to put some numbers together comparing the cost of three different types of vehicles, gas mileage, maintenance and insurance. Chairman Dove stated that he would like to retire the debt and asked the Sheriff to get a price on a multiple purchase.

**Item No. 17. Road Update. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove stated that Christmas night's snow fall kept him, the Road Department Director and Jason Blalock of the Road Department up most of the night and they were back on road watch the next day.

Commissioner Scogin said he was concerned about the bridge at Hardman Morris Road. The culvert is stopped up with limbs and branches.

**Item No. 18. Urgent Matters. (Chairman Dove)**

Commissioner Pethel stated that one member of the Planning and Zoning Boards' term expires on December 31, 2010 and considering the selection of a new member needs to be added to the next agenda.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board unanimously approved to add the consideration of selecting a new Planning and Zoning member to the next agenda.

**Item No. 19. Review January 3, 2011 agenda for Business Meeting.**

The County Clerk read the items to be placed on the January 3, 2011 agenda.

**Item No. 20. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.**

Chairman Dove recognized Commissioner Scogin's request to speak.

Commissioner Scogin stated that it was his last opportunity to address everyone as commissioner. He stated that in July some pretty nasty articles about the Board was written but that he wasn't going to talk about that. He wanted to thank the people of the fifth district and the county for choosing him in 1999. He has enjoyed the support from the people of District Five.

Commissioner Scogin expressed gratitude to the employees and staff throughout the years for seeing to it that the commissioners have what they need to do a good job.

Commissioner Scogin thanked the people who have served on the various Boards such as Planning and Zoning, Recreation Department and Animal Control.

He shared lots of memories and closed with saying, "Always think with your heart. Use your wisdom and knowledge, but always depend on your heart".

**Item No. 21. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).**

There was no need for executive session.

**Item No. 22. Adjourn**

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