

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING  
December 28, 2009  
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 5 Commissioner Bruce Scogin

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

District 4 Commissioner Dewitt Bond

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

Zach Mitchem, Madison County Journal  
Joe VanHoose, Athens Banner

**STAFF PRESENT**

Linda Cox, County Clerk  
Donna Sisk, HR Director

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

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

There was no report for this meeting.

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

**Consider Proclamation for Ann Brooks – E911.**

Chairman Dove read the Proclamation for Ann Brooks and commented on her 25 years of outstanding service. He wished her all God's blessings and that he hoped she will enjoy her retirement by having more time with family and friends.

David Camp, Director of E911 spoke highly of Ms. Ann and all she has meant to the employees and the department. Mr. Camp had many nice comments for Ms. Ann and wished her the very best in retirement.

**Item No. 3. Report from IDA. (Marvin White)**

Mr. White was unable to attend the meeting but sent an update from the IDA which Chairman Dove distributed to the Board members.

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

There were none.

**Item No. 5. Discuss replacement of three (3) vehicles for the Sheriff Department. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove stated that these are replacements for 3 vehicles that have been totaled. Sheriff Thomas stated that 2 vehicles were totaled in 2008 and another one was totaled about one month ago which we have not received a settlement on as of this date. The total number of vehicles that have been totaled and need replaced is 4. Sheriff Thomas told the Board that they are taking the radios and other equipment from the totaled vehicles to be used in the new ones. Aikns Ford has the State contract on police vehicles and the department will be purchasing Crown Victorias.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved to place this item on the January 4, 2010 agenda.

**Item No. 6. Consider renewing contract with Software Systems Unlimited, Inc. (SSUI). (Gary Venable)**

Chairman Dove presented the contract for renewal to the Board stating the fee would remain the same. On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the contract with SSUI.

**Item No. 7. Consider filling full time vacancy for EMS. (Donna Sisk)**

Ms. Sisk stated the request is to promote Christopher Higdon from part-time EMT to full-time EMT. This will fill the full time vacancy of Kevin Chandler who is resigning effective December 31, 2009. This will also allow Kevin Chandler to move to part-time status.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Scogin, the Board unanimously approved the above request.

**Item No. 8. Consider employees to be added to part-time call-in list for EMS. (Donna Sisk)**

Ms. Sisk requested that Clint Carey be added to the part-time call in list as an EMT with a starting salary of \$11.04 per hour. Mr. Carey's application was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Scogin, the Board unanimously approved the above request.

**Item No. 9. Discuss 2010 Personnel and General Policies. (Donna Sisk)**

Ms. Sisk stated that she had emailed the department heads asking if they had any concerns or questions regarding the current policies. Gary Venable, IT Director, stated that he would like to update the IT privacy policy in order to bring it in line with today's technology. Some are using their cell phones for emails and there is not anything in place at this time regarding the matter. Ms. Sisk also asked the Board to consider sick time being carried over from year to year. There is a cap of 480 hours that can be carried over each year and the employees cannot use sick time unless they are sick. The Board was asked to consider removing the 480 hour cap.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved to place this item on the January 4, 2010 agenda.

**Item No. 10. Consider any budget amendments. (Chairman Dove)**

There were no budget amendments to be considered.

**Item No. 11. Open bids on Sims Kidd Road. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove stated that the Board would hold off on voting on the bids because Robert Mahoney with the DOT is looking at giving the county some help in this matter. The County received four (4) bids as follows:

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| 1) All About Asphalt, Inc.         | \$ 75,926.08 |
| 2) Allied Paving Contractors, Inc. | \$ 99,894.10 |
| 3) Blount Construction             | \$126,335.70 |
| 4) ER Snell Contractor, Inc.       | \$ 98,289.50 |

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved to place this item on the January 4, 2010 agenda.

**Item No. 12. Consider Danielsville VFD pumper truck. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove presented the Lease-Purchase Agreement with Leasing 2, Inc. for the pumper truck. Mike Pruett, County Attorney, has reviewed and approved the agreement for presentation to the Board.

Chairman Dove asked for a motion to give him permission to sign the Lease-Purchase Agreement. On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved the above.

**Item No. 13. Discuss Noise Ordinance, information only. (Commissioner Scogin)**

Commissioner Scogin presented the Board with copies of the State of Georgia laws and judicial decisions regarding noise and maintaining a disorderly house.

**Item No. 14. Discuss Farm Road and John Sharp Road. (Commissioner Scogin)**

Commissioner Scogin stated there is a drainage problem on Farm Road. Commissioner Scogin stated that John Sharp Road is not a county road, therefore, the County cannot do any work on the road, however, we could work on the right-of-way.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved to place this item on the January 4, 2010 agenda.

**Item No. 15. Roads Update. (Chairman Dove)**

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

**Item No. 16. Urgent Matters. (Chairman Dove)**

There were no urgent matters.

**Item No. 17. Review January 4, 2009 agenda for Business Meeting.**

The County Clerk gave a list of items to be placed on the January 4, 2010 agenda.

**Item No. 18. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.**

There were no statements and remarks from citizens.

**Item No. 19. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).**

There was no need for Executive Session.

**Item No. 20. Adjourn**

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Scogin, the Board unanimously approved to adjourn at 7:15 pm.