

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
DECEMBER 29, 2014
6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commission Chairman Anthony Dove
District 1 Commissioner Stanley Thomas
District 2 Commissioner Dewitt "Pete" Bond
District 3 Commissioner Mike Youngblood
District 4 Commissioner John W. Pethel, Sr.
District 5 Commissioner Jim R. Escoe, Sr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

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 6:30 pm, led in the pledge to the American Flag and asked for a moment of silence for the special people that we lost in our lives this past year and then to think of the good things that have happened.

Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:

Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of December 1, 2014 and Budget Work Sessions of December 3, 2014 and December 4, 2014. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of December 1, 2014 and Budget Work Sessions of December 3, 2014 and December 4, 2014. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

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

EMS Director Jason Lewis and Paramedics Rebecca Smith, Frankie Crane, Rodney Willis, Jeremy Williams and Jason Baker facilitated a demonstration of the Lucas Chest Compression System showing the uninterrupted compressions that the device automatically delivers.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Dove advised the Board that a credit card terminal has been installed at the EMS station in Danielsville to receive EMS billing payments.

Chairman Dove stated that D.O.T. will be contacting us at the first of the year with their plan for a traffic light in front of Ingles on Highway 29.

Chairman Dove notified the Board that facilities 50 and 51 have invoices that are due and it will be necessary to override in order to pay.

Chairman Dove advised the Board that he has been approached by Constitutional Officers requesting that the Government Complex and Non-Emergency Departments be closed on Friday, January 2, 2015 as an unpaid holiday.

Commissioner Escoe made a motion to close the Government Complex and Non-Emergency Departments on Friday, January 2, 2015 as unpaid holiday and allow employees to use vacation leave, sick leave or compensation time. Commissioner Bond seconded the motion.

On substitute motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to close the Government Complex and Non-Emergency Departments on Friday, January 2, 2015 as an unpaid holiday and allow employees to use vacation leave or sick leave. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Commissioner Escoe withdrew his motion without objections.

Item No. 4. Report from IDA (Marvin White)

In Mr. White's absence, Chairman Dove read the report prepared by Marvin White, Executive Director of the Madison County Industrial Development and Building Authority.

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.

Item No. 6. Consider purchasing four Lucas Chest Compression Systems. (Jason Lewis)

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the purchase of four Lucas Chest Compression Systems for a total of \$53,354.20 to be purchased out of cash reserves. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 7. 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 voted to allow Chairman Dove to sign the renewal agreement with Philips Healthcare. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider allowing Fire Departments to purchase SPLOST items. (Fire Department Representatives)

Fire Chief Marc Perry addressed the Board regarding the need for Breathing Air Compressors.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to allow the purchase of a \$17,000 Breathing Air Compressor for the Hull Volunteer Fire Department and a \$25,000 Breathing Air Compressor with Fill Station for the Carlton Volunteer Fire Department to be paid from cash reserves and repaid from SPLOST. In the same motion, the Board voted to allow the purchase of a \$16,900 Breathing Air Compressor from cash reserves to replace the one owned by the County. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider Georgia Transmission's permit application for utility encroachment. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve Georgia Transmission's permit application for utility encroachment. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 10. Consider agreement with New South Construction. (Chairman Dove)

County Attorney Mike Pruett explained the agreement and stated that this is the first phase of the design.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to allow Chairman Dove to sign the first agreement with New South Construction, Design-Builder of the new jail addition, for \$205,852 to be paid from the previous 2008-2014 SPLOST. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 11. Discuss 2015 General and Personnel Policies. (Chairman Dove)

The Board reviewed that dates and policy changes.

Item No. 12. Consider Worker's Compensation renewal with ACCG. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the Worker's Compensation renewal with ACCG. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 13. Consider approving the 2015 Sheriff's Office State Seizure account and Jail Commission account budgets. (Chairman Dove)

Item numbers 13, 14 and 15 were included in one motion.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to approve the 2015 Sheriff's Office State Seizure account budget and Jail Commission account budget, the Law Library budget and Clerk's Deed budget and the Food Bank budget contingent upon receiving an itemization of the revenues and expenditures for 2013 and 2014. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 14. Consider approving the 2015 Law Library and Clerk's Deed budgets. (Chairman Dove)

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Item No. 15. Consider approving the 2015 Food Bank budget. (Chairman Dove)

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Item No. 16. Consider approving the 2015 Madison County budget and resolution. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the 2015 Madison County budget and resolution with the following stipulations:

- (1) If the amount approved for a department or constitutional officer has all been spent at some point during the fiscal year, the county will not pay any further bills for that department or constitutional officer until a representative appears before the Board of Commissioners and gets approval for a budget amendment;
- (2) That a copy of this motion with these stipulations be delivered to each department head and constitutional officer; and
- (3) That a copy of this motion with these stipulations be attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

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

Item No. 17. Roads Update

Commissioner Thomas readdressed the need for trash pick-up on Sanford Road.

Commissioner Bond stated that Young Harris Road looks good.

Commissioner Escoe inquired about the traffic study for a light at Highway 72 and Foote McClellan Road.

Item No. 18. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 19. Review January 5, 2015 agenda for Regular Business Meeting.

Chairman Dove requested that this item be handled after executive session.

Item No. 20. Statement and Remarks from citizens.

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

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

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board unanimously agreed to go into executive session at 7:46 pm to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and potential litigation.

The Board returned at 8:27 pm.

Chairman Dove stated that an item needed to be added to the January 5, 2015 agenda.

County Clerk Rhonda Wooten read the January 5, 2015 agenda for the Regular Business Meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board unanimously agreed to accept the Executive Session minutes. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 22. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:29 pm.