

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
DECEMBER 30, 2013
6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

District 2 Commissioner Dewitt "Pete" Bond

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:

Rhonda Wooten, County Clerk
Mike Pruet, 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 in memory of the passing of Broden Holloway, Terry Freeman, Irelle Glenn and Syble Sheets.

Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:

**Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of December 2, 2013 and Budget Work Session of December 6, 2013.
Minutes have been distributed.**

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2013 and December 6, 2013 meetings. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

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

Chairman Dove recognized Judge NeSmith. Judge NeSmith came forward and addressed the Board concerning a law that gives juvenile court judges the right to have health insurance provided through the governing authority of the county of residence. He stated that he lives in Comer and that Judge Caswell lives in Ila. He stated that there is a pro rata contribution toward the cost based on population of each of the five counties in the Northern Circuit which consists of Madison, Hart, Franklin, Elbert and Oglethorpe.

Commissioner Youngblood made a motion to allow Chairman Dove to contact the other counties to contribute. Commissioner Pethel seconded the motion.

After discussion, Commissioner Youngblood made a motion to allow Judge NeSmith and Judge Caswell to be under the county insurance policy and seek partial payment from the other counties in the Northern Circuit.

After further discussion, on substitute motion made by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to research what the other counties in the Northern Circuit will pay. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Commissioner Youngblood withdrew his first two motions with no objections.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Dove stated that grant funds are available through G.D.O.T. to reimburse for the costs of plant material and its installation for enhancement projects at significant entrances on G.D.O.T. right of ways.

Chairman Dove asked the Board if they would like to nominate a youth for the Servant's Heart award to please submit a name by January 13, 2014.

Chairman Dove stated that he received a copy of a letter from Terry Gable of D.O.T. giving authority to issue the LMIG check.

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

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and recognized Marvin White, Executive Director of the Madison County Industrial Development and Building Authority. Mr. White gave a report of the activities of the IDA.

Item No. 5. Statement 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 approving the 2014 Madison County budget and resolution. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and asked for the Board's decision on approving the 2014 budget. Commissioner Escoe stated that he would like to see Zoning Administrator Linda Fortson be named Planning and Zoning Department Head and be classified as a grade 19 and be given a salary increase to \$18.13 per hour.

After discussion, on motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to approve naming Linda Fortson the Planning and Zoning Department Head with a grade 19 classification and a new salary of \$18.13 per hour. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Pethel and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Youngblood voted NO.

There was also discussion regarding the requested pricing information for line item increases in the Building Inspection Department budget for the purchase of permit signs and code books.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to approve a total amount of \$600 for the Building Inspection Printing and Binding line item and a total amount of \$493 for the Books and Periodicals line item. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the 2014 budget and budget resolution with the changes named above. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Pethel voted NO.

Item No. 7. Open sealed proposals for Coroner's vehicle. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove stated that no sealed bids were submitted. Chairman Dove recognized Coroner Julie Phillips. Coroner Phillips came forward and addressed the Board regarding the state contract pricing being lower than most dealers can compete with. She advised that vehicles are scarce and that when one is located it is necessary to move quickly.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to allow Chairman Dove to approve a purchase order up to \$30,000 when Coroner Phillips locates a vehicle. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider allowing Dee Reynolds to work as a 50% employee for the next three months. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to allow Dee Reynolds to work as a 50% employee for the next three months. The voted was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider allowing Chairman Dove to sign the resolution to establish 2014 qualification fees. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board agreed to allow Chairman Dove to sign the resolution to establish 2014 qualification fees. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 10. Consider allowing a Jail Addition Committee Board member to open Qualification Packages at 2:15 pm on January 10, 2014. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board agreed to allow a Jail Addition Committee Board member to open Qualification packages at 2:15 pm on January 10, 2014. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 11. Consider 2014 B.O.C. Meeting calendar. (Rhonda Wooten)

The Board discussed this agenda item and agreed to vote on the 2014 B.O.C. Meeting calendar at the next meeting.

Item No. 12. Discuss 2014 General and Personnel Policies. (Chairman Dove)

The Board discussed this agenda item and agreed to vote on the 2014 General and Personnel policies at the next meeting.

Item No. 13. Consider allowing Chairman Dove to sign a resolution authorizing emergency volunteers and elected officials to be covered by Workers' Compensation. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to allow Chairman Dove to sign a resolution authorizing emergency volunteers and elected officials to be covered by Workers' Compensation. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Pethel and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Youngblood abstained.

Item No. 14. Consider renewal agreement with SSUI for financial software. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board agreed to allow Chairman Dove to sign the renewal agreement with SSUI for financial software support. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 15. Road Update

Chairman Dove commented on the good bit of rain that we have been having and then took road requests.

Commissioner Thomas requested gravel for Reggie Ingram Road and to check on Frank Bird Road.

Commissioner Youngblood requested the status of the guard rails for Garnett Ward Road and to check on Northwood Circle and Shady Lane.

Commissioners Pethel and Escoe did not have any road request.

Item No. 16. Urgent Matters

None

Item No. 17. Review January 6, 2014 agenda for Regular Business Meeting.

Mrs. Wooten read the items that were to be placed on the January 6, 2014 meeting.

Item No. 18. Statements and Remarks from Citizens

Chairman Dove asked if there were any statements or remarks on an agenda item. No one came forward.

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 Youngblood the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:00 pm.