

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
January 4, 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

STAFF PRESENT

Linda Cox, County Clerk
Donna Sisk, HR Director
Rhonda Wooten, B.O.C. Administrative Assistant
Linda Fortson, Planning & Zoning

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

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Agenda Setting Meeting of November 30, 2009; RBM of December 7, 2009; Public Hearing of December 10, 2009; SCM of December 17, 2009 and Agenda Setting Meeting of December 28, 2009.

Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved the minutes before the Board for approval.

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

There were none to be recognized at this meeting.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove gave a report on items since the last Board meeting.

December 2009 SPLOST was down from December 2008 by 10.5%. The overall year was down 4.4%. LOST was down 5.5% compared to 2008.

Chairman Dove read a letter from former Mayor Waggoner commending Grady Autry with the Recreation Department for work done at the Colbert Park.

Building Inspections were down over this period last year. A chart with breakdowns of 2009 activities will be available in the Chairman's office for the Commissioners' review.

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

- 1) Brenda Meeler request to rezone 6.7 acres from B-1 to B-2. The property is located on Map 19 Parcel 21 on Hwy 106 in District 3. The P&Z Board voted 6 to 0 to approve.

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

- 2) Chairman Wayne Douglas change to Section 7.3.1.4 of the Zoning Ordinance to be amended for farm animals in a RR zone. The P&Z Board voted 6 to 0 to approve.

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

- 3) Chairman Wayne Douglas change to Section 14.3.8.2 of the Zoning Ordinance to be amended for failure of the applicant to appear at the Board of Commissioners public hearing. The P&Z Board voted 6 to 0 to approve.

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

- 4) Chairman Wayne Douglas codification of the Madison County Zoning Ordinance and the Subdivision Regulations. The P&Z Board voted 6 to 0 to approve.

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

Item No. 5. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on agenda items.

There were none.

Item No. 6. Consent Agenda.

There were no items for the consent agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item No. 7. Consider replacement of three (3) vehicles for the Sheriff Department. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved to proceed with obtaining financing, contract and any necessary items for the purchase of the three (3) replacement vehicles. The \$11,989.62 received from the totaled vehicles will be applied to the purchase price.

Item No. 8. Discuss 2010 Personnel and General Policies. (Donna Sisk)

Ms. Sisk questioned whether employees should have a 480 hour cap on sick time and instead not lose any sick time accrued. After some discussion, the Board decided to vote on existing policies with existing amendments and visit this idea at a later date.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board approved 4 to 0, with Commissioner Thomas abstaining, to name Commissioner Thomas as 2010 Vice-Chairman of The Board of Commissioners and adopt the 2009 General Policy plus amendments made in 2009.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously voted to adopt the 2009 Personnel Policy plus amendments made in 2009.

Item No. 9 Consider bids on Sims Kidd Road. (Chairman Dove)

Based on compaction tests, the state recommends sub grade reclamation due to the heavy truck traffic.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board voted 4 to 1, with Commissioner Youngblood providing the No vote, giving Chairman Dove permission to rebid Sims Kidd Road and add sub grade reclamation to the specifications.

Item No. 10 Consider maintenance on Farm Road (Commissioner Scogin)

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved a drainage ditch and road work for Farm Road with written permission from the property owner agreeing to the work to be done and approval of changes to be made. County attorney, Mike Pruett, will draw up the approval and release document.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 11. Consider approval of the qualifying fees for each office up for election during the 2010 election cycle. (Probate Judge Cody Cross)

In the absence of Judge Cross due to surgery, Ms. Tiffany Treadway of the Probate office presented a handout on Fixing and Publishing Qualifying Fees. The fees are set by the state but must be approved by the BOC in order for the Probate Court to publish the fees by February 1, 2010.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved the qualifying fees and February 1st publishing deadline.

Item No. 12. Roads Update. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove gave an update of work performed by the Road Department for the month of December. The Chairman took requests from the BOC on road repairs in their respective districts.

Commissioner Thomas requested the status of the Pittman Matthews Road work. Chairman Dove advised this it is currently being surveyed.

Item No. 13. Urgent Matters.

Commissioner Thomas suggested that a meeting be set up to welcome the new Mayors and City Council to express teamwork in these difficult economic times. Chairman Dove will have Marvin White with the IDA set up the meeting in the Board room of the old courthouse.

Item No. 14. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Three citizens commented on the need for Waggoners Grove Church Road to be scraped, graveled and ditches cleaned out.

Item No. 15. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board agreed to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Potential Litigation at 7:45 pm. The Board returned at 8:05 pm.

Item No. 16. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:05 pm.