

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 7, 2011
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 Jim Escoe

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitchem, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT

Linda Cox, County Clerk

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

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of 7, 2011 and Agenda Setting Meeting of February 28, 2011.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the minutes.

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

Louise McElroy, PIF Coordinator, Pilot Club requests approval of a Proclamation for Brain Awareness Month.

Chairman Dove recognized Louise McElroy of the Pilot Club. Ms. McElroy gave an overview of the progress and research of Brain Awareness and the many projects the Pilot Club supports and are active in.

Chairman Dove asked the Board for a motion to allow him to sign the proclamation for Brain Awareness Month.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved for Chairman Dove to sign the proclamation.

Chief Ranger Gary Roberts, Georgia Forestry Commission, to present the Community Wildland Prevention Plan (CWPP) to the Board.

Chairman Dove informed the Board that Chief Ranger Roberts requested to present this at a later date.

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

Chairman Dove presented the Madison County Five Year Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Grant Pre-Application for FEMA Grant Funding. He requested the Board's approval to allow him to sign the document to apply for the grant.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved for Chairman Dove to sign the necessary documents to apply for the grant.

Chairman Dove presented a request for permission to apply for a grant from the Georgia Care Commission for EMS. The Chairman would sign the grant and Jason Lewis, EMS Director, would complete the application for the grant.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved for Chairman Dove to sign the grant and Jason Lewis to complete the application.

An application from Windstream to bury telephone cable at the intersection of US 29/GA 8 & Double Branch Rd. along the back of Double Bridges Rd. ending at #25 Double Bridges Rd.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved the application for Windstream.

An application from AT&T to construct buried Fiber Optic Cable along and inside the legally owned and occupied right-of-way of Cheek Pulliam Rd.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously the application for AT&T.

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

There are no hearings for this month.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Discuss HB 277 – Transportation Funding and discussion of Madison County Road paving criteria.

Junne Temple addressed the Board regarding the intersection of Hwy. 29 and 98.

Joe Costyn addressed the Board regarding HB 277 stating that he feels the DOT has not been good stewards of our tax dollars. He has trust in the Board of Commissioners but not the DOT.

Hoke Strickland addressed the Board on the condition of Hwy. 98 with the increased traffic from the feed mill.

Chairman Dove stated several that the DOT looks at in order to consider paving a road along with others such as the number of residences, churches, businesses and the average daily traffic.

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

Jim Warren addressed the Board on the construction of the library project.

Item No. 6. Consent Agenda:

There were no items for the consent agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item No. 7. Consider bid recommendation for library project. (Chairman Dove)

George Nale, Ms. Ames, Victor Johnson and several of the Library Board members were present. Victor Johnson invited the Board and anyone who would like to attend the ground breaking for the library on March 17, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

The bid recommendation from Salloum Construction Company, Inc. whose actual bid is \$1,573,000, however, negotiation is allowed through VALUE engineering negotiations and the estimated cost could be \$1,488,000.

Chairman Dove asked for a motion. On motion by Commissioner Bond to commit our SPLOST to cover the portion designated two (2) years ago and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved the bid from Salloum Construction Company.

Item No. 8. Consider replacement of Recreation Board members. (Dick Perpall)

Mr. Perpall asked the Board to consider three (3) new members as replacements to the Recreation Board. They were: Chuck Branson, Mike McCain and Davis Mize.

Chairman Dove asked for a motion. On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the new board members.

Item No. 9. Consider bids for lawn maintenance. (Alan Lapczynski)

Alan stated that three (3) bids were received. The bid from Tim Nunn General Contracting Services, Inc. contained all the requested criteria which included the O.C.G.A. 13-10-91 Affidavit as required by law. This bid was also the lowest. Alan requested the Board approve this bid for the lawn maintenance.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved Tim Nunn General Contracting Services, Inc. for the lawn maintenance.

Item No. 10. Consider bids for removal and purchase of Truck Scale at the Transfer Station. (Alan Lapczynski)

The two (2) bids received for the above were from Atlanta Scales, Inc. for \$2,000 and Carolina Scales, Inc. for \$999.99. The bid from Atlanta Scales contained all the require criteria including OCGA 13-10-91 Affidavit as required by law. Carolina Scales, Inc. did not contain the Affidavit and could not be considered.

Alan recommended Atlanta Scales, Inc.'s bid of \$2,000 for the removal and purchase of the truck scale.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved the bid from Atlanta Scales, Inc.

Item No. 11. Consider bids for new Truck Scale and installation at the Transfer Station. (Alan Lapczynski)

Five (5) bids were received for the above item. Carolina Scales' bid could not be considered since it did not contain OCGA 13-10-91 Affidavit as required by law.

Alan informed the Board that after taking into consideration the annual maintenance and warranty costs the bids were as follows:

Atlanta Scales, Inc.	\$51,574.00
Scale South, Inc.	\$43,922.00
Fairbanks Scales	\$48,090.75
B&D Industrial	\$50,612.00 (plus service)

Alan recommended that the bid be awarded to Scale South. On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously awarded the bid to Scale South, Inc.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 12. Consider approval of new part-time seasonal workers at the Recreation Dept. (Dick Perpall)

Copies of the applications had been given to the Board for their review several days prior to the meeting. Mr. Perpall requested that these employees be hired for the part-time seasonal positions.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously accepted the part-time applicants for seasonal work.

Item No. 13. Roads Update.

The Board received a report from the Road Dept. for maintenance from February 7, 2011 thru March 4, 2011. Chairman Dove took requests from the Board for maintenance on the roads in their district.

Item No. 14. Urgent Matters.

The Fine Finish building was discussed due to structural damage and options to take on the building. There seems to be more issues and the county would continue to pour more funds into repairs which may not be permanent. Measures had been taken in the past to fix the problem but this did not work. Chairman Dove stated that the county needs to do something now which can include looking for a different location to house Fine Finish now and permanently. The county cannot see more tax payer funds being used that may continue to have problems. Chairman Dove has spoken with the director and parents and would like to find a safe place in the county. There are several guidelines and criteria that must be followed for the location. This is the second time that settling has occurred. Chairman Dove asked the Board to allow him to bring options, both temporary and permanent, to the Board at a later date to move Fine Finish to a different facility.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved for Chairman Dove to explore the options.

Item No. 15. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

There were none.

Item No. 16. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 17. Adjourn.

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

