

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
APRIL 22, 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 4 Commissioner Dewitt Bond  
District 5 Commissioner Bruce Scogin

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

Margie Richards, The Madison County Journal

**STAFF PRESENT**

Linda Cox, Acting County Clerk  
Gary Venable, IT Director  
Mike Pruett, County Attorney  
Donna Sisk, Personnel

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed all in attendance. He asked that all stand for the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag and asked everyone remain standing for the invocation to be given by Commissioner Stanley Thomas.

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

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and recognized Mr. Berryman's Civic Class from the Madison County High School. Chairman Dove recognized two (2) that are serving in the military. Brandon Ball, Sergeant, Marine Corps and Matthew Haley, Staff Sergeant, Air Force. They are in our prayers and hope they stay safe because they are keeping us safe. The next order of business is a very special person, Freddie McGee of the Road Department. Freddie has worked for the Road Department for 36 years and I would like to ask Charles Temple to come forward also and say a lot of good things about him. Chairman Dove presented Mr. McGee with a plaque for his years of service with Madison County and gave his sincere appreciation for his dedication and work.

Chairman Dove recognized Marvin White of the IDA to give his report and a few items the BOC needs to take care of. Mr. White gave his report from the IDA. Mr. White stated that on October 27, 2008, he came before the BOC with a resolution supporting the sewer treatment plant in Hull and the Board voted to approve it but he never got a signed copy. If it was ever signed, we cannot locate it. We have to have it for the One Georgia Grant. I am asking the Board to reread it.

Chairman Dove stated that this is reaffirming what the Board has already approved but never signed by the former Chairman and there is no other way but to reaffirm it. Chairman Dove asked for a motion. Commissioner Pethel made a motion to reaffirm the resolution. Commissioner Youngblood seconded the motion. Chairman Dove asked if there was any discussion. There was none. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Scogin, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES. The motion was approved five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

Chairman Dove recognized David Camp of E-911. Mr. Camp stated that they only received one (1) bid for map updating project. The bid was from Utility Support Systems, Inc. for \$7499. Mr. Camp stated that they had done business with this company in the past. Chairman Dove stated this item could be voted on or put on the next agenda. Chairman Dove asked for a motion. Commissioner Bond made a motion to put this item on the next agenda. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Chairman Dove asked if there was any discussion. There was none. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Scogin, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES. The motion was approved five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

Chairman Dove recognized Commissioner Scogin regarding Sorrow Patterson and Foote McClellan Road. Commissioner Scogin stated there has been a serious accident there and it only has a two (2) way stop sign. He would like to discuss making this a four (4) way stop with the Road Department. Chairman Dove stated his recommendation would be to put on the next agenda in order to discuss with the Road Department to determine what would be needed in order to make this a four (4) way stop. Commissioner Scogin made a motion to put this item on the next agenda. Commissioner Pethel seconded the motion. Chairman Dove asked if there was any discussion. There was none. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Scogin, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES. The motion was approved five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

The next item is the paving of Cherokee Road. We have received the letter to proceed on the paving of Cherokee Road and we need to set this up for bids. Chairman Dove asked for a motion to put this on the next agenda in order to discuss. Commissioner Pethel made a motion to put this item on the next agenda. Commissioner Scogin seconded the motion. Chairman Dove asked if there was any discussion. There was none. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Scogin,

YES. The motion was approved five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. Chairman Dove asked for another vote on this item in order to put it on the consent agenda. Commissioner Scogin made a motion to put this item on the consent agenda of the next meeting. Commissioner Pethel seconded the motion. Chairman Dove asked if there was any discussion. There was none. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Scogin, YES. The motion was approved five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

Chairman Dove recognized Commissioner Scogin for his appointment to the Planning and Zoning. Commissioner Scogin stated he was presenting Lamar Houston for appointment to the Planning and Zoning. He gave the Board and Linda Fortson of the Planning and Zoning copies of this credentials and background information. Commissioner Scogin stated he would like this to be put on the next agenda. Chairman Dove asked for a motion. Commissioner Scogin made a motion to put this item on the next agenda. Commissioner Bond seconded the motion. Chairman Dove asked if there was any discussion. There was none. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Scogin, YES. The motion was approved five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

Chairman Dove stated the next item was a refund for Donna Walls in the amount of \$359.00 for tax years 2006, 2007 and 2008 for property taxes. This was approved by the Board of Assessors. Need a motion to put on the next agenda. Commissioner Scogin made a motion to put this on the next agenda. Commissioner Youngblood seconded the motion. Chairman Dove asked if there was any discussion. There was none. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Scogin, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES. The motion was approved five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

Chairman Dove gave a report that SPLOST was down somewhat for the month of April and local option was down 25% also. Revenue was also down approximately \$70,000 compared to 2008. Chairman Dove wanted to make the BOC aware of these numbers.

**Item No. 2. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on agenda items.  
(Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and asked if anyone would like to speak on any agenda item. Chairman Dove asked a second time. No one came forward.

**Item No. 3. Discuss in house engineer. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and stated that two (2) people have applied for the position. Marvin White of the IDA has set up interviews for next Wednesday. Chairman Dove asked for a motion to put this item on the next agenda. Commissioner Youngblood made a motion to put this item on the next agenda. Commissioner Thomas

seconded the motion. Chairman Dove asked if there was any discussion. There was none. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Scogin, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES. The motion was approved five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

**Item No 4. Discuss Sign Ordinance. (Wayne Douglas)**

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item Linda Fortson of Planning and Zoning. Chairman Douglas was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Fortson explained the sign ordinance. Chairman Dove asked for a motion. Commissioner Bond made a motion to put this item on the next agenda. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Chairman Dove asked if there was any discussion. There were some questions from county attorney Mike Pruett and Commissioner Scogin. Chairman Dove asked if there was any further discussion. There was none. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Scogin, YES. The motion was approved five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

**Item No. 5. Consider extension camper permit. Section 9.3.2.2 for Matt Wilson. (Linda Fortson)**

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and recognized Linda Fortson. Mr. Fortson stated that Matt Wilson was in attendance and needed to extend his permit for the RV. He is in the process of building a home and his permit has run out. Ms. Fortson stated that P&Z cannot extend his permit that it must come from the BOC according to the zoning ordinance. Mr. Wilson spoke to the BOC stating that he was doing most of the work himself but is hiring out the various jobs now. Chairman Dove asked county attorney, Mike Pruett, if there was anything to prevent extending his permit. Mr. Pruett stated there was not. Chairman Dove asked for a motion. Commissioner Pethel made a motion to approve the extension. Commissioner Bond seconded the motion. Chairman Dove asked if there was any discussion. There was none. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Scogin, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES. The motion was approved five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

**Item No. 6. Consider Amended Construction Board of Appeals. (Eddie Pritchett)**

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and recognized Eddie Pritchett. Mr. Pritchett explained the changes are to reduce the number of Board members from seven (7) with two (2) alternates to five (5) Board members with two (2) alternates. Chairman Dove asked why the changes were made. Mr. Pritchett explained that the changes will make it more efficient. Since he has been employed with the county this Board has only been called upon one (1) time. Chairman Dove stated the BOC can table, place on the next agenda or vote on it. Commissioner Bond made a motion to put this item on the next agenda. Commissioner Scogin seconded the motion. Chairman Dove asked if there

was any discussion. There was none. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Scogin, YES. The motion was approved five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

**Item No. 7. Consider part-time replacement for Wanda Human at the Transfer Station. (Donna Sisk)**

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and recognized Donna Sisk of Personnel. Ms. Sisk stated that one full time employee is out on FMLA and will be out for an extended period of time. Sandra Webb would like approval to add two (2) part time employees to her list in order to have people available. She would also like to go ahead and advertise and bring them in because the full time employee has been out since March 27, 2009, and she needs the help. The positions would not have benefits. Chairman Dove asked for a motion. Commissioner Scogin made a motion to allow Sandra Webb to add two (2) part time employees and delegate that authority to take applications and review with the Chairman. Commissioner Bond seconded the motion. Chairman Dove asked if there was any discussion. There was none. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Scogin, YES. The motion was approved five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

**Item No. 8. Consider retro compensation for Stacy Rubio. (Donna Sisk)**

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and recognized Donna Sisk of Personnel. Ms. Sisk explained the compensation. Chairman Dove stated that it has been the policy to look at the person in charge and to compensation that person with a \$2.00 per hour increase while they were in charge. There were various positive comments from the BOC on the work Ms. Rubio had done and they felt that she deserved the extra funds. Ms. Sisk stated that the BOC has copies of the time and dollar amount that Ms. Rubio would receive since she had been in charge. She also stated that she had give Ms. Rubio a copy also and she was in agreement. Chairman Dove asked for a motion. Commissioner Scogin made a motion to approve the retro compensation for Stacy Rubio. Commissioner Youngblood seconded the motion. Chairman Dove asked if there was any discussion. There was none. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Scogin, YES. The motion was approved five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

**Item No. 9. Consider replacement position in Tax Assessors office. (Donna Sisk)**

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and recognized Donna Sisk of Personnel. Ms. Sisk explained this was a replacement for Regina Coker who resigned and the position has been opened for two (2) months. The BOC has a copy of the application from Robin Baker and he has identified this person as the candidate to replace Ms. Coker. Mr. Baker has created the position of Administrative Technician as a Grade 10 along

with a pay scale of \$10.53 per hour which is \$1.09 per hour less than the current lowest position in the office. Ms. Coker was earning \$11.37 per hour. Chairman Dove asked for a motion. Commissioner Youngblood made a motion to create the position of Administrative Technician and the pay scale for that position. Commissioner Scogin seconded the motion. Chairman Dove asked if there was any discussion. There was none. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Scogin, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES. The motion was approved five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. Chairman Dove asked for a motion to hire the applicant recommended by Mr. Baker. Commissioner Scogin made a motion to hire Mr. Baker's recommendation in the Tax Assessors office. Commissioner Youngblood seconded the motion. Chairman Dove asked if there was any discussion. There was none. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Scogin, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES. The motion was approved five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

**Item No. 10. Consider E-911 promotion for Lee Ann Stainback from Dispatcher I to Dispatcher II. (Donna Sisk)**

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and recognized Donna Sisk of Personnel. Ms. Sisk stated that Ms. Stainback has completed her training and this promotion would result in a pay increase from \$10.41 per hour to \$11.19 per hour. Ms. Sisk also stated that the funds were already in the budget for her promotion. Chairman Dove asked if there were any questions. There was none. Chairman Dove asked for a motion. Commissioner Youngblood made a motion to approve. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Chairman Dove asked if there was any discussion. There was none. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Scogin, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES. The motion was approved five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

**Item No. 11. Consider proclamation on Literacy. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item to consider a proclamation on literacy and ask the county attorney to draw up. Chairman Dove recognized Jerry Coutant, Vice President of the Madison County Rotary Club. Mr. Coutant stated that they would like for the Board to consider a proclamation for the month of May to be Childhood Literacy Month in Madison County, Georgia. Chairman Dove stated that the Board can consider this item and vote on it. Commissioner Scogin made a motion to approve the Proclamation on Literacy. Commissioner Pethel seconded the motion. Chairman Dove asked if there was any discussion. There was none. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Scogin, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES. The motion was approved five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

**Item No. 12. Discuss advertising for animal control officer. (Jack Huff)**

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and recognized Jack Huff. Mr. Huff stated that he had an officer to resign and is asking permission from the BOC to advertise for a new animal control officer. Chairman Dove stated that the department is down one officer and have let Jack increase Beth Harmon's hours to help out by taking calls and other duties. Chairman Dove asked if there were any questions. Chairman Dove recognized Commissioner Pethel. Commissioner Pethel stated that he had talked with some of the board members at the Animal Shelter and they are interested in having Animal Control and the Animal Shelter all at one location. Suggested that this item be tabled until there are some work sessions with Animal Control and the Animal Shelter director and ask for a proposal from them as to what they would expect if we let this leave the county and be combined under one roof. Commissioner Pethel made a motion to table advertising for animal control. Commissioner Scogin seconded the motion. Commissioner Youngblood made a substitute motion to advertise for an animal control officer but not to hire at this time. Commissioner Scogin seconded the motion. Chairman Dove asked if there was any discussion. There was none. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES; Commissioner Youngblood, YES; Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Scogin, YES. The motion was approved five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes.

Chairman Dove stated there was a motion to table advertising that needed to be voted on. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Pethel, NO; Commissioner Thomas, NO; Commissioner Youngblood, NO; Commissioner Bond, NO; Commissioner Scogin, NO. The motion was zero (0) YES votes to five (5) NO votes to table the advertising.

**Item No. 13. Discuss changing Beth Harmon's part-time position to full-time. (Jack Huff)**

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and recognized Jack Huff. Mr. Huff requested making Beth Harmon full time since he is down one officer. There were various discussions among the BOC members and Mr. Huff. Commissioner Pethel made a motion to increase the hours to 29.5 hours per week. Commissioner Youngblood seconded the motion. Chairman Dove asked if there was any discussion. There was none. Chairman Dove asked Donna Sisk of Personnel to come forward. Ms. Sisk suggested making this a 40 hour per week temporary position with no benefits until a decision is made on animal control. Chairman Dove asked for a motion. Commissioner Thomas made a substitute motion for this to be a temporary 40 hour position for an eight (8) week period beginning April 22, 2009, with no benefits. This would give the BOC time to decide what direction to go with Animal Control. Commissioner Bond seconded the motion. Chairman Dove asked if there was any discussion. There was none. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Commissioner Youngblood, NO; Commissioner Bond, YES; Commissioner Scogin, YES; Commissioner Thomas, YES; Commissioner Pethel, YES. The motion was approved four (4) YES votes to one (1) NO vote. Chairman Dove stated there is a motion on the table to increase the hours to 29.5 per week. Chairman Dove asked if there was any discussion. There was none. A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Commissioner Thomas, NO; Commissioner Pethel, NO; Commissioner Youngblood, NO; Commissioner Bond, NO; Commissioner Scogin, NO. The motion failed by zero (0) YES votes to five (5) NO votes.

**Item No. 14. Review May 4, 2009 agenda. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and went over the items to be placed on the May 4, 2009, agenda.

**Item No. 15. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.**

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and recognized Sandra Webb of the Transfer Station. Ms. Webb stated there will be a meeting at the Transfer Station on April 28, 2009, to present how the Level I prisoners and the Detail Crew are used and to gain a better understanding of the program. She invited the BOC to attend.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone else would like to speak. There were no other statements or remarks. Chairman Dove closed the citizen remarks.

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

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and asked if there was a need for executive session. There was none.

**Item No. 17. Adjourn.**

Chairman Dove asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Scogin asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Pethel seconded the motion. All in favor say aye. All ayes, the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.,