

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
MAY 5, 2014
6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commission Chairman Anthony Dove
District 1 Commissioner Stanley Thomas
District 2 Commissioner Dewitt Bond
District 3 Commissioner Mike Youngblood
District 4 Commissioner John 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 Pruet, County Attorney

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, led in the pledge to the American Flag and requested a moment of silence and prayer for, Bill Taylor, a former commissioner, who is undergoing surgery tomorrow.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Work Sessions of April 21, 2014 and April 22, 2014 and Agenda Setting Meeting of April 28, 2014.

Commissioner Bond made a motion to approve the minutes of Work Sessions of April 21, 2014 and April 22, 2014 and Agenda Setting Meeting of April 28, 2014. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Commissioner Pethel pointed out that Item number nine on the April 28, 2014 minutes should read Noble Road rather than Nowhere Road.

Commissioner Bond restated his motion and Commissioner Thomas seconded to approve the minutes of Work Sessions of April 21, 2014 and April 22, 2014 and Agenda Setting Meeting of April 28, 2014 with the correction of Item number nine of the April 28, 2014 minutes to read Noble Road rather than Nowhere Road. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

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

None

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report.

Chairman Dove discussed the storm of April 30, 2014 and stated that he was informed by Zach Mitcham that the weather condition was known as a "Wake Low". The very strong winds brought trees and power lines down but no loss of life. One of Madison County's residents, Jason Summers, was injured while in Athens.

Chairman Dove expressed his appreciation to everyone who attended the National Day of Prayer on May 1, 2014.

Chairman Dove asked the Board to consider allowing the Kubota tractor bids for the Transfer Station to be opened at 2:30pm on May 21, 2014 in the Public Meeting Room and a bid recommendation to be presented on May 22, 2014 in the Board of Commissioners' meeting. On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board agreed to allow this. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

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

1. Gerry Burdette is representing GLP Diamond Club LLC. They are requesting to rezone 2.46 acres on Map 43 Parcel 110 located on Hwy 29 South from Business to Industrial. The prospective buyers make custom fence and gates. This property is located in District 2.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone request and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. Gerry Burdette, representing GLP Diamond Club, LLC stated that he was in favor of the request.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in opposition of the request. No one came forward.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. Gerry Burdette spoke in favor of the request.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve the request to rezone 2.46 acres on Map 43 Parcel 110 from Business to Industrial. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

2. Mary and Victor Boutier are requesting to rezone an existing home and 2 acres from their 30.52 acre property, from A1 to RR. The property is located on Map 21 Parcel 55-A at 4346 Hudson River Church Rd. in District 2.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone request and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. Applicant, Victor Boutier stated that he was in favor of the request.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in opposition of the request. No one came forward.

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On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the request to rezone an existing home and 2 acres on Map 21 Parcel 55-A from A1 to RR. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

3. Gina Dickens is requesting a Conditional Use permit for an Event Hall on her 25 acre property that is zoned A-2. The property is located on Map 44 Parcel 84-03 on Jones Mathews Rd. in District 5.

Chairman Douglas explained the Conditional Use permit request stating that the Event Hall will primarily be for Barn Weddings and Birthday Celebrations. Chairman Douglas stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. Applicant, Gina Dickens stated that she was in favor of the request.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in opposition of the request. No one came forward.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. No one came forward.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the request for a Conditional Use permit for an Event Hall on Map 44 Parcel 84-03. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

4. Chairman Wayne Douglas Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

Chairman Douglas explained that the first amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is to allow Solar Farms as a Permitted Use in Industrial zones and a Conditional Use in A-1 and A-2 zones. Chairman Douglas stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the amendment. No one came forward.

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On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe.

Chairman Douglas explained that the second amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is to define Carport, Lean-To and Pole Barn and to exempt the requirement of a building permit for these structures. Chairman Douglas stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the amendment. No one came forward.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in opposition of the amendment. No one came forward.

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After discussion, based on advice from County Attorney Mike Pruett, a motion was made by Commissioner Youngblood and seconded by Commissioner Bond to delay this amendment consideration until the May 22, 2014 Board meeting, allowing time for the County Attorney and Building Inspection Director, Eddie Pritchett, to look into building code requirements and liability. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Pethel voted NO.

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.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 6. Consider hiring Joyce Garmon to fill vacant Full Time paramedic position. (Jason Lewis)

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the hiring of Joyce Garmon to fill a vacant Full Time paramedic position. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 7. Consider hiring Ethan Davis to fill vacant Part Time EMT position. (Jason Lewis)

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the hiring of Ethan Davis to fill a vacant Part Time EMT position. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider hiring Leslie Godfrey, Justin Meyer and Joel Swails to fill vacant Part Time paramedic positions. (Jason Lewis)

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the hiring of Leslie Godfrey, Justin Meyer and Joel Swails to fill vacant Part Time paramedic positions. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider hiring Rebecca Smith to fill vacant Training Coordinator position. (Jason Lewis)

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the hiring of Rebecca Smith to fill the vacant Training Coordinator position. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 10. Consider reappointing Ms. Sheila Collins as a member of the Madison County Board of Family and Children Services. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to reappoint Ms. Sheila Collins as a member of the Madison County Board of Family and Children Services. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 11. Consider going out for bid to resurface Spratlin Mill Road and the soccer parking lot and to widen and resurface Transco Road. Consider including the City of Colbert's bid request to repave Fourth Street. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove said that Alan requested that Young Harris Road be included in this consideration.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to go out for bid to resurface Spratlin Mill Road and the soccer parking lot and to widen and resurface Transco Road and to pave Young Harris Road and to allow the inclusion of the City of Colbert's bid request to repave Fourth Street. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 12. Consider 35 mph speed limit on Jones Matthews Road. (Jim Escoe)

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to approve a 35 mile per hour speed limit on Jones Matthews Road. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 13. Discuss Road Adoption policy. (Jim Escoe)

Chairman Dove, the Board and County Attorney Mike Pruett discussed the criteria for road adoption established in 2012 and the ordinance for acceptance of private roads into the county road system established in 2006. There are 75+ private roads in the county. Law does not allow County resources, such as motor graders, to be used on private roads. The process to adopt a road is very involved, requiring several steps and considerable expense. Chairman Dove suggested that each commissioner select a private road in their district to have a study done on to see what would be involved and a cost analysis.

Item No. 14. Roads Update

Chairman Dove asked the Board for road striping requests and to be thinking about roads for 2015 LMIG.

Commissioner Thomas requested that the Road Department repair the major pot holes on Erastus Church Road. He also requested that a driveway on Rogers Chapel be looked at and what appears to be gasoline on Sanford Road.

Commissioner Youngblood asked for repairs of pot holes and sides breaking off on Childers Road. He also requested repairs of pot holes on McCannon Morris Road and for the placement of Chevron signs.

Item No. 15. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters

Item No. 16. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

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

**Item No. 17. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation
(if needed)**

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 18. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.