

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
MAY 3, 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
Erin France, Athens Banner Herald

STAFF PRESENT

Linda Cox, County Clerk
Donna Sisk, Human Resource Director

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 Special Called Meeting of March 31, 2010; Regular Business Meeting of April 5, 2010; Special Called Meeting of April 8, 2010 and Agenda Setting Meeting of April 21, 2010.

Minutes have been distributed.

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

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

Kate McDaniel, Chair of the CSB that oversees Advantage Behavioral Health Systems organization in Athens.

Chairman Dove recognized Ms. McDaniel who expressed Advantage's appreciation for Madison County's support for the mentally challenged in Madison County as well as the extended community. Fine Finish, which is located in Madison County, as well as other organizations, affiliated Advantage.

Ms. McDaniel presented the Board with a framed document expressing their appreciation.

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

Chairman Dove reported that SPLOST was up 11.4% and LOST was up from April of 2009. Building Inspections was down. Chairman Dove informed the Board that he would be meeting with the mayors and the IDA Chairman to discuss HB 277 (Regional SPLOST) and other things on how SPLOST is distributed to the cities.

Chairman Dove said the Road Department had looked into accepting various roads for speed limit signs in District 3 per Commissioner Youngblood's request. The roads listed on the Road Department report qualify for speed signs.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved to accept the roads for speed limit signs or speed limit changes.

Chairman Dove stated that the Tax Assessors office will need a budget amendment to mail property tax assessments. These funds were not in the 2010 budget since Georgia law does not require a notice be mailed to every property owner. The Georgia Assembly changed the law this year to ensure a notice is sent to every property owner every year however, this provision will not go into effect until 2011. Chairman Dove stated that he needed a motion to take the funds from contingency and Kathy Clark, Finance Director, would make the amendment as needed.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved the budget amendment.

Chairman Dove informed the Board that he will be walking a lap for every luminary donation he receives. Anyone can contribute in the name of the BOC.

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

1. Chairman Wayne Douglas with amendments to Zoning Ordinance Section 12.3.4,

Section 12.3.5 and Section 12.4, Application for Building Permit.

Chairman Douglas stated that the county law is more strict than State law and the purpose of the ordinance is to make it more customer friendly. The P&Z Board voted 6 to 0 to approve.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the ordinance.

2. Brandi Giddens for owner Dianna Robertson, request to rezone 4.57 acres from A-2 to RR to allow for an accessory dwelling unit on the property. The property is located on Eugene Hardman Rd. on Map 39 Parcel 21 in District 4.

Chairman Douglas stated 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 rezone.

3. Maria Deraimo for the Estate of Joan Hopkins request to rezone 15.037 acres from A -1 to A-2 to combine with adjoining property. The property is located on Stagecoach Way on Map 63 Parcel 69 in District 2.

Chairman Douglas stated that the P&Z Board voted 6 to 0 to approve.

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

4. John Hopkins for the Estate of Joan Hopkins request to rezone 3.547 acres from A-1 to A2 to combine with adjoining property. The property is located on Map 63 Parcel 68 in District 2.

Chairman Douglas stated that the P&Z Board voted 6 to 0 to approve.

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

5. Jonathan Markham request to rezone 2.22 acres from RR to A2 to combine with his adjoining property. The property is located on Map 5 Parcel 36 on Loyd Nelms Road in District 2.

Chairman Douglas stated that the P&Z Board voted 6 to 0 to approve.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved the rezone.

6. Mike Rose for owner George Mazeika is requesting to rezone 20.88 acres from A1 to A2 to combine with his adjoining property. The property is located on Map 70 Parcel 27 on McCarty Dodd Road in District 4.

Chairman Douglas stated that the P&Z Board voted 6 to 0 to approve.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved the rezone.

7. Charles and Linda Steele request to rezone 27.25 acres from A2 to A1 to combine with adjoining property. The property is located on Map 97 Parcel 130 on Hwy 72 in District 5.

Chairman Douglas stated that 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 rezone.

8. Charles and Linda Steele request to rezone 13.6 acres from A2 to A1 to combine with adjoining property. The property is located on Map 97 Parcel 130-B on Hwy 72 in District 5.

Chairman Douglas stated that 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 rezone.

9. Fred Hall for owner Shirley Hall request to rezone 3.64 acres from A1 to R1 for an additional home site. The property is located on Map 41 Parcel 10 on Cowart Toole Road in District 4.

Chairman Douglas stated that the P&Z Board voted 6 to 0 to approve.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the board unanimously approved the rezone.

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

There were none.

Item No. 6. Consent Agenda:

There were no items on the consent agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item No. 7. There was no old business to consider.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 8. Consider adding an employee to the will-call list for the Transfer Station. (Donna Sisk)

Ms. Sisk presented Bobbie Milstead to be added to the will call list at the Transfer Station. The Board had received a copy of her application in their packets. Ms. Milstead was the Transfer Station Director's choice among the many applications received.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved Bobbie Milstead to be added to the will call list.

Item No. 9. Consider purging part-time call in list and adding new employees to the part-time call list at EMS. (Donna Sisk)

Ms. Sisk presented the names to be purged due to inactivity or unavailable and to add new employees to the part-time call in list for EMS.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commission Bond, the Board unanimously approved to purge the names presented due to inactivity or unavailable and to add new employees to the part-time call in list for EMS.

Item No. 10. Roads Update.

Chairman Dove gave a report on work performed by the road department since the last business meeting. Chairman Dove took requests for road maintenance from the Board.

Item No. 11. Urgent Matters.

There were none.

Item No. 12. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Mr. Jim Escoe spoke regarding tax assessment. Several citizens spoke regarding Sam Bruce Road.

Item No. 13. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 14. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously adjourned at 7:25 pm.