

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
JULY 6, 2009  
6:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commission Chairman Anthony Dove  
District 1 Commissioner Stanley Thomas  
District 2 Commissioner John Pethel, Sr.  
District 4 Commissioner Dewitt Bond  
District 5 Commissioner Bruce Scogin

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Commissioner Mike Youngblood

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

Zach Mitchem, The Madison County Journal

**STAFF PRESENT**

Linda Cox, County Clerk  
John Scott, Recording and Video  
Mike Pruett, County Attorney

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Commissioner Scogin gave the invocation.

**Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:**

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Pethel, minutes of the June 1, 2009 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Item No. 2. Business Involving Guests, Groups or Multiple Vistors.**

There was none.

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

Chairman Dove stated he would like to move Item No. 10 to the Chairman's Report which is to consider appointment of Randy J. Archer to the Board of the Division of Family and Children Services. He would replace Gary Locke who resigned in June. On

motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Randy J. Archer to the Board of the Division of Family and Children Services.

Chairman Dove stated that the BOC approved last week the purchase of town picture placemats guide map and said he would check into it and if there was any change he would bring it before the BOC. The company wants payment up front and the Chairman does not like paying for items up front especially with public funds. The placemats would take up to twelve (12) weeks to be completed and using public funds without receiving the merchandise immediately is something that he does not feel comfortable doing. On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved to have services rendered before payment.

Chairman Dove stated that a study had been completed on Virginia Lane and that 25 mph was a good speed limit for the road. The Chairman would like to put this on the agenda setting meeting in order to give the people on that road the opportunity to see it in the paper. No vote is needed on this item. The Chairman just wanted to inform the Board.

Chairman Dove stated that he had spoken with Kathy Clark, Finance Director, regarding revenues for 2009 and projections for 2010 which will be down approximately 8 to 10 percent. The Board may need to make some adjustments at the August meeting.

We received the contract for food for the Senior Center on July 1, 2009 which was dated June 25, 2009. This is the same contract. This is a continuation of the contract that is in effect with no increase in price. On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the continuation of the contract for food at the Senior Center.

Chairman Dove gave a month end report from Building Inspections.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Item No. 4. Steve Waller request to rezone his 5 ac property from A1 to RR to add an additional home for his daughter. The property is located on Map 95 Parcel 43-05 on Collins Brooks Rd. in District 4. (Linda Fortson)**

Chairman Douglas presented Mr. Waller's request and stated that Planning and Zoning had voted four (4) to zero (0) to approve. On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved the rezone request.

**Item No. 5. Morris Bond request to rezone 4.25 ac from A1 to RR to subdivide into 2 parcels. The back parcel will go to the adjoining property owner.**

Chairman Douglas presented Mr. Bond's request and stated that Planning and Zoning had voted four (4) to zero (0) to approve. On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved the rezone request.

**Item No. 6. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on agenda items.**

There were no statements and remarks from the citizens.

**Item No. 7. Consider courthouse security. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove recognized Sheriff Thomas to discuss courthouse security. Sheriff Thomas stated that the three (3) deputies at the courthouse is costing \$108,000 per year which includes benefits. Hiring four (4) part time people at \$7.25 per hour would cost \$18,000 per year with no benefits. Sgt. Wilbanks would remain at the courthouse but Deputy Waller and Deputy Brown would be removed. During court sessions there would be two (2) deputies in the court room. Chairman Dove asked Sheriff Thomas for the figures again. Sheriff Thomas stated for the 2010 year the cost would be \$18,000 and for the remainder of 2009 the cost would be one-half that amount which is for part time employees with no benefits. Sgt. Wilbanks would train the staff and they would be hired under Chairman Dove and supervised by Sgt. Wilbanks. Sheriff Thomas stated that if we do not do part time employees that he would have to shut the back door. Sheriff Thomas stated that he would have to close the back door next week. There was discussion among the BOC and Sheriff Thomas. The Board suggested this item be put on the July 9<sup>th</sup> agenda work session in order to decide where the funding would come from. Sheriff Thomas stated he would work with Board and give them time to decide where the funding would come from.

This item will be placed on the Work Session Agenda of July 9, 2009.

**Item No. 8. Consider per diem on travel reimbursement. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove stated that the Finance Department had checked into the State's rate and we will use this as a guideline for our policy. On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Scogin, the Board unanimously approved to use the States per diem on travel reimbursement.

**Item No. 9. Consider transport of bodies for corner. (Commissioner Youngblood)**

Commissioner Youngblood was not present at this meeting, therefore, this item was placed on the next agenda of July 27, 2009.

**Item No. 10. Consider appointment of Randy J. Archer to the Board of the Division of Family and Children Services.**

This item was moved to the Chairman's Report. Mr. Archer was unanimously approved by the Board for the appointment.

**Item No. 11. Roads Update. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove took requests from the Board on repairs for various roads.

**Item No. 12. Urgent Matters**

None.

**Item No. 13. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.**

Jimmy Porterfield submitted questions regarding courthouse security.

**Item No. 14. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).**

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed) at 7:25 pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:15 pm.

**Item No. 15. Adjourn.**

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:15 pm.