

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
JULY 26, 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:

Margie Richards, Madison County Journal
Erin France, Athens Banner

STAFF PRESENT

Linda Cox, County Clerk
Judge Cody Cross
Jason Lewis, EMS Director

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Commissioner Thomas gave the invocation.

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

Chairman Dove presented his report since the last meeting to the Board. Chairman Dove asked the Board for a motion to put the following on the August 2, 2010 agenda:

To recognize 6 ½ year old Peyton Oglesby who called 9-1-1 on 07/05/10 at 11:50 pm to report his mother choking. Peyton just finished kindergarten at Hull Sanford Elementary School and received instructions on how to use 9-1-1 from his teachers.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved to put this item on the August 2, 2010 agenda.

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

Kathie Ames- Discuss the proposed library grant project.

Mike Moak – Consider new board member for the Madison County library.

Chairman Dove recognized Kathie Ames, Athens Regional Library System, who updated the Board on the library grant. Madison County library was only one (1) of three (3) libraries to receive funding from the State. She thanked Chairman Dove, Rhonda Wooten and Linda Cox for all the help in applying for the grant. Chairman Dove stated that the Library Board did a lot of work in order to receive the funding. Ms. Ames thanked the Board for their continued support of the library.

Chairman Dove recognized Mike Moak of the Madison County library. Mr. Moak presented the Board with the application of Gene Lurwig who he would like for the Board to consider as a new member to the Madison County Library Board. Mr. Moak stated that Mr. Lurwig was a long time resident of Madison County and would like to join the Library Board.

Chairman Dove asked for a motion from the Board. On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Lurwig as a member of the Madison County Library Board.

Item No. 3. Report from IDA. (Marvin White)

Mr. White gave an update of the activities of the IDA since the last Agenda Setting Meeting.

Item No. 4. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on agenda items.

None.

Item No. 5. Consider hiring a prosecutor and public defender one day per month for traffic arraignments and traffic hearings. (Judge Cross)

Judge Cross stated that there has been an increase in cases before his court and his intention is to make this request self-sufficient. The benefits would allow the court to dispose of cases in a timely manner. He presented the Board with documentation outlining how this would be implemented. A \$100 probation fee would be imposed to be used for the prosecution fee. He anticipates this fee would generate approximately \$1500 per month and the cost for a prosecutor and public defender would be approximately \$600 per month for both for one (1) day per month. Judge Cross stated that it is a liability for him to act as a liaison when a defendant has an attorney and there is no prosecutor to represent the County. He has discussed this with the County attorney and presents the findings to the Board.

Chairman Dove asked Judge Cross to get numbers from other counties that have a prosecutor and public defender and to talk with Kathy Clark, Finance Director. Judge Cross stated he will check with surrounding counties and get the information.

Chairman Dove asked for a motion to add this item on the agenda for the August 2, 2010 meeting. On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, this item was unanimously approved to be added to the August 2, 2010 agenda.

Item No. 6. Consider John Hoyt Reed as a member of the Madison County Board of Family and Children Services. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove presented the request from Lisa Plank, County Director, of the Madison County Board of Family and Children Services. Mr. Reed's term expired on June 30, 2010 and the law requires that the County Commissioner appoint a successor within ninety (90) days after the vacancy occurs. The person appointed will service a term through June 30, 2015 and she would like for the Board to consider reappointing him for another five year term. He has expressed his willingness to continue serving on the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved to reappoint John Hoyt Reed for another five (5) year term as a member of the Madison County Board of Family and Children Services.

Item No. 7. Consider allowing Chairman Dove to sign a Resolution to Transmit for the Northeast Georgia Solid Waste Management Plan. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove presented the item and recognized Sandra Webb of the Transfer Station to explain. Ms. Webb stated that the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act requires county and municipal governments to prepare a local solid waste management plan and periodic update for review and approval by the NEGRC and the State of Georgia and Department of Community Affairs.

Two (2) Resolutions are required. The first one will be reviewed by NEGRC and DCA and if there should be any changes corrections would be made. The second Resolution would have any changes necessary and will be presented to the BOC to adopt. This is a five (5) year update which is due by August 1, 2010. Ms. Webb stated that they had been on this for six (6) months.

Commissioner Youngblood stated he had not read the complete update and would like more time to do so.

Commissioner Scogin stated that this would not a big deal and that the Board had done this before. The Resolution needs to be submitted to DCA and if any changes are needed those can be made. We don't need to tie our hands in getting this in and he sees no conflict in submitting this now.

Chairman Dove asked for a motion. Commissioner Scogin made a motion to allow Chairman Dove to sign the Resolution, Commissioner Bond second the motion. The Board approved for Chairman Dove to sign the Resolution by four (4) YES votes with one (1) NO vote submitted by Commissioner Youngblood.

Item No. 8. Consider a new RFP for mapping/GIS work. (Robin Baker)

Robin Baker, Chief Appraiser, requests approval from the Board to submit a Request for Proposal for the mapping and GIS for the Tax Assessor's office. The current contract has expired and he would like comparables from other vendors in order to make the most efficient and cost decision for this service.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved a new RFP for mapping/GIS work.

Item No. 9. Consider allowing EMS to apply for a grant from the AstaZeneca Health Care Foundation titled "Connections for Cardiovascular Health". (Jason Lewis, EMS Director)

Mr. Lewis presented the grant to the Board requesting permission to apply for this grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 which is the minimum award. This grant will create a comprehensive cardiovascular care program for Madison County EMS. Mr. Lewis stated that the deadline to submit was Friday, July 30, 2010.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Scogin, the Board unanimously approved for Mr. Lewis to submit the grant.

Item No. 10. Roads Update. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove took road maintenance and repairs from each Board member.

Item No. 10. Discuss updating the Beer & Wine Ordinance. (Mike Pruett, County Attorney)

Mr. Pruett stated that the County Clerk's office and Chairman Dove's Administrative Assistant and he became aware of some confusion concerning the beer and wine ordinance. Mr. Pruett provided the Board with two (2) proposed ordinances. One is an updated beer and wine ordinance, and it is identical to the ordinance in the Code book, as modified by the March 26, 2007 amendment, and with just a few grammatical and spelling corrections.

The second is an ordinance clarifying that the Green book is indeed our official code of ordinances, except as such ordinances have been modified since January 1, 2006. This book was presented to the commission, however, we were unable to find anywhere in the minutes where it was officially adopted. This will correct that oversight.

Mr. Pruett requests that this item be placed on the August 2, 2010 agenda for consideration.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously agreed to put this item on the August 2, 2010 agenda for consideration.

Item No. 11. Roads Update.

Chairman Dove took requests from the Board for road maintenance and repair.

Item No. 12. Urgent Matters. (Chairman Dove)

None.

Item No. 12. Review August 2, 2010 agenda for Business Meeting.

The County Clerk read the items to be placed on the August 2, 2010 agenda.

Item No. 13. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

There were no statements and remarks from the citizens. Commissioner Scogin asked if he could address the Board. Chairman Dove gave him permission. Commissioner Scogin stated that a question was presented to him regarding executive session. Does the entire Board have to agree to go into executive session? Mike Pruett, County Attorney, informed the Board that it only takes a majority vote to go into executive session.

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 Youngblood, the board unanimously agreed to go into executive session to discuss only litigation.

The Board went into session at 7:35 pm and returned at 7:55 pm

Item No. 18. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:55pm