

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING  
JULY 27, 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:**

Zach Mitchem, Madison County Journal

**STAFF PRESENT**

Linda Cox, County Clerk  
Donna Sisk, Human Resource Director  
Gary Venable, IT Director  
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 and Commissioner Thomas gave the invocation.

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

Chairman Dove gave information to the BOC and the citizens that beginning this fall a new secure type of drivers' license will be issued.

Chairman Dove read a letter from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources regarding GA Map Modernization Plan – Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map. Chairman Dove stated he needed approval from the Board to sign the proposal. On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved to allow the Chairman to sign the proposal.

Chairman Dove received a request from Dan Horne, Chastain & Associates Insurance, to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. The purpose is to bring a proposal before the Board for the county's insurance coverage. On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Chairman Dove gave an update on the paving of Cherokee Road. The road needs speed limit signs in different areas. On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved to allow the Road Dept. to put up speed limit signs needed on Cherokee Road.

Chairman Dove suggested that the Board start this Wednesday or the following Wednesday to meet with elected officials for their 2010 budget. The Board unanimously agreed to begin this Wednesday at 5:00 pm to meet with the elected officials regarding their 2010 budgets.

**Item No. 2. Report from IDA – Marvin White**

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

**Item No. 3. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on agenda items.**

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak on any of the agenda items. No one came forward to speak.

**Item No. 4. Consider lease of copier for Sheriff's Dept. (Sheriff Thomas)**

Sheriff Thomas was not at the meeting. Mike Pruett, County Attorney, stated that he had spoken with Tom at Graham Office Equipment, Inc. and he was to get with Cheryl Jensrud, Purchasing Dept., or him and get the proper paperwork then this would be brought before the Board for approval. The Finance Dept. would not issue a purchase order number without bidding this out. The Finance Dept.'s concern was that this was a contract. The sheriff may have signed the agreement, however, payment was coming from the general fund, therefore, he was not authorized to sign. Mr. Pruett stated he spoke with Tom at Graham Office about three (3) weeks ago and they need to get in touch with Cheryl Jensrud regarding this and determine if it needs to be bid on. He will keep the Board informed on this.

**Item No. 5. Consider signing Group Adoption Agreement for the ACCG Inmate Medical. (Chairman Dove)**

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved to put this item on the next agenda of August 3, 2009.

**Item No. 6. Consider refund request for Watson Home Builders and Gail Bates. (Robin Baker)**

Robin Baker, Chief Appraiser, explained the request for Watson Home Builders in the amount of \$1,084.92. On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved to refund \$1,084.92 to Watson Home Builders.

Mr. Baker also explained the request for Gail Bates in the amount of \$834.89. On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved to refund \$834.89 to Gail Bates.

**Item No. 7. Consider advancement for Renee Botelho from Appraiser I to Appraiser II. (Robin Baker)**

Mr. Baker stated that Renee had recently taken and passed the Appraiser II exam. This would move her from an Appraiser I to Appraiser II status and increased her pay from \$11.55 to \$12.36 per hour. The funds are already in the budget. On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the advancement for Renee Botelho from Appraiser I to Appraiser II.

**Item No. 8. Consider personnel issues for EMS. (Donna Sisk)**

Ms. Sisk explained that Joshua Tolbert submitted his resignation but would like to remain part time on the call list. On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved to accept Mr. Tolbert's resignation and allow him to remain on the part time call list.

Ms. Sisk requested that Millie Temple move from part time to full time to fill the vacancy of Joshua Temple. On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved Millie Temple for full time employment.

Ms. Sisk requested adding three (3) new employees to the part time call in list. They are: Janet Berthelot, Paramedic; Christopher Higdon, EMT and Tonya Tiller, EMT. On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved adding these three (3) candidates to the part time call in list.

**Item No. 9. Discuss changing Human Resource Director, Donna Sisk, from hourly to salaried status. (Chairman Dove)**

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved to move this item to the August 3, 2009, agenda.

**Item No. 10. Discuss personnel issues for the Road Dept. (Tony Mattox)**

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved to put this item on the August 3, 2009, agenda.

**Item No. 11. Consider Virginia Lane 25 mph speed limit. (Commissioner Youngblood)**

Commissioner Youngblood stated that speed limit signs were needed at each end of Virginia Lane. There are no signs currently on the road. On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved 25 mph speed limits signs for Virginia Lane.

**Item No. 12. Consider future pay increases. (Commissioner Pethel)**

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved to put this item on the next agenda of August 3, 2009.

**Item No. 13. Consider Amendment to Criminal Justice Technologies Software License and Support Agreement. (Mike Pruett)**

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved the Agreement.

**Item No. 14. Discuss Personnel Policy. (Chairman Dove)**

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved to put this item on the next agenda of August 3, 2009.

**Item No. 15. Consider transport of bodies for coroner. (Commissioner Youngblood)**

Commissioner Youngblood explained that for transports to Athens would pay \$50 and transports to the crime lab in DeKalb County would pay \$100. The coroner would hire five (5) people on a rotating call list. She would provide the training and they would be employees of the county requiring that they provide the necessary documentation for the position including a MVR report, driver's license, etc. They would be required to be on the scene within one (1) hour after contact. Commissioner Youngblood stated that interviews and advertising for the positions would be done. The coroner would have the option to use the service that is now being used if the employees on the call list are not available. On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved the hiring of five (5) individuals for the transport of bodies for the coroner.

**Item No. 16. Roads Update.**

The Board provided a list of various road requests to the Chairman.

**Item No. 17. Urgent Matters.**

There were no urgent matters.

**Item No. 18. Review August 3, 2009 agenda for Business Meeting.**

The agenda for the August 3, 2009, was read by County Clerk, Linda Cox.

**Item No. 19. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.**

Keith Ingram stated that the Board said that Cooper Rd. and Russell Dr. were not going to be paved. Are these roads going to be paved before the feed mill starts up? Chairman Dove replied, "No, the roads will not be paved before the feed mill starts up".

Mr. Ingram stated his concerns by asking if the Board had any idea how much dust those trucks are going to stir up at the corner. They are going to tear the road up when it rains. I don't understand that, I don't see the sense in that. I had an issue to discuss about the paving but if it is not going to be paved there is no sense in me discussing my issue. My wife and I are the ones going to get hit hardest by this. The feed mill is in our front door. I came up here and fought it when we were going through all that and I'm still against it but you know you got to live with what you got to live with but I don't see the sense in not paving those roads with all those big trucks that are going to be making that turn right there at my house. Now when just one car comes up the road our house gets a dust storm.

Chairman Dove stated that the County has applied for grants for paving roads. Actually we applied for a grant at the first of the year to get that paved and we thought we would probably get that one but as you know we actually only got one grant that we asked for from the DOT.

Mr. Ingram said he wanted to give credit where credit is due. The road department crew, Charles Temple, does a great job when it comes to grading the road. They keep the road in great shape but they will be down there double time now trying to keep that road in hand.

Chairman Dove stated that it is the county's intention to pave that road but that the funds are just not there. We applied for the grant at the first of the year and we are still hoping we get it.

**Item No. 20. 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 approved to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation.

The Board went into executive session at 8:25 pm.

The Board returned from executive session at 9:40 pm.

**21. Adjourn.**

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board unanimously adjourned at 9:40 pm.