

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
JULY 5, 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

STAFF PRESENT

Linda Cox, County Clerk

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Dove gave the invocation.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of June 7, 2010 and Agenda Setting Meeting June 28, 2010.

Minutes have been distributed.

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

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

None.

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

Chairman Dove stated that SPLOST was up from last year at 4.93 percent and LOST was 4.87 percent.

Chairman Dove reviewed Building Inspections which were down in comparison to last year.

Copies had been distributed to the Board.

Chairman Dove stated that some people wanted applications for Beer and Wine licenses and it was noted that some changes needed to be made on the application. Mike Pruett, County Attorney, stated that the old application required every employee to sign but this is not a requirement in the Ordinance. These changes would make the application consistent with the Ordinance. Mr. Pruett has reviewed and made the necessary changes and this would apply to both renewals and new license applications.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved the changes to the Beer & Wine application.

Chairman Dove stated that the Board had obtained the services of Ms. Rooker part time at the Food Bank after she retired. After speaking with Ms. Rooker, she would like to keep the Food Bank opened on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in order to accept donations at the Sunset Dr. location. Action would keep their same time schedule. Chairman Dove will publish the times for the Food Bank and Action in the local paper.

Chairman Dove read a report from Victor Johnson, regarding the Victory Garden which provides food for the Food Bank. The garden has been a success producing an abundance of vegetables.

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

There were no hearings for this meeting.

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. Consider Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance – Second Reading. (Linda Fortson)

Ms. Fortson stated that this is the second presentation of the new Flood Plain Ordinance which coincides with the new FEMA updated maps. This will replace the existing ordinance in the county's green ordinance book.

Commissioner Thomas asked if the public had been notified of the changes since any changes could affect property owners if they were unaware that their property could be in a floodplain. Ms. Fortson stated that the maps have been available for public viewing and the process had been advertised. Madison County did not have any changes; however Jackson and Clarke had several changes.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved to accept the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 8. Consider application from Windstream Communications for permission to construct, operate and maintain the following described utility facility within the right-of-way of County Road Number 398 & 101 (Jot Em Down Rd. and A C Carey Rd.) Description: Place Direct Buried Telephone Cable by Plow & Trench Method. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove asked if there were any questions or discussion. There was none.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the application from Windstream Communications.

Item No. 9. Consider inter-local agreement between Madison County B.O.C. and Poca Volunteer Fire Department on lease agreement for a pumper truck. (Commissioner Thomas)

Commissioner Thomas stated that he received a call from Sonny Belk, Chief of the Poca VFD seeking assistance to purchase a pumper truck. The county has entered into agreements with other VFDs which would help with sales tax. Mike Pruett, County Attorney would prepare the agreement and have Chairman Dove sign it.

Mike Pruett, County Attorney, asked who would be financing the pumper truck. Chairman Dove replied that First Citizens would finance and had done these in the past.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously agreed to enter into an inter-local lease agreement with Poca VFD for a pumper truck and Mike Pruett, County Attorney, would prepare the agreement and Chairman Dove has permission from the Board to sign the agreement.

Item No. 10. Consider moving forward on Pittman-Matthews Road. (Commissioner Thomas)

Commissioner Thomas stated that five (5) or more years ago the Board voted to move forward with grubbing and grading on the list of roads to be paved. The right-of-ways and engineering have been completed. Commissioner Thomas stated that it is his recommendation to move forward with the grubbing and grading of Pittman-Matthews Road.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Scogin, the Board unanimously approved to move forward with the grubbing and grading of Pittman-Matthews Road.

Item No. 11. Roads Update.

A list of work performed by the Road Department during the month of June had been distributed to the Board. Chairman Dove took requests from the Board for work in their district.

Item No. 12. Urgent Matters.

The Board agreed to meet for a Special Called Meeting on July 8, 2010 at 4:30 pm to discuss the 2010 Madison County Tax Digest and the 2011 budget.

Item No. 13. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

None.

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 Scogin, the Board unanimously agreed to go into executive session to discuss litigation at 6:55 pm.

The Board returned from executive session at 7:15 pm.

Item No. 15. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously adjourned at 7:15 pm.

