

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
AUGUST 4, 2014  
6:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commission Chairman Anthony Dove  
District 1 Commissioner Stanley Thomas  
District 2 Commissioner Dewitt Bond  
District 3 Commissioner Mike Youngblood  
District 4 Commissioner John Pethel, Sr.  
District 5 Commissioner Jim R. Escoe, Sr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Rhonda S. Wooten, County Clerk  
Mike Pruet, County Attorney

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, led in the pledge to the American Flag and asked for a moment of silence for our armed services around the world protecting our freedoms and putting themselves in harm's way.

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

**Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of July 7, 2014, Work Sessions of July 23, 2014, July 31, 2014 and August 1, 2014 and Agenda Setting Meeting of July 28, 2014. Minutes have been distributed.**

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of July 7, 2014. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond and Escoe voted YES. Commissioners Youngblood and Pethel abstained.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Work Session of July 23, 2014. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Agenda Setting Meeting of July 28, 2014 and the Work Session of July 31, 2014. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood and Pethel voted YES. Commissioner Escoe abstained.

There were no minutes for the work session of August 1, 2014 as it was cancelled.

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

None

**Item No. 3. Chairman's Report.**

Chairman Dove stated that budget hearings are scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup> and the numbers have been checked and worked on. Projected revenue is \$13,116,846 and bottom line expenses right now are \$14,277,873. He stated that the amount of the health insurance premium, the Board's decision to lower the millage rate so that there would not be a tax increase and the one percent COLA adds up to be about \$250,000. He requested that the Board members come to him with anything that they had to reduce the amount of shortfall and he would look into it.

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

None

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

Chairman Dove asked if there were any statements or remarks on an agenda item. No one came forward.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**Item No. 6. Discuss and Consider Property and Casualty Insurance Policy. (Dan Horne)**

Chairman Dove recognized Chastain and Associates Insurance Agent Dan Horne. Mr. Horne addressed the Board regarding his recommendation of the insurance proposal submitted by One Beacon Government Risks in partnership with Public Entities of America. Mr. Horne stated that he was comfortable with the increase to \$190,286 due to the added property, equipment and vehicles purchased by the county. He stated that the bulk of the premium increase was due to the increase in the number of vehicles from 142 to 153.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve the One Beacon insurance policy. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 7. Consider renewing agreement with Madison County School System for police protection at the middle school. (Chairman Dove)**

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond the Board agreed to allow Chairman Dove to sign the 2014/2015 agreement for police protection at the Madison County Middle School. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 8. Roads Update**

Chairman Dove advised the Board that the parking lot for the Soccer Complex has been paved.

Commissioner Thomas stated that he had been contacted by a citizen that lives on Highway 98 West across from Fitzpatrick Road and was concerned about the cars running through the stop sign at Fitzpatrick Road and Highway 98 and going through his fence. Commissioner Thomas suggested rumble strips or putting up two stop signs on Fitzpatrick Road.

**Item No. 9. Urgent Matters**

There were no urgent matters.

**Item No. 10. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.**

Chairman Dove asked if there were any statements or remarks. Mr. Ray Inman came forward and addressed the Board regarding his dissatisfaction with Piedmont Water and asked for the Board's help in dealing with the matter and provided suggestions to allow citizens to receive county water. Mr. Inman stated that he lived on Brownwood Drive in Hull. Commissioner Youngblood advised Mr. Inman that the county has no authority over Piedmont Water and suggested that he and Mr. Inman attend the next IDA meeting to discuss the request for county water lines in that area.

**Item No. 11. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation  
(if needed)**

There was no need for executive session. County Attorney Mike Pruett did advise the Board that the matter between the District Attorney and the Sheriff had been resolved.

**Item No. 12. Adjourn**

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 6:57 pm.