

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AUGUST 26, 2013
6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitchem, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:

Rhonda Wooten, County Clerk
Mike Pruett, County Attorney

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, led in the pledge to the American flag and requested a moment of silence to remember Delbert Belton, an 88 year old veteran who was beaten to death in Spokane Washington and to remember several Board members with family health issues.

Item No. 1. Public Hearing on Millage Rate

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak regarding the millage rate. No one came forward.

Item No. 2. Consider County Millage Rate. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove closed the public hearing and asked the Board to set the 2013 millage rate.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board set the millage rate at 11.011 for the unincorporated area and 12.109 for the incorporated area. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 3. Approval of minutes of August 5, 2013 Budget Work Session and August 5, 2013 Regular Business Meeting. The minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board approved the Budget Work Session minutes and the Regular Business Meeting minutes of August 5, 2013. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 4. Business Involving Guests, Groups or Multiple Visitors.

Jail Addition Committee Report

Sheriff Thomas provided information on 32 bed and 48 bed jail additions. Sheriff Thomas recommended a 32 bed expansion. There was discussion on putting the 32 bed design out for bid after getting a projected cost estimate of the increased maintenance and operation expenses for deputies, food, electricity and water.

Broad River Watershed Association (Victor Johnson)

Victor Johnson with the Broad River Watershed Association provided handouts and a power point presentation on the Broad River Water Trail. Madison County resident and river property owner, Tom Krobot, spoke in favor of the river trail.

Item No. 5. Chairman's Report

Chairman Dove presented a letter from Planning and Zoning Administrator, Linda Fortson, recommending the fee for billboard permits be set at \$100.00.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board agreed to set the Madison County billboard permit fee at \$100.00. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove stated that LOST and SPLOST are about 2.6% above where they were this time last year.

Chairman Dove stated that the City of Danielsville requires a letter from the Board to have the fire riser charge removed at the 1430 Highway 98 West, the location of the old Fine Finish building.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve Chairman Dove sending a letter to the City of Danielsville to remove the fire riser charge and to have the fire line shut off at the old Fine Finish building located at 1430 Highway 98 West. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 6. Report from IDA (Marvin White)

Chairman Dove announced the agenda item and recognized Marvin White, Executive Director of the Madison County Industrial Development and Building Authority. Mr. White gave a report of the activities of the IDA.

Item No. 7. 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.

Item No. 8. Consider accepting the Democratic Party's nominee, Leo Smith, for the Board of Elections. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to accept the Democratic nominee for the Election Board. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Discuss Commissioners' LMIG project requests. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove stated that last year's LMIG resurfacing projects are almost complete and once they are complete we can submit our requests for next year's projects. Chairman Dove asked the Board if they had road project requests ready for estimates. Commissioner Thomas requested estimates for Frank Bird Road and Aderhold Rogers Road. Commissioner Bond requested estimates for Young Harris Road, Rock Quarry Road and New Haven Church Road.

Item No. 10. Consider allowing Chairman Dove to sign the Contract for Law Enforcement Services at Madison County Middle School. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board agreed to allow Chairman Dove to sign the Contract for Law Enforcement Services at Madison County Middle School. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 11. Consider Proclamation recognizing Constitution Week. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to allow Chairman Dove to sign the proclamation recognizing the week of September 17th through September 23rd as Constitution Week. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 12. Consider Resolution amending the Personnel Policy regarding donation of annual leave. (Commissioner Thomas)

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board agreed to allow Chairman Dove to sign the resolution amending the Personnel policy regarding donation of annual leave. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 13. Consider allowing Chairman Dove to sign the Facilities Use Agreement with the Madison County Youth Association. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board agreed to allow Chairman Dove to sign the Facilities Use Agreement with the Madison County Youth Association. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 14. Road Update

Chairman Dove state that the pipes have been put in at Cedar Grove and they are working on Audie Porterfield Road.

Commissioner Thomas said that he would like for a request for speed limit signs for Sunray Hatchery Road, Aderhold Rogers Road and Frank Bird Road be placed on the next agenda.

Item No. 15. Urgent Matters

None

Item No. 16. Review September 3, 2013 agenda for Regular Business Meeting.

Mrs. Wooten read the items to be placed on the September 3, 2013 agenda.

Item No. 17. Statement and Remarks from Citizens.

Chairman Dove asked if there were any statements or remarks. Hoke Strickland came forward to request that the pipe be cleaned on C.O. Draper Road.

Item No. 18. 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 meet in Executive Session to discuss land acquisition at 8:10pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:25pm. On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board approved the minutes of the Executive Session. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Youngblood, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 19. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:27pm.