

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
AUGUST 31, 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: Margie Richards, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT

Linda Cox, County Clerk
Donna Sisk, Human Resource 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. Commissioner Thomas gave the invocation.

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

Chairman Dove stated there was an 11 percent increase in SPLOST and LOST revenue in August compared to August 2008. The Chairman read a letter from James and Linda Threlkeld thanking them for paving Cherokee Road in Commissioner Pethel's district. A letter was received from Emory Flight III recognizing Madison County EMS and director Dwayne Patton for their assistance in guiding them in for landings during accidents. Chairman Dove also reported that new carpet had been installed in the County Clerk's office which was paid for by the County Clerk, Linda Cox.

Chairman Dove presented to the Board a state contract to move forward on paving of Reggie Ingram Road and McGinnis Chandler Road in Commissioner Thomas' district. On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved to accept the contract from the state to move forward on this project.

Chairman Dove presented a quote acceptance from Graham Office Equipment, Inc. for two (2) copiers for the Sheriff's Department. Chairman Dove recognized County Attorney, Mike Pruett, who explained the quote and stated everything was in order. On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved to accept the quote.

Item No. 2. Report from IDA (Marvin White)

Mr. White gave an update since the last Board meeting on the activities of the IDA.

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

Mr. Strickland spoke on removal of bats from the old courthouse and the Strickland House.

Item No. 4. Consider Proclamation for Scott Edwards, Owner of Fertile Crescent Gardens. (Chairman Dove recognized Mark Wiles)

Mr. Wiles provided information on Fertile Crescent Gardens and the amount of work Scott Edwards, owner, had done to improve the land. On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the Proclamation for Scott Edwards, Owner of Fertile Crescent Gardens.

Item No. 5. Consider Proclamation for 2010 Census. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved the Proclamation for the 2010 census.

Item No. 6. Consider vendor recommendation for E-911's new computer aided dispatch system. (David Camp)

Mr. Camp explained the new computer aided dispatch system and stated that he would like the Board to approve his recommendation with Southern Software. On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Camp's recommendation with Southern Software.

Item No. 7. Consider ACCG 7.5% safety discount verification. (Donna Sisk)

Ms. Sisk explained that this safety discount is signed off annually by the Chairman and all requirements have been met but this has to be presented to the Board in order to give approval for the Chairman to sign. On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved for the Chairman to sign this document in order to receive the 7.5% safety discount.

Item No. 8. Consider Personnel Policy Amendment, vacation allowance. (Donna Sisk)

Ms. Sisk explained that the hours to be carried over each year would be reduced from 280 hours to 240 hours. Chairman Dove agreed to allow employees with a current excess of hours to use their time between now and 2012 which will be the end of his current administration. On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved to amend the Personnel Policy by reducing vacation allowance from 280 hours to 240 hours.

Item No. 9. Consider renewing contract with Edimis for EMS. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove explained that this contract was under EMS but has to be under the BOC. County attorney, Mike Pruett, agreed. On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved to renew the contract.

Item No. 10. Discuss the removal of bats from the old courthouse and the Strickland House. (Chairman Dove)

This item was briefly discussed and on motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved to put this item on the next agenda.

Item No. 11. Consider Inmate Medical Program. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove recognized Cherri Wyatt, EMS billing, who explained the medical program and stated that several surrounding counties participate in the program. On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved the Inmate Medical Program.

Item No. 12. Discuss 2009 Budget Amendments. (Chairman Dove)

The Board discussed this item and on motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved to put this item on the next agenda.

Item No. 13. Consider contract with Northeast Georgia Regional Commissioner. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove informed the Board of the contract and stated that he needed the Board's approval to sign the contract. On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved for Chairman Dove to sign the contract.

Item No. 14. Consider adoption of Spratlin Pond Rd. (Commissioner Youngblood)

Commissioner Youngblood requested that this item be placed on the next agenda. On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved to place this item on the next agenda.

Item No. 15. Discuss curfew for Madison County Memorial Park amplified sound. (Commissioner Bond)

The Board discussed what the curfew hour should be and other areas of this item. On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved to place this item on the next agenda.

Item No. 16. Discuss amending County Noise Ordinance. (Commissioner Bond)

Commissioner Bond referred comments to County Attorney Mike Pruett who was researching surrounding counties noise ordinances. The ordinances contained different rules and Mr. Pruett stated he would like more time in order to research further. On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved to place this item on the next agenda.

Item No. 17. Roads Update.

Chairman Dove took requests from the Board for road repairs.

Item No. 18. Urgent Matters.

There we no urgent matters.

Item No. 19. Review September 8, 2009 agenda for Business Meeting.

The County Clerk read the items to be placed on the agenda for September 8, 2009.

Item No. 20. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

None.

Item No. 21. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved to go into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or litigation (if needed). The Board went into session at 8:05 pm and returned at 8:35 pm.

Item No. 22. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:35 pm