

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING/WORK SESSION
AUGUST 18, 2016
4:00 pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

MEDIA PRESENT:

Margie Richards, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:

Rhonda S. Wooten, County Clerk

Chairman Dove opened the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Item No. 1. Public Hearing on 2016 millage rate.

Chairman Dove stated that the Board decided to hold last year's millage rate. Chairman Dove opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone would like to speak regarding the 2016 millage rate. No one came forward.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board unanimously agreed to close the public hearing.

Item No. 2. Discuss 2017 Health Insurance options. (Matt Bidwell)

Chairman Dove recognized MSI Benefits agent Matt Bidwell. Mr. Bidwell addressed the Board regarding the advantages of an Employee Wellness Program. He provided a handout with information showing the benefits of preventive care and recommended a premium differential for wellness and non-wellness participants. Mr. Bidwell suggested that employees who wish to receive a premium discount should complete an on-line Health Risk Assessment and show proof of having an annual physical before April 1, 2017. This will be discussed by the Board at an upcoming meeting.

Item No. 3. Discuss Drug Court. (T.J. BeMent)

Chairman Dove recognized Tenth Judicial District Court Administrator T.J. BeMent. Mr. BeMent addressed the Board regarding the components, goals and successes of an 18 to 24 month Drug Court program,

funded by state grant money, for non-violent offenders. Mr. BeMent stated that a small office space for the coordinator and a fiscal agent for the grant will be required.

Item No. 4. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 5:10 pm.