

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commission Chairman Anthony Dove
District 1 Commissioner Stanley Thomas
District 2 Commissioner Dewitt Bond
District 3 Commissioner Theresa Bettis
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 Pruett, County Attorney

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, wished everyone a happy new year, led in the pledge to the American Flag and asked for a moment of silence for several long time Madison County folks that have passed away; Joe Cheek, Irene Strickland, Lucy Pulliam, Jo Edwards and Edna Lance.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

**Minutes of Special Called Meeting of December 17, 2015 and Agenda Setting Meeting of December 21, 2015.
Minutes have been distributed.**

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the minutes of the December 17, 2015 Special Called Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Pethel abstained.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the minutes of the December 21, 2015 Agenda Setting Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

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

None

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report.

Chairman Dove announced that his daughter and son-in-law, Jenna and Blaine Seagraves, had a baby boy, Roman Anthony Seagraves, on December 27, 2015 weighing in at 6 pounds 5 ounces. He said that he appreciated all the prayers.

Chairman Dove asked the Board to select a day and time for a budget work session. The Board scheduled Monday, January 11, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. for their next budget work session.

**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:

Item No. 6. Consider lease agreement for cell tower. (David Camp)

E911 Director David Camp requested that this item be postponed.

Item No. 7. Discuss Tax Assessor Board issues. (Jim Escoe)

Commissioner Escoe made a motion to pay the Tax Assessor Board members \$100.00 per month and the Chairman \$150.00 per month. Commissioner Pethel seconded the motion.

Tax Assessor Board Chairman Ralph McCay and Chief Appraiser Robin Baker addressed the Board.

After discussion, Chairman Dove asked for a vote on Commissioner Escoe's motion to pay the Tax Assessor Board members \$100.00 per month and the Chairman \$150.00 per month. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond and Bettis voted NO. Commissioners Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider approving the 2016 General and Personnel Policies.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to name John Pethel as Vice-Chairman for 2016. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Pethel abstained.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to approve the resolution to amend the 2016 Personnel Policy regarding unused sick leave of 500 or more hours being credited toward years of service and regarding, effective January, 2016, employees will not be hired, transferred or promoted into a position within the same department as a family member. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the meeting dates and meeting time of 6:00 p.m. rather than 6:30 p.m. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the 2016 holidays. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to have the meeting time go back to 6:30 p.m. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Bond voted NO.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the agenda submission time to be 12:00 p.m. on the Monday of the week immediately preceding the meeting rather than 5:00 p.m. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider appointment of Public Defender for Probate and Magistrate Courts. (Chairman Dove)

This item was moved to the January 25, 2016 agenda.

Item No. 10. Roads Update

Commissioner Thomas requested pot holes be repaired on Amberly Drive and Bellhaven Lane. He also requested the status of the installation of the traffic light at Ingles.

Commissioner Bettis said that there are water issues on Bedford Drive.

Commissioner Escoe requested the status of road striping. He also stated that he has had complaints about the pot hole repair on Hardman Morris Road.

Item No. 11. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 12. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Chairman Dove asked if there were any statements or remarks.

Joyce Daniels of Stapler Road addressed the Board regarding the condition of Stapler Road.

Charles Burgess of Stapler Road also addressed the Board regarding work that needs to be done on the road.

Chairman Dove advised them of the need for right-of-ways on private property and said that he would have the road superintendent look at the road.

Item No. 13. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed)

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 14. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.