

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2016
6:30 P.M.**

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 W. 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 p.m., led in the pledge to the American Flag and asked for a moment of silence to pray for Terry Smith who was injured in an accident over the week-end.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Agenda Setting Meeting of September 26, 2016. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2016 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 provided the Board with a copy of an updated Madison County Speed Zone Ordinance submitted by the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Chairman Dove provided the Board with copies of two letters from the Georgia Department of Transportation regarding possible bridge replacement at Transco Road over Scull Shoal Creek and Wildcat Bridge Road over Masons Mill Creek.

Chairman Dove stated that the cost estimate for the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission to participate in the Land Use Map is \$7500.00 or less with the Planning and Zoning Board handling as much work as they feel comfortable doing.

Chairman Dove advised the Board that employees have expressed confidentiality concerns with Cigna's online Health Risk Assessment.

Commissioner Bond made a motion to only require a physical to be an eligible participant in the Wellness Program.

Commissioner Escoe made a motion to not require the Health Risk Assessment but to require a physical to be an eligible participant in the Wellness Program. Commissioner Bettis seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Commissioner Bond rescinded his motion.

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

1. Betty Minish is requesting to rezone three parcels of land from A2 to RR. The parcels are located on Map 12. Parcel 40 is .54 acres, parcel 44 is 1.7 acres and parcel 45 is 3.41 acres. She would like to combine these parcels and retain the house with approximately 2 acres and sell the remaining land. The property is located on Aderhold Rogers Road in District One.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone request and stated that the Planning and Zoning Board voted five (5) to zero (0) to approve.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Applicant Betty Minish spoke in favor of the request.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the request. No one came forward.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. No one came forward.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the rezone request. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

2. Rhonda McFaland is representing her father. They would like to rezone approximately 2.5 acres with the home from A2 to RR to sell. The property is located on Map 97 Parcel 121 on Highway 72 East in District Four.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone request and stated that the Planning and Zoning Board voted five (5) to zero (0) to approve.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Applicant Rhonda McFaland spoke in favor of the request.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the request. No one came forward.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. No one came forward.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve the rezone request. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

3. William and Lisa Taylor are requesting a conditional use permit for an Event Hall for weddings, birthday parties and other events. They would like to keep a driving range on the front of the property. The property is located on Map 58 Parcel 118. It is the old golf course on Colbert Danielsville Road in District Five.

Chairman Douglas explained the conditional use request and stated that the Planning and Zoning Board voted five (5) to zero (0) to approve.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Applicants William and Lisa Taylor spoke in favor of the request.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the request. No one came forward.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. No one came forward.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to approve the conditional use permit for an Event Hall. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Douglas advised the Board that the Planning and Zoning Board will be preparing to have the first public input meeting on the land use map at the first of November.

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

Chairman Dove asked if there were any statements or remarks on agenda items.

Eva Johnson, Ollie Freeman and Teresa Allen, members of the Madison County Senior Center, addressed the Board regarding the need for reliable vehicles to transport members to and from the center, on outings and for meals to be delivered to the homebound seniors.

John Scarborough addressed the Board requesting their thoughtful and judicial consideration regarding significant expenditures with a tight budget and urged patience and a measured approach in regard to spending.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 6. Consider transportation needs for Senior Center Meals on Wheels program. (Kelsey Tyner)

Chairman Dove recognized Senior Center Director Kelsey Tyner. Mrs. Tyner addressed the Board regarding the need for reliable transportation. She advised the Board that there are two operable vehicles for the Meals on Wheels program and that there are four meal delivery routes. She presented state contract quotes for a 2017 Ford Explorer sports utility vehicle, a Ford 4x4 F-150 truck and a Dodge Caravan.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board approved the purchase of a 2017 Ford 4x4 F-150 truck for \$20,451.00 and a Dodge Caravan for \$21,478.00 with the money to come from cash reserves. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 7. Consider installing tile in the jury rooms and hallways. (Chairman Dove)

This agenda item was for installing tile in the hallway of the jury rooms.

The quote recommended by Clerk of Courts Michelle Strickland was from Dexter Epps for 12" x 24" Tudor Stone tile at a cost of \$6,917.75.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board approved the quote submitted by Dexter Epps for \$6,917.75. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider rules of operation for the Briar's Landing Canoe Launch at the Highway 72 Bridge. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board approved the ordinance for the Briar's Landing Canoe Launch. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider paving bids for New Town Church Road. (John Pethel)

Two bids were received. A bid for \$502,670.00 from Stratton and Sons and a bid for \$424,167.00 from Garrett Paving.

Commissioner Pethel made a motion to pave New Town Church Road and have Garrett Paving do the work. Commissioner Escoe seconded the motion.

After considerable discussion regarding the paving request and the budget, the vote was as follows: Commissioner Pethel voted YES. Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Escoe voted NO.

Item No. 10. Consider resurfacing Beck Road. (Stanley Thomas)

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to go out for bid to have Beck Road resurfaced. Commissioner Escoe seconded the motion.

After considerable discussion regarding the resurfacing request and the budget, the vote was as follows: Commissioner Thomas voted YES. Commissioners Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted NO.

Item No. 11. Roads Update

Chairman Dove asked County Attorney Mike Pruett to look into a right-of-way request from Riverside Church. Commissioner Bettis said that she would like to revisit the need for a traffic light at the intersection of Harman Morris Road and Highway 71.

Item No. 12. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 13. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Chairman Dove asked if there were any statements or remarks. Tom Krobot addressed the Board and thanked them for their support of the Briar's Landing Canoe Launch and encouraged them to go out and look at the wonderful job that has been done at no expense to the county.

**Item No. 14. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation
(if needed)**

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 15. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.