

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 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 requested prayer for the families of James Wofford and Tom Stovall, Sr. who passed away. Commissioner Pethel requested prayer for the family of Betty Carey who also passed away. Chairman Dove asked Chairman Douglas to give the invocation.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Agenda Setting Meeting of October 24, 2016. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2016 Agenda Setting Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove asked the Board if he could give his Chairman's Report at this time. The Board agreed.

Chairman Dove stated that the City of Danielsville is requesting to have a lease renewed for the premises used for their equipment building. The original lease was made in 1987 between the Madison County Board of Commissioners and the City of Danielsville. The Board agreed to have the two attorneys work on an agreement.

Chairman Dove stated that he thanks D.O.T. Commissioner Russel McMurry and Senator Frank Ginn for coming last year to ride roads with him and Phil Munro. He said that the red light issue at Comer Elementary School is going to be resolved and that the dips in the road on Highway 72 are fixed.

Chairman Dove reminded everyone that there will be a budget work session at 4:00 on Monday, November 14th.

Chairman Dove said that he would like to recognize his wife Cecelia Clark Dove, who was in the audience, and acknowledge their 29th wedding anniversary. He told her that he loved her very much and that he wanted that to be a part of the record.

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

Jennifer Ivey, Madison County Library Branch Manager

Ms. Ivey gave a quarterly update of activities at the library and shared her enthusiasm over the Discover Tech exhibition.

Library Board Trustee Member Mike Moak also addressed the Board stating that the Board of Trustees is evaluating bids for a cleaning contract and that they are seeking one new trustee member. Mr. Moak stated that Jennifer Ivey is doing a great job as branch manager.

Kristy Daniels, Department of Family and Children Services

Ms. Daniels advised the Board of the many adoptions that have taken place this year and requested that a proclamation be signed recognizing November as National Adoption Month.

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

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report.

Chairman Dove gave his report prior to agenda item number two.

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

Chairman Dove asked Vice Chairman Pethel to handle this portion of the meeting because of a family connection that he has with the applicant. Chairman Dove excused himself and left the meeting room.

1. William Smith is requesting to rezone his 23.26 acre parcel from A1 to RR to subdivide a home for his granddaughter and the remaining to be subdivided in the future for his other grandchildren. The property is located on Map 39 Parcel 123 on Furnace Creek Road and Highway 98 in District One.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone requested and stated that the Planning and Zoning Board voted five to zero to approve.

Vice Chairman Pethel asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. No one spoke in favor.

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On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to approve the request to rezone the 23.26 acre parcel from A1 to RR on Map 39 Parcel 123. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove returned to the meeting room.

Chairman Douglas discussed the work that is being done on the Future Land Use Map and stated that the next Planning and Zoning meeting for public input on the map will be held on December 6th.

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 hiring Hannah Hendrix to fill a vacant dispatcher position. (David Camp)

E911 Director David Camp presented the application of Hannah Hendrix to fill a vacant dispatcher position. On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to hire Hannah Hendrix. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 7. Consider changes to Code of Conduct regarding one year suspension from all Recreation Department programs and facilities. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove advised the Board that the Recreation Board had a special called meeting to discuss the one year suspension rule for violating the Code of Conduct in regards to one youth participant striking another youth participant during a game or practice. The Recreation Board voted to change the penalty to a period of three weeks of game suspension and then a five year probation period with a second offense resulting in a lifetime suspension. The Recreation Board also recommended that all appeals must be in writing to the Madison County Recreation Department in one business day after receiving the letter regarding suspension and that a special called meeting of the Recreation Board will be set up as soon as possible to hear the appeal and that the Recreation Board's ruling will be final.

After discussion over the lifetime suspension for a second offence and out of concern that the penalty is too severe, the Board instructed County Attorney Mike Pruett to draw up an ordinance amending the Code of Conduct. The Board expressed their appreciation of the work and recommendations of the Recreation Board.

Item No. 8. Consider naming Monday, January 2, 2017 the New Year's holiday. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to name Monday, January 2, 2017 the New Year's holiday. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider naming Monday, January 9, 2017 the first B.O.C. meeting in January. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to name Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. the first B.O.C. meeting in January. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 10. Consider Utility Facility Encroachment Permit for AT&T. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve an AT&T application for a Utility Facility Encroachment Permit. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 11. Roads Update

There were no road requests.

Item No. 12. Urgent Matters

Commissioner Escoe asked if the quote for the jail expansion had come in yet. Chairman Dove said that it had not and that he would contact Steve Langdon with New South Construction Company.

Item No. 13. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Chairman Dove asked if there were any statements or remarks. No one came forward.

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 7:45 p.m.