

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2016
6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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:

Commission Chairman Anthony Dove

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:

Rhonda S. Wooten, County Clerk
Mike Pruett, County Attorney

Chairman Dove was unable to attend due to illness.

Vice-Chairman Pethel called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, led in the pledge to the American Flag and asked Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Wayne Douglas to give the invocation.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Agenda Setting Meeting of January 25, 2016. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the minutes of the January 25, 2016 Agenda Setting Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Escoe voted YES.

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

Johnny Bridges, Retired EMA Director

Chief Bridges was recognized for his 18 years of service as the Madison County EMA Director. Vice-Chairman Pethel first read a letter that was written by Chairman Dove congratulating Chief Bridges and the Comer Volunteer Firefighters for earning a Class 3 ISO rating. Vice-Chairman Pethel then asked County Attorney Mike Pruett to read a proclamation that was written for Chief Bridges. The audience stood up and applauded after the proclamation was read. On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the proclamation. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Escoe voted YES. Vice-Chairman Pethel presented Johnny Bridges with a plaque from the Board of Commissioners recognizing his 18 years of service before self.

Kim James, Branch Manager Madison County Library

Ms. James was unable to attend the meeting. Betty Sartain, of Friends of the Library, presented the Board with a copy of a quarterly report of library services for October through December, 2015.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report.

Vice-Chairman Pethel advised the Board of an application for permit for utility encroachment on Sunray Hatchery Road. On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond the Board approved the application. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Escoe voted YES.

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

Al Stone for the estate of Al and Mary Stone. He is requesting to rezone 10.527 acres from A1 to RR portion to subdivide the house and 2 acres. The property is located at 1358 Lloyd Nelms Road on Map 5 Parcel 27 in District 1.

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

Vice-Chairman Pethel asked if anyone would like to come forward to speak in favor of the request. Al Stone spoke in favor of the request.

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

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

Vice-Chairman Pethel asked if there were any statements or remarks on an agenda item. Tim Gordon addressed the Board regarding agenda item number eleven. Mr. Gordon stated that he would like for the Board to consider adopting and maintaining Serenity Lane.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 6. Consider Drug Task Force Agreement. (Sheriff Thomas)

Sheriff Thomas addressed the Board regarding approval of a 2016 Drug Task Force Agreement that was revised to provide better liability coverage. Commissioner Escoe made a motion to not approve the agreement. The motion failed for a lack of a second. There was discussion among the Board, County Attorney and Sheriff Thomas but no further action was taken.

Item No. 7. Consider approving the 2016 Sheriff's Office State Seizure account and Jail Commission account budgets. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to combine agenda items seven, eight and nine. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to request an itemized list of expenditures for the 2015 Sheriff's Office State Seizure and Jail Commission accounts, the 2015 Law Library and Clerk's Deed accounts and the 2015 Food Bank account. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Escoe voted YES.

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Item No. 9. Consider approving the 2016 Food Bank budget. (Chairman Dove)

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Item No. 10. Consider approving the 2016 Madison County budget resolution. (Chairman Dove)

This agenda item was postponed until February 29, 2016.

Item No. 11. Discuss cost of accepting various private roads. (Chairman Dove)

Public Works and Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski presented the Board with a cost analysis on the acceptance of five private roads that the Board asked him to look at. There was discussion regarding the volume of private roads and how to handle the maintenance requests. The Board thanked Mr. Lapczynski for his report.

Item No. 12. Roads Update

Public Works and Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski advised the Board that the traffic light at Ingles, the guard rail on Garnett Ward Road and striping are being considered for the 2016 LMIG grant application for safety improvements.

Commissioner Thomas requested pot hole repair at the intersection of Rice Drive and Maplewood Lane. Commissioner Bond said that people have said thank you for the road striping. Commissioner Bettis requested repair of pot holes in Windsor Heights. Commissioner Escoe inquired about Jones Matthews Road and Kingston Greens.

Item No. 13. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 14. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Vice-Chairman Pethel asked if there were any statements or remarks. Jason Yates of Hope Drive thanked the Board for developing a plan for private roads. Joyce Daniel of Stapler Road thanked the Board for taking the time to look at Stapler Road. Charles Burgess of Stapler Road also thanked the Board.

Item No. 15. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed)

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 16. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.