

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 7, 2016
6:30 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:

Margie Richards, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, led in the pledge to the American Flag and asked for a moment of silence for the passing of former First Lady Nancy Reagan.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Agenda Setting Meeting of February 29, 2016. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board approved the minutes of the February 29, 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.

Mike Moak, Madison County Library Board of Trustees

This item was postponed to March 28, 2016.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report.

Chairman Dove advised the Board that they learned at the Capitol last week that the new LMIG is projected to be around 33% higher.

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

1. Amendment of Section 9.3.1.4 in Zoning Ordinance

Chairman Douglas explained the zoning amendment is to delete Section 9.3.1.4 in its entirety and stated that the Planning and Zoning Board voted six (6) to zero (0) to approve.

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

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

Planning and Zoning Chairman Wayne Douglas invited the Board to attend the April 5th Planning and Zoning meeting to provide input on zoning ordinance changes that are being considered.

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 approving Zachary Cardin's Eagle Scout project. (Chairman Dove)

Zachary Cardin addressed the Board requesting permission to complete an Eagle Scout project by performing outside clean-up work at the old gym and painting doors and railings.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to allow Zachary to work with the county on the Eagle Scout project. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

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

Sheriff Thomas approached the Board to answer any questions regarding the 2015 itemized list of revenue and expenditures and the proposed 2016 budgets.

Commissioner Escoe made a motion to deny approval of the 2016 Sheriff's Office State Seizure and Jail Commission account budgets. Commissioner Pethel seconded the motion. After discussion the vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond and Escoe voted YES. Commissioners Bettis and Pethel voted NO.

After further discussion, Commissioner Bettis made a motion to approve the 2016 Sheriff's Office State Seizure and Jail Commission account budgets. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Pethel voted YES. Commissioner Escoe voted NO.

Item No. 8. Consider recognizing National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. (Theresa Bettis)

Commissioner Bettis stated that April 10th through April 16th is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. She said that she sat with the dispatch office in January and was amazed. She also spent time with EMS personnel, Sheriff's deputies and shadowed the Coroner on a call. Commissioner Bettis said that the 911 dispatchers are the first line of offense. She stated that she thought there should be a proclamation and offered several other suggestions on ways to recognize National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to recognize the National Public Safety Telecommunicators week of April 10th through April 16th. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider accepting Hope Drive as a county road. (Jim Escoe)

Commissioner Escoe requested that this item be postponed to March 28, 2016.

Item No. 10. Roads Update

Chairman Dove urged the politicians to be careful to not put political signs in the right-of-ways. If the sign is in the front yard of a house it will not be bothered but if a sign has to be taken up by the Road Department for grass cutting, the sign will be at the Road Department.

Commissioner Thomas requested repair of a dug out shoulder on Sanford Road and repairs on Adam Duncan Road where the edge of the road is sunken. He also requested white striping on Crabapple Hollow Road.

The Board discussed LMIG projects and their interest in continuing with an intergovernmental agreement with Oglethorpe County.

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 and remarks. No one came forward.

**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 7:25 pm.