

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 4, 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:

Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, led in the pledge to the American Flag and stated how proud he is of his daughter being an honor graduate this year and also proud of his other daughter and son-in-law for their faith and strength and for his grandson, Roman, and for the strength that they already see in him. Chairman Dove asked for a moment of silence to remember all of the people that you are proud of.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Agenda Setting Meeting of March 28, 2016. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the minutes of the March 28, 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 stated that he would like to discuss naming the road to the Sheriff's office and the road to EMS Station One. He suggested that the road to the Sheriff's Office be named in honor of former Sheriff Jack Fortson and the road to EMS Station One be named in honor of former Civil Defense member Tony Brown who tragically lost his life while serving Madison County.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to name the road to the Sheriff's Office Jack Fortson Road and the road to the EMS Station Tony Brown Drive. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove stated that Public Works and Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski submitted the application of Shawn Douglas for Board approval to fill a vacant Heavy Equipment Operator position at the Road Department.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve hiring Shawn Douglas to fill a vacant Heavy Equipment Operator position at the Road Department. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Dove stated that the ending 2015 budget totals show revenue was \$14,126,505 and expenditures were \$14,830,689. The amount drawn from cash reserves was \$704,184.

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

There were no rezone matters

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 purchase agreement for Collins Volunteer Fire Department. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove recognized Collins Fire Chief Jackson Parham. Chief Parham addressed the Board regarding a \$152,000 lease purchase agreement for a 2006 tanker truck.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to enter the lease purchase agreement with Collins Volunteer Fire Department and First Citizens Bank for a 2006 tanker truck. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 7. Consider proclamation recognizing National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. (Theresa Bettis)

Chairman Dove recognized Commissioner Bettis. Commissioner Bettis stated that National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week is April 10th through April 16th. Commissioner Bettis stated that County Attorney Mike Pruett was the primary author of the proclamation and she requested that he read the proclamation aloud.

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.

Chairman Dove recognized 911 Director David Camp. Director Camp addressed the Board and stated that on behalf of all of the 911 staff, what was done tonight was appreciated.

Item No. 8. Consider Duane Bruno to fill a vacant position on the Planning and Zoning Board. (Theresa Bettis)

Chairman Dove recognized Commissioner Bettis. Commissioner Bettis stated that she would like to recommend Duane Bruno, a resident of Hull, to fill a vacant position on the Planning and Zoning Board.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to approve Duane Bruno to fill a vacant position on the Planning and Zoning Board. 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)

Chairman Dove recognized Commissioner Escoe. Commissioner Escoe asked Jason Yates to approach the Board and stated that all of the right-of-way deeds for Hope Drive have been obtained.

Commissioner Escoe made a motion to accept Hope Drive as a county road. Commissioner Pethel seconded the motion. After discussion, Commissioner Escoe amended his motion to accept Hope Drive as a county road and to have the Road Department install two pipes, perform motor grading and spread a covering of gravel. Commissioner Pethel seconded the motion.

After discussion, Commissioner Thomas made a substitute motion to have a work session and come up with criteria to accept a private road and that this road, Hope Drive, would be a priority. Commissioner Bettis seconded the motion.

After further discussion, Commissioner Bettis made a motion to not accept private roads until the Road Department's budget is replenished with SPLOST money. Commissioner Bond seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond and Bettis voted YES. Commissioners Pethel and Escoe voted NO.

Commissioner Thomas withdrew his motion without objection.

The vote on Commissioner Escoe's amended motion to accept Hope Drive as a county road and to have the Road Department install two pipes, perform motor grading and spread a covering of gravel was as follows: Commissioners Pethel and Escoe voted YES. Commissioners Thomas, Bond and Bettis voted NO.

Item No. 10. Consider going out to bid for road work. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted to go out for bid to finish resurfacing Kingston Greens Subdivision as part of the LMIG projects. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to go out for bid to pave Davids Home Church Road and for it to come out of SPLOST. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Bettis voted NO.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to go out for bid to widen Jones Chapel Shiloh Road 18 inches on each side and to resurface as part of the LMIG projects. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Pethel and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Bettis voted NO.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to go out for bid on Frank Bird Road as part of the LMIG projects and to go out for bid on Buford Carey Road as part of the LMIG projects if the engineering doesn't work out on Frank Bird Road and to go out for bid on Beck Road and for Beck Road to come out of SPLOST. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 11. Consider Beer & Wine license application for Wing House Grill. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove stated that all of the paperwork is in order for this application.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to approve the Beer and Wine license for Wing House Grill. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 12. Discuss amendments to Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. (Chairman Dove)

County Attorney Mike Pruett explained the ordinance amendments that were drawn up to allow event hall owners to receive a Beer and Wine license when application is approved and for the fee to be \$1,000.00. Commissioner Thomas asked if there is provision to revoke the license if the noise ordinance was violated. Mr. Pruett said that there is and read the amendment to section 6-73(c).

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to accept the amendments. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Pethel voted NO.

Item No. 13. Roads Update

Commissioner Thomas asked that Kimberly Circle be looked at for a dip in the road and requested the status of Adams Duncan Road.

Item No. 14. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 15. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Chairman Dove asked if there were any statements or remarks.

Joe and Terry Stapp addressed the Board and stated that they are hoping to move to Madison County and have an event hall for weddings and other celebrations.

Jason Yates addressed the Board and asked what he should tell the property owners on Hope Drive. Chairman Dove stated that a decision will be made at the work session on April 28th.

**Item No. 16. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation
(if needed)**

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 17. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:00 pm.