

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
December 7, 2015  
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:**

Jackie Kesler, Deputy 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 a moment of silence for Rhonda Wooten's family as her father Morris Teasley passed, victims and families of the California shootings, and Pearl Harbor victims and their families.

**Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:**

**Minutes of Agenda Setting Meeting of November 30, 2015. Minutes have been distributed.**

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Bond the Board approved the minutes of November 30, 2015 meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe vote YES.

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

None

**Item No. 3. Chairman's Report.**

Sandra Webb, Transfer Station Director, addressed the board about purchasing a portable metal garage to store the existing roll off that contains recycled paper. The cost of the garage will be \$4600.00 and will be covered by SPLOST. She stated the current Transfer Station budget is negative \$848.00 and currently brings in \$900.00 per month.

On a motion by Commissioner Escoe and a second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to allow the purchase of the garage that will be bought with cash reserves and paid back over time with SPLOST money. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Commissioner Escoe stated he has been working on the multi agent task force agreement and requested a meeting with Chairman Dove, County Attorney Mike Pruett and the insurance agent to discuss the agreement before the December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Chairman Dove stated he would set up a meeting time.

**Item No. 4. Hearings and Actions on Rezone Matters, Special Use Permits, Etc.**

**(Linda Fortson and Wayne Douglas)**

None

**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 the upcoming vacant position on the Board of Assessors. (Robin Baker)**

Robin Baker, Chief Appraiser, stated Janis Ellis is currently serving as Vice Chairman and her term will be up at the end of the year, but she would like to remain on the Board.

Commissioner Escoe recommended David Rutledge for the Board of Assessors.

Commissioner Escoe made a motion to appoint David Rutledge to the Board of Assessors and Commissioner Pethel seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond and Bettis voted NO. Commissioners Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On a motion by Commissioner Bettis and a second by Commissioner Bond the Board voted to reappoint Janis Ellis to the Board of Assessors. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond and Bettis voted YES. Commissioners Pethel and Escoe voted NO.

**Item No. 7. Consider 2015 budget amendments. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove stated some adjustments needed to be made to several budget items. The Board requested Chairman Dove make a list of the changes and they will be discussed at the newly scheduled Budget meeting on December 17, 2015 at 4:00 pm (see Item No. 8).

**Item No. 8. Consider 2016 budget. (Chairman Dove)**

Tracy Dean, Board of Elections and Registration Chair, addressed the Board about budget adjustments. She updated the Board on the status of the new voting machines. She also informed the Board that more poll workers would be needed for 2016. She requested an increase in pay for full and part time employees. She stated that all full time employees have attended trainings and are state certified and should be compensated. Commissioners Escoe and Bond voiced concern about pay increases.

Commissioners Escoe and Bond requested another Budget meeting to discuss all 2016 budget adjustments. The Board agreed to schedule an additional Budget meeting December 17, 2015 at 4:00 pm.

**Item No. 9. Consider reappointment of John Stuedemann to the Planning and Zoning Board. (Chairman Dove)**

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and a second by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the reappointment of John Stuedemann to the Planning and Zoning Board. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 10. Consider reappointment of Todd Higdon to the Planning and Zoning Board. (Pete Bond)**

On a motion by Commissioner Bond and a second by Commissioner Bettis the Board approved the reappointment of Todd Higdon to the Planning and Zoning Board. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 11. Consider 2016 B.O.C. Meeting dates and time. (Chairman Dove)**

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and a second by Commissioner Bond the Board approved the new meeting time of 6:00 pm and the 2016 meeting dates. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 12. Consider establishing qualification fees for 2016 election year. (Chairman Dove)**

On motion by Commissioner Bond and a second by Commissioner Escoe the Board approved the Resolution to establish qualification fees for elected officials. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 13. Consider 2016 Beer and Wine License applications. (Chairman Dove)**

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and a second by Commissioner Bond the Board approved the following 2016 Beer and Wine License applications:

<u>Store Name</u>	<u>Applicant's Name</u>
1. Boutier Winery	Mary Jakupi-Boutier
2. CVS Pharmacy #7782	Amanda Holloway
3. Country Superette	Sara Sexton
4. Diamond Hill Grocery	Dipa Patel
5. Food Mart	Gurcharan Udhwani
6. Golden Farm Store & Gas	Xin Sen Zheng
7. Golden Pantry #37	Michael Griffith
8. Ingles Markets #450	Benjamin Stowers
9. Jai's Country Corner	Dipa Patel
10. Kwik Chek	Ifran Hameed
11. Neese Grocery	Kasyapkumar Patel
12. Paoli Junction	Ishwarsingh Udhwani
13. Poci Grocery	Kaushikbhai Patel
14. Quick Pick	Gurcharan Udhwani
15. SZ Food Mart	Sumreena Hameed
16. Tiny Town Looney Mart	Deborah Crawford

The vote was as follows: Commissioners Thomas, Bond, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 14. Roads Update**

Commissioner Escoe requested Freeman Circle be looked into by the road department.

**Item No. 15. Urgent Matters**

None

**Item No. 16. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.**

Michael Bush came forward to address the Board regarding Madison County looking into a State Court. He discussed how the Supreme Court is being clogged with cases that should be handled by State Court and in turn is costing the tax payers money by housing jail inmates longer than needed. He urged the Board to look into having a State Court because over time it would save the County money.

Lee Allen came forward to address the Board regarding Hardman Hooper Road. He stated the road has become unsafe and when it rains cars have slid into the ditches from lack of gravel. He requested the Board have the road department put gravel on the entirety of the road instead of just both ends.

**Item No. 17. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed)**

There was no need for executive session.

**Item No. 18. Adjourn**

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:47 pm.