

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING  
MAY 26, 2011  
6:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commission Chairman Anthony Dove  
District 1 Commissioner Stanley Thomas  
District 3 Commissioner Mike Youngblood  
District 4 Commissioner Dewitt Bond  
District 5 Commissioner Jim Escoe

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Commissioner John Pethel, Sr.

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

Zach Mitchem, Madison County Journal  
Erin France, Athens Banner

**STAFF PRESENT**

Linda Cox, County Clerk

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and requested for a moment of silence for all the fallen military.

**Item No. 1. Chairman's Report. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove presented the Board a request for yearly renewal of the contract with Edimis for EMS billing software. The cost of \$3,420 is the same as the last two (2) years.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commission Bond, the Board unanimously approved for Chairman Dove to sign the renewal contract with Edimis.

Chairman Dove requested the Board to allow him to advertise for Dick Perpall's position at the Recreation Dept. as director. Mr. Perpall had announced his retirement effective July 1, 2011.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved for Chairman Dove to advertise for the Recreation Dept. Director.

Chairman Dove recognized Lisa Plank, DEFACS, who presented her proposed budget for 2012. Ms. Plank stated that their budget remains the same as previous years except for the funding for a new OFI position. The State has cut back on several areas; however,

the work load has increased tremendously. The salary for the new position would be \$35,370 which includes benefits. Chairman Dove thanked Ms. Plank and said the Board will consider her request during future budget meetings.

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

None.

**Item No. 3. Report from IDA.**

Marvin White gave an update on the IDA's activities since the last agenda meeting.

**Item No. 4. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on agenda items.**

There were none.

**Item No. 5. Consider benefits for part-time employee for the Senior Center. (Donna Sisk)**

Ms. Sisk addressed the Board regarding Melanie Calloway who was recently hired to replace a 75% employee at the Senior Center. The Board had voted at that time not to provide pro-rated benefits for the 75% position. Ms. Sisk informed the Board that this is a permanent part-time position and per the County Policy the employee is entitled to benefits. Ms. Sisk requested the Board to reconsider.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Escoe, the Board unanimously approved to give the prescribed benefits according to the County Policy.

**Item No. 6. Consider Health Care Benefits for 2012. (Donna Sisk)**

Matt Bidwell, MSI Benefits, addressed the Board regarding benefits. BCBS/ACCG was increased 7.31% over last year's premium; Alliant was 11.77% and Aetna was 9.62%.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved BCBS/ACCG for 2012.

Mr. Bidwell also informed the Board of a 28% increase from Sunlife on life insurance and the best offer they received was from Dearborn Nation with no increase.

Dearborn also offered a 6.5% decrease on short term disability.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved Dearborn National for the county's life insurance and short term disability.

**Item No. 7. Consider bids for painting traffic stripes on specified county roads. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove stated that two (2) were received. The first bid is from Parker Traffic Markings, Inc., Cleveland, GA. The bid did include the required OCGA 13-10-91 affidavit.

The second bid was from Guest Brick Cleaning & Caulking, Inc., Royston, GA. The bid did include the required OCGA 13-10-91 affidavit.

Chairman Dove stated the bids were submitted in linear mile, gross linear mile and square foot. Therefore, he would give the bids to Road Dept. for their review and to calculate the total cost of each bid.

Chairman Dove requested the Board to place this item on the June 6, 2011 agenda for consideration.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved to place this item on the June 6, 2011 agenda for consideration.

**Item No. 8. Consider Georgia Department of Corrections contracts. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove presented the Department of Corrections contracts to the Board stating there was no increase in the cost. He asked for a motion to allow him to sign the contracts.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved for Chairman Dove to sign the contracts with the Department of Corrections.

**Item No. 9. Consider exchanging CAT Dozier for capital equipment outlay. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove informed the Board that the CAT Dozier was purchased in 2008 for \$393 thousand dollars to use for major grading. Caterpillar has offered the county 77.6% of the amount the county paid for it which is \$305,000. Chairman Dove asked for motion to allow him and Charles Temple, Road Superintendent, to negotiate with Caterpillar for a higher price or more equipment. Chairman Dove also requested that this item be placed on the June 6, 2011 agenda for consideration.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved for Chairman Dove and Charles Temple to negotiate the price no lower than \$305,000 and possible more equipment and to be placed on the June 6, 2011 agenda for consideration.

**Item No. 10. Consider revision of Intergovernmental Agreement for engineering services with the IDA. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove presented the agreement to the Board for engineering services with the IDA and asked for a motion.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the agreement.

**Item No. 11. Roads Update. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove took requests from the Board for maintenance on the roads in their districts.

**Item No. 12. Urgent Matters. (Chairman Dove)**

There were none.

**Item No. 13. Review June 6, 2011 agenda for Business Meeting.**

The clerk read the items to be placed on the June 6, 2011 agenda.

**Item No. 14. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on any matter.**

There were none.

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

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously agreed to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition at 7:20 p.m. and returned at 7:49 p.m.

**Item No. 12. Adjourn.**

The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:49 pm.