

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
January 25, 2010
6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commission Chairman Anthony Dove
District 1 Commissioner Stanley Thomas
District 2 Commissioner John Pethel, Sr.
District 3 Commissioner Mike Youngblood
District 4 Commissioner Dewitt Bond
District 5 Commissioner Bruce Scogin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitchem, Madison County Journal
Joe VanHoose, Athens Banner

STAFF PRESENT

Linda Cox, County Clerk
Rhonda Wooten, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, led in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag and asked for a moment of silence to remember the victims of the tragedy in Haiti.

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

Chairman Dove gave a report of findings and recommendations on how to proceed on the EMS time sheet situation. Recommendations were to seek a new reporting time system. Oglethorpe County has had success with the thumb print system. Re-interview everyone at EMS, training and changes. Also, use disciplinary actions where necessary.

Chairman Dove asked the BOC to allow him to appoint a committee to advise this department on hiring a Director for EMS. After that, the committee would transition into an Advisory Board on how to better use our emergency assets. The Chairman would like for someone from the Fire Department, EMA, First Responders, EMS and the Sheriff's Dept. to be a part of that board. Chairman Dove asked for a motion and stated he would bring those candidates before the Board next week.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved establishing a committee to advise the in the hiring of Director for EMS.

Chairman Dove explained the Resolution Authorizing The Participation Of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia In The Joint Development Authority Of Northeast Georgia. Marvin White of the IDA is our representative to the board. Chairman Dove stated that he has spoken to the Chairmen of member counties and they are in agreement with this. Mr. White explained the resolution to the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved for the Chairman and Board members to sign the Resolution.

Chairman Dove presented a County Government Ordinance Regarding Emergency Management. This is a county government ordinance regarding EMA regarding a yearly contract that EMA signs with the government. Chairman Dove asked for a motion to allow him and the Board to sign the Ordinance.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved for the Chairman and Board to sign the ordinance.

Chairman Dove stated that Shiloh VFD request that the BOC enter into a co-lease with them to purchase a used fire truck. Shiloh has \$40,000 to pay down on the truck which would leave a balance of approximately \$30,000. The lease would be with First Citizens Bank in Danielsville. Chairman Dove asked for a motion to give the Chairman the approval to sign the co-lease with Shiloh VFD for the purchase of a used fire truck after the lease documents are reviewed by the county attorney.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Scogin, the Board unanimously approved the Chairman to sign the co-lease with Shiloh VFD.

Chairman Dove stated that the Sheriff's Dept. would like to be on the next agenda to consider moving the firing range from the location near the Animal Shelter to a location near the Sheriff's Dept. for safety reasons. They will bring a display of the new location for the Board to examine.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved to put this on the agenda for February 1, 2010.

Chairman Dove stated he had a request for the speed limit on Vineyard Church Road to be 45 MPH. Charles Temple, Road Superintendent, inspected the road and recommended that the speed limit should be 45 MPH.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved the speed limit on Vineyard Creek Church Road to be 45 MPH.

Chairman Dove reported that he had contacted the DOT regarding Sims Kidd Rd. and they have agreed to supply all asphalt if the county does the reclamation from Highway 72 up to Russell Drive.

Chairman Dove asked for a motion to bring forth changes in the General Policy to be on the agenda of the next meeting which will be February 1, 2010.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved to add General Policy changes to the February 1, 2010 agenda.

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

John Becker, President of the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, gave information on the amount of food distributed in Madison County in 2009 and the number of residences that are under poverty level. The program is expanding to be of more assistance to children that are receiving lunches during the school week but not receiving meals over the weekend. Mr. Becker expressed gratitude for the long time partnership with Madison County.

Item No. 3. Report from IDA. (Marvin White)

Mr. White gave a report on the IDA activities since the last BOC meeting.

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

There were none.

Item No. 5. Consider contract for Sheriff's surplus sale with Piche Realty & Auction, Inc. to include all county's surplus. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved the contract for Sheriff's surplus sale with Piche Realty & Auction, Inc. to include all county's surplus.

Item No. 6. Consider application from Windstream Communications for permission to construct, operate and maintain a utility facility within the right-of-way of county road 108 in Madison County. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Scogin, the Board unanimously approved permission for Windstream Communications to construct, operate and maintain a utility facility within the right-of-way of county road 108 in Madison County.

Item No. 7. Roads Update. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove reported that six roads had to be closed last night, January 24, 2010, due to the heavy rain.

The Board submitted road repairs needed in their districts.

Commissioner Scogin requested a per mile analysis on the cost of dirt road upkeep versus the cost of tar and gravel. Chairman Dove stated that paving cost between \$80,000 and \$100,000 per mile and tar and gravel may be a good alternative.

Commissioner Thomas suggested setting up a work session to discuss roads and prioritize the paving schedule.

Item No. 8. Urgent Matters. (Chairman Dove)

None.

Item No. 9. Review February 1, 2010 agenda for Business Meeting.

Consider moving the location of the firing range from the Animal Shelter to an area at the Sheriff's Department.

Consider amendments to 2010 General Policy.

Item No. 10. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Several citizens requested work to be done on Waggoners Grove Church Road.

Item No. 11. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond the Board agreed to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and potential litigation at 7:25 pm. The Board returned at 8:15 pm.

Item No. 12 Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board adjourned at 8:15 pm.