

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
February 7, 2011
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 Jim Escoe

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitchem, Madison County Journal
Erin France, Athens Banner Herald

STAFF PRESENT

Linda Cox, County Clerk
Rhonda Wooten, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. and led in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. Commissioner Thomas gave the invocation.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of January 3, 2011 and Agenda Setting Meeting of January 24, 2011.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the minutes.

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

None

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove moved to Item No. 8 and then gave the Chairman's Report.

Chairman Dove stated that it is Madison County's turn to manage the operating expenses for the public defender's office. County attorney, Mike Pruett, drafted an agreement setting out the terms to take care of this.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously agreed to allow Chairman Dove to sign the agreement with the public defender's office.

Chairman Dove stated that SPLOST and LOST were each up 13% above last year.

Chairman Dove stated that Madison County will receive a credit of \$25,812 towards our 2011 workers' compensation premium.

Chairman Dove gave the Madison County Food Bank report which included figures of 119 households being served in January, 2011.

Chairman Dove stated that the Madison County 2010 budget ended \$86,498 in the black.

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

1. Wanda Royal request to rezone a 2 area portion and her home from her 25.23 area property from A1 to RR for the bank. The property is located on Map 12 Parcel 30 on Rogers Church Rd. in District 1. The P&Z Board voted 6 to 0 to approve.

Applicant spoke in favor of the rezone. No one spoke in opposition

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved the rezone.

2. Chester and Paula McChesney request to rezone 3.03 acres from RR to A2 to combine with their adjoining property. The property is located on Map 57 Parcel 29A on Lakeview Dr. in District 5. The P&Z Board took one vote on items 2, 3, and 4 voting 6 to 0 to approve.

Applicant spoke in favor. No one spoke in opposition.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously voted to take one vote and approve the rezone requests in Items 2, 3, and 4.

3. Chester and Paula McChesney request to rezone 12.634 acres from A1 to A2 to combine with their adjoining property. The property is located on Map 57 Parcel 9A-1 on Lakeview Dr. in District 5. The P&Z Board took one vote on items 2, 3, and 4 voting 6 to 0 to approve.

Applicant spoke in favor. No one spoke in opposition.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously voted to take one vote and approve the rezone requests in items 2, 3, and 4.

4. Chester and Paula McChesney request to rezone 18.69 acres from A1 to A2 to combine with their adjoining property. The property is located on Map 57 Parcel 9-11 on Lakeview Dr. in District 5. The P&Z Board took one vote on items 2, 3, and 4 voting 6 to 0 to approve.

Applicant spoke in favor. No one spoke in opposition.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously voted to take one vote and approve the rezone requests in items 2, 3, and 4.

5. Ted Sandler with Hatman, Simons, Spielman & Wood, is representing Ingles. They are requesting an Area Variance on the number of parking spaces required by zoning. The property is located on Map 32 Parcels 27 and 27 A, on Hwy 29 South and Glenn Carrie Rd., in District. The P&Z Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the area variance request.

Ingles representative, Ted Sandler spoke in favor. No one spoke in opposition.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the area variance request.

Item No. 5. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on agenda items.

There were no statements or remarks.

Item No. 6. Consent Agenda:

There were no items for the consent agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item No. 7. Consider moving Beth Harmon at Animal Control to full time status. (Commissioner Youngblood)

Animal Control Director, Jack Huff, requested that Beth Harmon be made a full time employee due to the higher call volume. Director Huff presented copies of last year's department budget to the Board and pointed out line item expenses that could be reduced this year.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board voted unanimously to move Beth Harmon to full time status.

Item No. 8. Consider Proclamation for Literacy Month for Rotary Club. (Chairman Dove)

Rotary Club president, Jerry Coutant, Rotary Club member, Will Mauldin and Madison County Literacy Council member, Lannae Johnson all spoke to the Board concerning the importance of literacy and requested that March be proclaimed “Child Literacy Action Month”. They urged the audience to volunteer to read to children under the age of five and become reading coaches at the second grade level.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously agreed to proclaim March to be Child Literacy month in Madison County, Georgia.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 9. Consider advertisement for RFPs for Steel Underpinning Stabilization of the Advance Behavioral Health Care Systems (Fine Finish Facility). (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove stated that the front stoop/foyer area of the Fine Finish facility has a sinking foundation and is need of work. A bid from Extreme Technology was opened. The quote was to install five piers going down to solid foundation for a total cost of \$14,795. There was discussion on the work that has been done on this facility in the past and the work that needs to be done to correct the problem.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously voted to table this item until more documentation can be reviewed.

Item No. 10. Consider resolution to adopt the 2009 Short Term Work Program to comply with Minimum Standards. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove stated that a resolution to adopt the 2009 Short Term Work Program needs to be signed and sent back to the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously agreed to have the resolution to adopt the 2009 Short Term Work Program signed.

Item No. 11. Roads Update.

Chairman Dove read the report from the Road Department which was heavily impacted due to snow and then due to mud on dirt roads from melted snow and rain. The report gave statistics on the tons of gravel and sand used.

Chairman Dove asked each commissioner if they had requests for road repairs.
Commissioner Thomas: McGinnis Chandler Road

Commissioner Youngblood: Buddy Moore Road, ditches and culverts need cleaning.
Billy Dillard Road, Neese Diamond Hill Road, Ed Coile
Road, and Scogin Road intersection markings.
Thomas Road, pot holes
Old Elberton Road, ditches need to be cleaned out.

Commissioner Escoe: Waggoners Grove Church Road

Item No. 12. Urgent Matters.

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 13. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

There were none.

Item No. 14. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 15. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved to adjourn at 7:50 pm.