

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
MARCH 1, 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

**STAFF PRESENT**

Linda Cox, County Clerk  
Donna Sisk, Human Resource Director

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, and led in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Dove asked for a moment of silence for the people in Chile regarding the recent earthquake.

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

**Minutes have been distributed.**

Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of February 1, 2010 and Agenda Setting Meeting of February 22, 2010.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board approved the above minutes by a vote of four (4) to zero (0) with Commissioner Pethel abstaining.

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

There were none.

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

Chairman Dove reported that SPLOST was up a small amount from last month and both SPLOST and LOST are down from last year's figures.

The county is working with Georgia Power to become more energy efficient by installing lights which cut down on the wattage and produces better lightning.

Chairman Dove asked the Board to consider a Work Session on SPLOST and how to move forward. This item will be on the April 5, 2010 agenda.

Chairman Dove asked for a motion to allow him to sign a Proclamation for the Pilot Club recognizing Brain Awareness Month.

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

Chairman Dove told the Board that he did not think that the days and hours the Transfer Station are opened is very efficient. Currently the Transfer Station is opened Wednesday thru Saturday. Chairman Dove suggested that the Transfer Station go back to a 5 day work schedule of Tuesday thru Saturday and change the time **FROM** 7:00 am to 5:00 pm **TO** 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. He asked the Board to think about changing the hours of operation and this will be on the next meeting.

Chairman Dove also stated that the Transfer Station may need to get a full time employee at the Scale House. There are too many part time employees at this time. He would like for the Board to think about this suggestion of a full time employee.

Chairman Dove reported that he had fully repaid the County \$1950.00 for the renovation of the Public Meeting Room per Kathy Clark, Finance Director. The Chairman noted that the meeting room is something that everyone wants to use and at times it has been difficult scheduling it.

Chairman Dove noted that he and Human Resource Director, Donna Sisk, have conducted eleven (11) interviews with potential EMS directors which lasted 45 minutes to one hour each. They will be compiling the information received from each candidate. The Public Safety Advisory Board, made up of local citizens with knowledge of EMS, will meet Thursday at 3:00 pm to discuss the applicants. They will reduce the list and have the final candidates come in for an interview with the board. There were many qualified applicants for the position.

Chairman Dove informed the Board that the Public Hearing on the proposed moving of the Sheriff Dept.'s firing range from next to the Animal Shelter to a location at the Sheriff's Dept. will be held Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Public Meeting Room.

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

1. Anthony Phillips request to rezone 25.5 ac. from RR to B2 to combine with the adjoining property. The property is located on Map 44 Parcel 65-01 on Hwy 29 and Diamond Hill Colbert Rd. The property is in District 4.

Mr. Douglas presented the rezoning request and stated that the P&Z Board voted 5 to 0 to approve.

Victor Johnson, attorney for Mr. Phillips, spoke in favor explaining the proposal with supporting documents. John Barton spoke in opposition of the proposal with detailed information as to why he opposed the rezoning. Victor Johnson spoke again in favor of the rezone.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood to deny the request and second by Commissioner Scogin, the Board denied the rezone request by a vote of four (4) YES votes to one (1) NO vote submitted by Commissioner Pethel.

2. Susan Berryman request to rezone 6.16 ac from A1 to RR to subdivide 2 ac to give to her son. The property is located on Map 76 Parcel 89 on Cheek Pulliam Rd. in District 2.

Mr. Douglas presented the rezoning request and stated that the P&Z Board voted five (5) to zero (0) to approve.

Victor Johnson spoke in favor of the proposal. Commissioner Pethel asked Ms. Berryman if her son intended to build a stick home. Ms. Berryman stated that he had not made a decision on a stick home or mobile home.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board approved the rezone request by a vote of four (4) YES votes to one (1) NO vote submitted by Commissioner Pethel.

3. Walter Smith request to rezone 4.49 ac from A2 to RR to subdivide 2 ac to give to his son. The property is located on Map 87 Parcel 18 on Shirley Rd. in District 2.

Mr. Douglas presented the zoning request and stated that the P&Z Board voted (five) 5 to Zero (0) to approve.

Mr. Smith spoke in favor of the proposal stating that he wanted to give this property to his son in order for his son to pay the property taxes.

No one spoke against the proposal.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board

unanimously approved the rezone.

4. Mark Hansford request to rezone .5 ac of his 26.7 ac property with an existing building from A2 to B2. The property is located on Map 46 Parcel 207 on Hwy. 72 in District 5. Linda Fortson will be representing Mr. Hansford per his request.

Ms. Fortson stated that Mr. Hansford has a disability and unable to attend. The P&Z Board voted five (5) to zero (0) to approve.

No one spoke in favor or against this proposal.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved the rezone request.

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

David Feagan spoke on Item No. 7 regarding the Spratlin Mill HOA request to maintain the entrances and exits currently on county land.

Gina Ward and Jason Smith spoke on the condition of Waggoner's Grove Church Road.

Terry Bell spoke on a road in District 2.

#### **Consent Agenda:**

None.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Item No. 6. Consider part-time seasonal employment for the Recreation Department. (Donna Sisk)**

Ms. Sisk presented the Board with a list of employees to be removed from the part-time seasonal roster and a summary of requested new hires for part-time seasonal employees with a copy of their application. The new part-time seasonal employees will be on a will call list and their hours will vary.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Scogin, the Board unanimously approved the part-time seasonal employees.

#### **Item No. 7. Consider the Spratlin Mill Home Owners Association request for the HOA to maintain the entrances and exits currently on county land. (Dave Feagan)**

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the Spratlin Mill HOA request to maintain the entrances and exits currently on county land.

**Item No. 8. Consider appointment of member and alternate member to the Oconee River Resource Conservation and Development Council. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove stated that a member and alternate need to be appointed to the Board. Victor Johnson stated that Chip Chandler has agreed to be a member.

After discussion by the Board on this item, Commissioner Youngblood made a motion to table this item in order to give the Board more time to seek individuals who would be interested in serving. The motion was second by Commissioner Pethel. The Board unanimously approved to table this item.

**Item No. 9. Consider road priorities. (Chairman Dove)**

Chairman Dove has been given a list of road priorities by each Board member. The Chairman asked the Board to compile a list and put dollar figure amounts on each along with a maintenance plan. He stated that the State is cutting back and the cost would have to come from the SPLOST account. Also, the Board would need to determine how much to spend in each district if they so desired. The Board would then have a work session after all the dollar figures have been decided. The date of the work session will be set by the Chairman once he receives all the data.

**Item No. 10. Roads Update.**

Chairman Dove gave a report from the Road Dept. Each Board member gave requests to the Chairman for road maintenance.

**Item No. 11. Urgent Matters.**

None.

**Item No. 12. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.**

Jason Smith and other citizens spoke to the Board regarding the condition of their dirt roads.

**Item No. 13. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).**

There was no need for Executive Session.

**Item No. 14. Adjourn.**

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:15 pm.