

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
MAY 27, 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
Erin France, Athens Banner

STAFF PRESENT

Linda Cox, County Clerk

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Commissioner Pethel gave the invocation.

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

Chairman Dove asked the Board to consider allowing Jason Lewis, EMS Director, to sign the EMS Mutual Aid Agreement between the following counties: Hart; Banks; Jackson; Franklin; Elbert; Oglethorpe & the National Emergency Medical Service.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved for Jason Lewis, EMS Director to sign the EMS Mutual Aid Agreement between the counties.

Chairman Dove asked the Board to consider allowing Jason Lewis, EMS Director, to sign the pharmaceutical contract with Athens Regional with no changes from the previous contract. Athens Regional has a new direct and Jason Lewis is the new EMS Director for Madison County.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved for Jason Lewis to sign the contract with Athens Regional.

Chairman Dove informed the Board of DOT changes for FY 2011 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program. The Board received a copy of the letter from Terry L. Gable, Local Grants Administrator at the DOT.

Chairman Dove asked the Board to consider allowing him to sign a contract with Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Cooperator for Stream Bank Restoration and Riparian Buffer Improvement Project.

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

Chairman Dove asked the Board to consider the Georgia Forestry budget for the June 7, 2010 Business agenda.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Scogin, the Board unanimously approved the Georgia Forestry budget for the June 7, 2010 Business agenda.

Chairman Dove informed the Board of the State Transportation Improvement Program Rural Draft. The Board was provided a copy.

Chairman Dove discussed the recent telephone problems with the system and upgrading the system. The county has not upgraded the system since 2003 and is not reliable. The Road Department and Sheriff's Department phone lines have gone out during bad weather. Chairman Dove asked the Board to consider this item for the June 7, 2010 Business Meeting at which time Gary Venable, IT Director, would provide some options to the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved this item for the June 7, 2010 Business Meeting.

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

Recognize Ms. Bobbie Rooker who will be retiring from Action effective June 4, 2010.

Chairman Dove asked for a motion to approve the Proclamation for Ms. Rooker.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the Proclamation for Ms. Rooker.

Chairman Dove presented Ms. Rooker with the Proclamation recognizing her 37 years of service and various achievements along with a plaque from Madison County.

The Board commented on Ms. Rooker's service to Action and the outstanding job she has done over the years.

Chairman Dove presented a personal check to Ms. Rooker for the Food Bank and the IDA also presented a personal check to the Food Bank.

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.

None.

Item No. 5. Consider health care benefits for 2010 benefit year. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove stated that the best option was to stay with Blue Cross Blue Shield even though there will be a 12% increase. The county budgeted for the increase. The county is grouped with ACCG which helps to lower costs. Changing companies from year to year could result in not obtaining the best rates.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved Blue Cross Blue Shield as the county's insurance for 2010.

Item No. 6. Discuss proposed contract for the public defender's office for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove presented the contract to the Board along with comments from Mike Pruett, County Attorney.

Chairman Dove asked for a motion to put this item on the June 7, 2010 agenda for the Business Meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Scogin, the Board unanimously approved this item for the June 7, 2010 agenda.

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

Chairman Dove took road requests from the Board.

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

None.

Item No. 9. Review June 7, 2010 agenda for Business Meeting.

The County Clerk read the items to be placed on the June 7, 2010 agenda.

Item No. 10. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Jim Escoe, Sr. spoke regarding the 2008 firearm ordinance.

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 voted unanimously to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation at 7:20 pm.

The Board returned at 7:40 pm.

Item No. 18. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:40 pm.