

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 2, 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. and led in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. Wayne Douglas, Chairman of P&Z, gave the innovation.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of July 5, 2010; Special Called Meeting of July 8, 2010 and Agenda Setting Meeting July 26, 2010.

Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved the above minutes.

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

Recognize 6 ½ year old Peyton Oglesby who called 9-1-1 on 07/15/10 at 11:50 pm to report his mother choking. Peyton just finished kindergarten at Hull Sanford Elementary School and received instructions on how to use 9-1-1 from his teachers.

Chairman Dove read the agenda item and recognized David Camp, 9-1-1 Director. Mr. Camp read a prepared statement regarding Peyton's call to 9-1-1. Peyton just completed kindergarten at Hull Sanford Elementary School. Mr. Camp recognized his mother, Tammy Smith and his teachers, Ms. Peoples and Ms. Parham. During his kindergarten year, Peyton and his classmates were taught the purpose and importance of 9-1-1, how to use the emergency number properly, and what information the 9-1-1 operators would need to know to send help as quickly as possible. Peyton knew all these things.

Mr. Camp presented Peyton with the 9-1-1 hero award plaque and read the wording on it. Mr. Camp stated that there is not a 9-1-1 operator in this county or throughout our nation that doesn't pray for a caller like Peyton Oglesby when someone as young as him calls for assistance.

Chairman Dove introduced Peyton to all the Board members and photographs were taken by the Journal.

Next, Chairman Dove recognized Anh T. Nguyen of the U.S. Census Bureau. Mr. Nguyen presented to the Board of Commissioners a plaque from Dr. Robert M. Groves, Director, U. S. Census Bureau. The plaque was accepted by Sandra Webb and Linda Fortson who spear headed and worked tirelessly on the 2010 Census. Mr. Nguyen stated that the Census Bureau appreciates Madison County BOC, Sandra Webb, Linda Fortson and the citizens of Madison County for their participation in the 2010 Census. Census data is crucial to the distribution of federal funding and apportionment in the House. Their efforts make a difference.

Next, Chairman Dove recognized Dan Horne of Chastain & Associates Insurance. Mr. Horne presented the 2011 renewal policy for the county's property and casualty insurance with Trident Insurance. This year's premium is \$184,994 which includes a three percent increase over the previous year. Eight sheriff department vehicles were added this year which increased the premium; however the premium is still \$100,000 less than a few years ago.

Chairman Dove asked for a motion on the 2011 insurance renewal.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved the 2011 insurance renewal with Chastain & Associates.

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

Chairman Dove reported that sales tax collections are up approximately 3.6 to 3.7 percent over last year's. Chairman Dove reviewed Building Inspections which were down in comparison to last year.

Chairman Dove recognized Commissioner Thomas who stated that the Ila VFD would like to enter into a lease agreement with the County for a pumper truck. Commissioner Thomas said that volunteer fire departments have to pay sales taxes on new trucks, while the county government does not. If the county chooses to assist Ila with the purchase there would be a savings of approximately \$20,000.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved to enter into a lease agreement with the Ila VFD to purchase a pumper truck and to allow Mike Pruett, County Attorney, and Chairman Dove to move forward with the paperwork including signing the Resolution for the package for the lease agreement.

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

1. Pamela Payne for her brother Wayne Wright, request to rezone a 2 ac portion of a 5 ac parcel from A1 to RR. The remaining 3 ac will be combined with his adjoining property. The property is located on Map 44 Parcel 67-01 on Diamond Cir., Hull, GA in District 5.

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

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the rezone. Pamela Payne spoke in favor.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak against the rezone. No one spoke against the rezone.

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

2. Tommy and Mary Cowart for the Family Worship Center request to rezone 6.71 ac from A2 to B2 for possible future sale. The property is located at the corner of Hwy 29 and Booger Hill Rd. on Map 55 Parcel 1, District 4.

Chairman Douglas presented the request to the Board stating that a funeral home was interested in locating there. The P&Z Board voted 5 to 0 to approve.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the rezone. Tommy Cowart, the applicant, stated that Ivy Funeral Home in Commerce was interested in opening a funeral home at the location, however, this is contingent upon the property being zoned commercial.

Chairman Dove asked if anyone would like to speak against the rezone. No one spoke against the rezone.

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

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

There were none.

Item No. 6. Consent Agenda:

There were no items on the consent agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item No. 7. Consider hiring a prosecutor and public defender one day per month for traffic arraignments and traffic hearings. (Judge Cross)

Chairman Dove informed the Board that Judge Cross was not ready and will be on the next agenda setting meeting scheduled for August 30, 2010.

Item No. 8. Considering updating the Beer & Wine Ordinance. (Mike Pruett, County Attorney)

Mr. Pruett explained the updates to the Board which included that applications be submitted by November 1 of each year instead of November 15. Background checks would not be required on all store employees only on the applicant or store manager.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved to adopt the amended version of the Beer and Wine Ordinance.

Mr. Pruett also noted that there was a typo on the application which was approved at the last meeting and would like the Board's approval on the revised corrected application.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Scogin, the Board unanimously approved the revised corrected application.

Item No. 9. Consider speed limit signs in District 2. (Commissioner Pethel)

Commissioner Pethel presented the following roads and speed limits for approval:

Collins Brooks Road	25 mph
Bud Freeman Road	25 mph
J Highland Road	25 mph
J Highland Circle	25 mph

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood the Board unanimously approved to adopt the above speed limit signs for the roads.

Item No. 10. Consider speed limit sign on Shoal Creek Road in District 5. (Commissioner Scogin)

Commissioner Scogin presented a 35 mph speed limit sign on Shoal Creek Road for approval.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved the speed limit sign for Shoal Creek Rd.

Item No. 11. Consider 35 mph speed limit sign on Barwick Hill Road in District 4. (Commissioner Bond)

Commissioner Bond presented a 35 mph speed limit sign on Barwick Hill Road for approval.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the speed limit sign for Barwick Hill Road.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 12. Consider filling vacant full time position at EMS. (Donna Sisk)

Ms. Sisk informed the Board that this full time position has been vacant since January 31, 2010 and she would like to submit moving Crystal Shelnett from part time to full time.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved the above request.

Item No. 13. Consider adding to the part-time call in list at EMS. (Donna Sisk)

Ms. Sisk presented the following candidates to be added to the part-time call in list at EMS:

Larry Wayne Cone	Stephanie Meyer
Dawn Scarborough	Robert Marc Perry, Jr.
Jan Turner	David Wall, Jr.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved all the candidates for the part-time call in list.

Item No. 14. Consider Resolution to Participation in Regional Plan. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove presented the Resolution to the Board outlining that the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission will undertake the preparation of Plan 2030, the plan for a 12-county region served by the Regional Commission. Chairman Dove asked for a motion to allow him to sign the Resolution.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Scogin, the Board unanimously approved for Chairman Dove to sign the Resolution to participate in the Regional Plan.

Item No. 15. Roads Update.

Chairman Dove gave a report from the Road Department for the month of July. The Board had received a copy of the report.

Chairman Dove accepted requests from the Board for maintenance and repairs on the roads in their districts.

Item No. 16. Urgent Matters.

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 17. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Charles Martin addressed the Board regarding Martin Griffith Road in the Neese community. He stated that the road needed to be resurfaced. He also requested that two 45 mph speed limit signs be placed at the entrance and end of the road. He thanked the Board for their consideration.

Item No. 18. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 19. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously adjourned at 7:25 pm.

