

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

COURTHOUSE ANNEX

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016

9:00 A.M.

The Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida met this day in Regular Session with the following members present: Justin Hamrick (District 1), Wayne Vickers (District 2), Ronnie Moore (District 3), Alfred Martin (District 4), and Rick Davis (District 5). Also present were County Attorney George T. Reeves, County Coordinator Allen Cherry, Assistant County Coordinator Sherilyn Pickels, and Deputy Clerk Phyllis Newman Ford.

The Chairman, Honorable Rick Davis, called the meeting to order and called the Roll.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Hamrick, the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the agenda as amended: per Mr. Cherry, add to Public Works #1 – Consideration of Extension to Interlocal Agreement with City of Madison for maintenance on Harvey Greene Drive.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 9, 2015 and the minutes of the Special Meeting held on December 16, 2015 were presented for review. Upon a motion by Commissioner Vickers, seconded by Commissioner Martin, the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve said minutes as presented.

Sheriff Ben Stewart reported that he had been in contact with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) regarding the change in the school zone in front of Lee Elementary School located on Highway 90 in Lee and has had no luck in getting the school zone changed. He stated that FDOT officials tell him that the change was made in accordance with Federal specifications and local residents need to contact their State Senator or Representative to request a change be made.

The new Interim Health Officer for Florida Department of Health in Jefferson and Madison counties, Jennifer S. Johnson, MPH, introduced herself to the Board. She gave her background and stated she was looking forward to working with the County Commission and serving Madison County to address important public health issues.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vickers, the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the Consent Agenda (1. Approval of SHIP Subordination Agreement for Roderick Gallon; 2. Re-appointment of Members to the Code Enforcement Board; 3. Re-appointment of Mack Primm, Calvin Moore and Dorothy Alexander to Planning & Zoning Board; 4. Re-appointment of Jayson Williams, Dewayne O'Quinn and Daniel Plain to Competency Board; 5. Declaration of Road Department 1997 Ford Explorer XLT as surplus; 6. Budget Amendment Request for Special Assessment – Fire to Allocate Prior Year Fund Balances per Fire Department; 7. Budget Amendment Request for Soil Conservation to Budget Grant Funds for FY 2016; 8. Budget Amendment Request for 5th & 6th/Locop Fuel Tax to

Budget Road Projects; 9. Budget Amendment Request for Capital Projects to Budget Grants; 10. Budget Amendment Request for Madison County Sheriff's Office Employee Payout - \$686.81; 11. Budget Amendment Request for Madison County Sheriff's Office Employee Payout - \$3,249.23; and 12. Budget Amendment Request for Madison County Sheriff's Office Employee Payout - \$3,675.85.)

The Chairman directed the Board's attention to a Public Hearing scheduled for 9:00 a.m. to consider an Application for Special Exception by Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. to build a new substation. County Planner Jeanne Bass advised the Board that this Special Exception application was approved by the Planning and Zoning Board. At this time, the hearing was opened up for public comment. General Manager Julius Hackett and Manager of Engineering Jeff Brewer of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. gave a Power Point presentation to familiarize the Board with the area in question and the purpose of the new substation. Hearing no further comment, the matter was returned to the Board for their consideration. A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the Special Exception request be approved. The motion carried 5-0.

The Chairman directed the Board's attention to a Public Hearing to consider an Application for Special Exception by C4 Towers, LLC to construct a cell tower on property located at 1443 NE Post Road, Madison, Florida. County Planner Jeanne Bass advised the Board that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended denial of this Application because the company had not supplied all of the information required to properly approve the application. The hearing was opened for public comment and Ms. Angeline Curtis and Mr. Mike Bland addressed the Board giving reasons why they did not want the tower in their area. Ms. Curtis supplied a Cell Tower Fact Sheet to the Board and Mr. Bland gave the Board copies of articles titled "Cell Phone Towers and Communities" and "Health Effects from Cell Phone Tower Radiation" as well as a Cell Tower Fact Sheet. Mr. Mack Primm, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board, also addressed the Board giving the reasons why the Planning & Zoning Board could not recommend approval. Mr. James Hutto of Cherry Lake Utilities stated that his Board members were not in favor of placing a cell phone tower on their water tower as an alternate location. After all of these comments, the matter was returned to the Board for their consideration. A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board be approved and the Application for Special Exception be denied. The motion carried 5-0.

After a short break, the Board reconvened and Commissioner Hamrick was not in attendance.

The Chairman directed the Board's attention to another Public Hearing to consider an Application for Small Scale Amendment to Comprehensive Plan (10 Acres or Less) on behalf of Concept Development, Inc. to change zoning from Residential to Commercial on a two-acre parcel of land located on Highway 145 in Pinetta to allow general commercial on the subject property. County Planner Jeanne Bass stated the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the Application. The hearing was opened for public comment and Mr. Ryan Thompson of CHW Professional Consultants gave a presentation regarding the proposed project. Hearing no other public comment, the matter was returned to the Board for their consideration. A motion was made by Commissioner Vickers and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board be approved and that the Small Scale Amendment be granted. The motion carried 4-0.

A fourth Public Hearing was opened by the Chairman to consider AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ORDINANCE NO. 2012-206 ENTITLED FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE; TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 OF THE MADISON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS, TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR, TO ADOPT PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. County Planner Jeanne Bass explained that this Ordinance was necessary in order to incorporate recommendations by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The meeting was opened for public comment and, after answering questions from Mr. Benjamin G. Wyche, no other public comment was received. The matter was referred back to the Board for their consideration and a motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Vickers, that the Ordinance be approved. The motion carried 4-0.

Administrative Assistant Renee Demps of the Madison County Building Department asked the Board to consider a possible Ordinance granting statutory exemption for building permit fees to Disabled Veterans. She explained that several disabled veterans had applied for permits to improve their homes and, according to Florida Statute 295.16, are exempt from any fees for permits for these improvements. She explained that this does not apply to new construction fees. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Moore, that County Attorney Reeves be allowed to prepare such an Ordinance for the Board to consider at a later meeting. The motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Demps also asked the Board to consider revising the current Competency Board Ordinance to change the exam score requirement for contractors from 70% to 75% to comply with current requirements by Department of Business and Professional Regulations (DBPR). After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Vickers that County Attorney Reeves be allowed to prepare an Ordinance reflecting this change. The motion carried 4-0.

Under Public Works, County Coordinator Allen Cherry advised the Board that the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Madison and Madison County concerning maintenance of Harvey Greene Drive is soon to expire and an extension of the Agreement needed to be approved so the work can be completed. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Vickers, allowing County Attorney Reeves to prepare an extension of the Interlocal Agreement with an expiration date to correspond to the date approved by the City of Madison City Commission at their meeting the previous evening. The motion carried 4-0.

Road and Bridge Coordinator Lonnie Thigpen updated the Board on several current road-paving projects. He also mentioned that the Board needed to revise the road-paving list for Florida Department of Transportation funding for the coming year. County Coordinator Allen Cherry suggested having a Special Meeting or Workshop at a later date to address this issue.

Deputy Clerk Phyllis Newman Ford presented the Board with a booklet for their review entitled *Statement of Actual and Estimated Revenues And Statement of Expenditures, Encumbrances and Appropriations as of December 31, 2015*.

Mrs. Ford also handed out a flyer for a Workshop entitled “Taking Charge of Your Health Care” presented by Robin Riley of Brown & Brown on February 3 and 4, 2016 at the Madison County Extension Office. The Board approved this Workshop by consensus.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:03 A.M.

Board of County Commissioners
Madison County, Florida

By: _____
Rick Davis, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tim Sanders, Clerk to the Board of
County Commissioners