1. Approval of Minutes:
   Minutes of the December 16, 2019 Regular Business Meeting
   Minutes of the January 6, 2020 Agenda Setting Meeting

2. Business involving Guests, Groups or Multiple Visitors
   Carole Knight, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent

3. Chairman’s Report

4. Statements and Remarks from citizens on an agenda item

OLD BUSINESS:

5. Consider an additional $1500 salary contribution for the Administrative Assistant position at the County Extension Office

6. Consider a salary increase for Chief Appraiser Robin Baker

NEW BUSINESS:

7. Consider 2020 qualifying fee and resolution for County Surveyor

8. Roads Update

9. Urgent Matters

10. Statements and Remarks from Citizens

11. Statements and Remarks from Commissioners

12. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed)

13. Adjourn
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Commission Chairman John Scarborough
District 1 Commissioner Lee Allen
District 2 Commissioner Tripp Strickland
District 3 Commissioner Theresa Bettis
District 4 Commissioner Brian Kirk
District 5 Commissioner Derek Doster

MEMBERS ABSENT:
None

MEDIA PRESENT:
Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:
Rhonda S. Wooten, County Clerk
Mike Pruett, County Attorney

Chairman Scarborough called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., led in the pledge to the American Flag and gave the invocation.

Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:
Minutes of the November 25, 2019 Regular Business Meeting
Minutes of the December 2, 2019 Agenda Setting Meeting

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2019 Regular Business Meeting and the December 2, 2019 Agenda Setting Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

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

Proclamation recognizing Mrs. Jewellene Morris Johnson’s 90th birthday

District One Commissioner Lee Allen recognized Mrs. Johnson and read a proclamation in honor of her 90th birthday.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the proclamation. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.
Recognition of Clayton Adams and Donovan Nelson’s 4-H achievements

County Extension Agent Susan Goldman introduced 4-H members Clayton Adams and Donovan Nelson and spoke of their achievements in placing first in District and State. Clayton received master status in robotics. Donovan received master status in public speaking.

Item No. 3. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Scarborough said Anne Threlkheld will be retiring after 33 years with UGA Extension Office. A reception is being held in her honor on December 20, 2019 from 3:30 to 5:00 at the Traveler’s Museum in Comer.

Chairman Scarborough said he would like to get Board permission to amend the agenda to delete item number sixteen. The Board agreed.

Chairman Scarborough said he would like to address the reappointment of Ralph McCay, Jr. under Urgent Matters. He stated that Mr. McCay’s term on the Board of Tax Assessors is due to expire at the end of this year.

Item No. 4. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on agenda items

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks on an agenda item.

Conolus Scott addressed the Board regarding item number eleven. He asked the Board to keep the meeting time at 6:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA: Items under this section were discussed at prior public meetings and are presented for consideration as a single vote.

Item No. 5. Consider reappointment of Conolus Scott to the Planning and Zoning Commission

Item No. 6. Consider reappointment of Terry Chandler to the Planning and Zoning Commission

Item No. 7. Consider 2019 budget amendments dated December 2, 2019

Item No. 8. Consider dates for 2020 holidays

Item No. 9. Consider 2020 New Beer & Wine License application

Item No. 10. Consider 2020 Renewal Beer & Wine License applications

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board approved consent agenda items five through ten. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.
OLD BUSINESS:

Item No. 11. Consider dates for 2020 Board of Commissioners meetings

Commissioner Doster made a motion to approve the dates for the 2020 Board of Commissioners meetings. Commissioner Kirk seconded the motion. After discussion, on amended motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the 2020 Board of Commissioners meetings as presented with the exception of changing the last meeting of the year to December 21, 2020 rather than December 28, 2020. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 12. Consider selecting a 2020 vice-chairman

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to name Commissioner Allen the 2020 vice-chairman. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 13. Consider a 3% COLA effective 1-5-20 for full-time and regularly scheduled part-time employees

On motion by Commissioner Kirk and second by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to approve a 3% COLA effective 1-5-20 for full-time and regularly scheduled part-time employees. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 14. Consider additional salary increases for facilities effective 1-5-20

Commissioner Doster made a motion to approve the additional salary increases as listed by facility on document dated 12-16-19 entitled Approved Salaries Effective 1-5-20. Commissioner Kirk seconded the motion. On amended motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to approve the additional salary increases with the exception of facility 27, which is to remain at 3% COLA. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 15. Consider Intergovernmental Agreement with ID&BA for payroll administration for ID&BA employee

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to approve an intergovernmental agreement with the Industrial Development and Building Authority to cover payroll administration for ID&BA employees. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 16. Consider Memorandum of Understanding with ID&BA, Board of Education and Chamber of Commerce for payroll administration for Chamber of Commerce Director

This item was deleted from the agenda.
Item No. 17. Roads Update

Commissioner Strickland said that after all of the rain the dirt roads are holding up. He said Derrick is doing a fine job.

Item No. 18. Urgent Matters

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to add the reappointment of Ralph McCay, Jr. to the agenda. The vote to add the agenda item was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to reappoint Ralph McCay, Jr. to the Board of Tax Assessors. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 19. Statements and Remarks from Citizens

Chairman Scarborough gave an update on the circumstances with Georgia Renewal Power. He said installation of silencers is to take place to reduce the noise level and the cross ties are to be moved to an inside location to deter creosote seepage into the ground. They are also implementing steps to reduce the amount of dust and ash.

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks.

Drago Tesanovich, Krissy King, Ruth Ann Tesanovich, Mack Adams, James Highsmith, Lisa Stephens and Gina Ward spoke regarding their environmental concerns with the Georgia Renewable Power Plant.

Damilyn Fraser spoke regarding her concerns with a car and car parts junkyard at Neese Commerce Road and Highway 106.

Frank Ginn invited the Board to a meeting regarding Seagraves Lake on January 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the historic courthouse. Senator Ginn also addressed the Board regarding a meeting that was recently held with Georgia Department of Transportation representatives, due to the recent fatalities on Highway 72, to discuss traffic analysis.

Tax Commissioner Lamar Dalton advised the Board that the GRP tax bill is due December 20, 2019 and a mass mailing of past due tax notices will be sent out on December 26, 2019.

Stanley Thomas inquired about timber harvesting activity and logging trucks using county roads.

Item No. 20. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need for executive session.
Chairman Scarborough asked if the Board members had anything to discuss. Each commissioner expressed their environmental concerns with GRP and stated they are negotiating stipulations with GRP and have asked the county attorney to do research.

**Item No. 21. Adjourn.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Commission Chairman John Scarborough
District 1 Commissioner Lee Allen
District 2 Commissioner Tripp Strickland
District 3 Commissioner Theresa Bettis
District 4 Commissioner Brian Kirk
District 5 Commissioner Derek Doster

MEMBERS ABSENT:
None

MEDIA PRESENT:
Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:
Rhonda S. Wooten, County Clerk
Mike Pruett, County Attorney

Chairman Scarborough called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., led in the pledge to the American flag and gave the invocation.

Item No. 1. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Scarborough announced that a $10,000 Georgia Heritage Grant was applied for and received. The grant funding will be used for renovations to our historic courthouse.

Item No. 2. Hearings and Actions on Rezone Matters, Special Use Permits, Etc.

1. Paul Metz is requesting a Conditional Use for an event venue on his 20.0 acre parcel, zoned A1. The property is located on Map 98 Parcel 33-01 at the corner of Russell Road and Cooper Road in District 4.

Chairman Hughston explained the Conditional Use request and stated the Planning and Zoning Commission voted five to zero to approve.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Applicant Paul Metz spoke in favor of the request and answered questions from the commissioners regarding the plans for the property.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the request. No one came forward.
Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Applicant Paul Metz addressed the Board to share positive feedback that he has received from neighboring property owners.

On motion by Commissioner Kirk and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the Conditional Use request. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

2. Chris Jones is representing Calwood Properties. They are requesting to rezone their 1.53 acre parcel from B to R1. The property is located on Highway 72 East in District 4.

Chairman Hughston explained the rezone request and stated the Planning and Zoning Commission voted five to zero to approve.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. No one came forward.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the request. Dianne Satterfield said that she was not in opposition but would like to know the location of the property. Zoning Administrator Linda Fortson provided the location to Ms. Satterfield.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. No one came forward.

On motion by Commissioner Kirk and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the rezone request. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

3. Zoning Ordinance amendments if needed.

Chairman Hughston said there were no amendments to present.

Chairman Hughston advised the Board that he was selected to serve as Chair and Conolus Scott was selected to serve as Vice-Chair by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Item No. 3. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on agenda items

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks on an agenda item. No one came forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 4. Consider an additional Homestead Exemption for senior citizens

Tax Commissioner Lamar Dalton presented the Board with a detailed request and a resolution to adopt an $8,000 Homestead Exemption for seniors age 70 and above.

After considerable discussion and clarification on how the money can be collected through prior year delinquent taxes, on motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to endorse an exemption in the amount of $8,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of the County who are 70 years of age or older, in addition to any local or state exemptions currently in existence. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES. Homestead Committee Member Floyd Read shared his views on the need for the exemption.
Item No.  5. Discuss filling a vacant position on the Planning and Zoning Commission

Commissioner Kirk said he wanted the family members of Bob Fowler to know how much his service meant to our county.

Commissioner Kirk said he has been talking to a few folks in his district regarding the vacant position on the Planning and Zoning Commission and hopes to have some names to present at the next meeting. He encouraged people to contact him with recommendations.

Item No.  6. Discuss a $1500 salary increase for the Administrative Assistant position at the County Extension Office

The Board discussed the requested $1500 salary increase for the Administrative Assistant position at the County Extension Office.

Item No.  7. Consider creating a $5,000 Education and Training line-item in facility 01

After discussion and clarification on the purpose of the budget amendment, Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve creating a $5,000 Education and Training line-item in facility 01 with registrations to be approved by the chairman. Commissioner Doster seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Commissioner Doster requested an accounting of employee training activities.

Item No.  8. Roads Update

Commissioner Allen requested to have pot holes repaired on Diamond Hill Neese Road, Neese Commerce Road and Seagraves Mill Road.

Commissioner Strickland requested to have pot holes repaired on Booger Hill Road. He also requested to have tree limbs cut at the Presbyterian church on Highway 29 and ditches pulled on Hilley Road.

Commissioner Kirk requested repair work on Macedonia Church Road.

Commissioner Doster asked for a review of Waggoners Grove Church Road. He also commended road department employees for their recent service in taking care of falling trees in the middle of the night.

Item No.  9. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No.  10. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need for executive session.

Item No.  11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.
RESOLUTION
TO ESTABLISH QUALIFICATION FEES PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A § 21-2-131
MADISON COUNTY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Board") is made responsible for establishing and publishing qualification fees for certain elected offices, pursuant to O.C.G.A § 21-2-131, the following fee is established for the 2020 election year:

County Surveyor $10.00

This fee shall be published in the legal organ no later than February 1, 2020.

Approved by the Madison County Board of Commissioners on the _____ day of _____________, 2020.

By: ____________________________________________
Hon. John D. Scarborough, Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: __________________________________________
Rhonda S. Wooten, Clerk, Madison County Board of Commissioners