MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
AGENDA
APRIL 20, 2020
6:00 P.M.

1. Approval of Minutes:
   Minutes of the February 24, 2020 Regular Business Meeting
   Minutes of the March 2, 2020 Agenda Setting Meeting

2. Business involving Guests, Groups or Multiple Visitors

3. Chairman's Report

4. Statements and Remarks from citizens on an agenda item

OLD BUSINESS:

5. Consider 2019 budget amendments dated 3-2-20

6. Discuss potential Home Rule amendment to section 19 of the Charter

7. Consider amendments to the purchasing policy

8. Consider approving recommended bid for Historic Courthouse roof replacement

9. Consider approving recommended bid for 2020 LMIG Paving Projects

NEW BUSINESS:

10. Consider accepting the Republican Party nominee, Nathan Owens, to fill a vacant position on the Board of Elections

11. Consider approving a proclamation naming April 19-25, 2020 National Library Week

12. Roads Update

13. Urgent Matters

14. Statements and Remarks from citizens

15. Statements and Remarks from commissioners

16. Executive Session to discuss real estate acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:
District 4 Commissioner Brian Kirk

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. Approval of minutes:
Minutes of the January 27, 2020 Regular Business Meeting
Minutes of the February 3, 2020 Agenda Setting Meeting

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2020 Regular Business Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis and Doster voted YES.

Commissioner Strickland made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020 Agenda Setting Meeting. Commissioner Bettis seconded the motion. Commissioner Doster recommended clarification of the last sentence in item number ten as amendments were not presented at that meeting and there was only general discussion. Commissioner Strickland made an amended motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020 Agenda Setting Meeting with the last sentence in item number ten changed to: General discussion was held on the amendments to be presented at the next meeting. Commissioner Bettis seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Strickland, Bettis and Doster voted YES. Commissioner Allen abstained.
Item No.  2. Business Involving Guests, Groups or Multiple Visitors

Jennifer Ivey, Madison County Library Branch Manager

Ms. Ivey gave the 2019 Fourth Quarter Library Report. She stated there were 66 adult library programs with 523 in attendance and 141 youth programs with 3,310 in attendance. She also advised the Board that National Library Week is April 19-25, 2020 and requested approval of a forthcoming proclamation.

Item No.  3. Chairman’s Report
No report given

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.

Ruth Ann Tesanovich, Drago Tesanovich, Leigh Ann Jones and Gina Ward addressed the Board in support of agenda item number eight.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item No.  5. Consider amending the purchasing policy

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to postpone this agenda item for one month. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis and Doster voted YES.

Item No.  6. Consider appointing Robin Purcell to the Recreation Board

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to approve appointing Robin Purcell to the Recreation Board. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis and Doster voted YES.

Item No.  7. Consider purchasing a new backhoe out of Road Department SPLOST funds

Public Works Director Alan Lapczynski provided information regarding a purchase price of $84,855, including trade-in value, for a new model 420XE Caterpillar backhoe loader with a 48 month extended warranty.

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to approve the purchase of a new model 420XE Caterpillar backhoe loader for $84,855, including trade-in value. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis and Doster voted YES.
Item No. 8. Consider a resolution to address environmental concerns of material use or processing of creosote based materials

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve a resolution endorsing and urging members of the General Assembly to approve, and the Governor to sign, House Bill 857, and further encouraging Georgia Renewable Power to take all steps possible to mitigate, reduce, and eliminate potential environmental and health hazards resulting from its activities. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis and Doster voted YES.

NEW BUSINESS:
None

Item No. 9. Roads Update

Chairman Scarborough said we have a crane scheduled for Thursday of this week to put Planter Gunnel Road back in place. He stated we have several other roads that are either impassable or have sink holes that need to be addressed. He said he declared a local State of Emergency which allows the County to be in a good position should the governor declare a State of Emergency as it relates to weather and damages to roads.

Commissioner Allen said we have roads that have been washed out and we have all been calling Road Superintendent Derrick Horne. He understands that once it stops raining, they will be able to take care of the road work that needs to be done.

Item No. 10. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 11. Statements and Remarks from Citizens

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks.

Ruth Ann Tesanovich said she would like to report a road and safety hazard caused by two very bright lights at the GRP plant. When driving west on Highway 72 and attempting to make a left turn on HV Chandler road you are blinded by the lights. She requested that the lights be shielded. Mrs. Tesanovich also requested a special emergency response plan for the plant in the event of a fire.

Drago Tesanovich addressed the Board regarding the proposal submitted by the Madison County Clean Power Coalition. He requested that the proposals be listed on the agenda of an Agenda Setting Meeting.

Danielsville Mayor Michael Wideman addressed the Board regarding the City’s proposal of turning the sewer pond over to the County. He asked for the Board’s thoughts and said the council members will be around after the meeting to talk to and ask questions.
Item No. 12. Statements and Remarks from Commissioners

Commissioner Allen asked Mr. Tesanovich if he said he was going to the Capitol on Wednesday and said that he would be there that day also.

Commissioner Strickland thanked the Danielsville City Council for coming to the meeting. He said that was a step in the right direction.

Commissioner Bettis said that we are all on the same team and should work together. Commissioner Bettis also stated that she appreciated the citizens’ input and passion.

Commissioner Doster inquired about any action items that need to be taken regarding department goals and objectives and wanted to follow up on employee training records to allow for a better view of training needs. Commissioner Doster also said he would like to pursue some sort of driveway permit application as a safety consideration. Commissioner Doster closed with a request for the Board to support the Industrial Development and Building Authority in completing a rate study to develop what kind of mutual benefit can be done to help with capital expenses.

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

There was no need for executive session.


On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board adjourned at 6:52 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Commission Chairman John Scarborough
District 1 Commissioner Lee Allen
District 2 Commissioner Tripp Strickland
District 4 Commissioner Brian Kirk
District 5 Commissioner Derek Doster

MEMBERS ABSENT:
District 3 Commissioner Theresa Bettis

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 6:05 p.m., led in the pledge to the American flag and gave the invocation.

Item No. 1. Chairman’s Report
No report was given

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

1. Andrew Lane is representing Thomas Lane in his request to rezone a 34.48 acre parcel from A2 to A1 to combine a portion with his adjoining property for poultry houses. The property is located on Map 61 Parcel 35 on Collins Dudley Road in District 4.

Chairman Hughston stated the Planning and Zoning Commission voted six to zero to approve. He also stated that the adjoining property owners did not receive timely notification prior to their meeting and he recommended that the rezone request be returned to the Planning and Zoning Commission for another hearing and then returned to the Board of Commissioners.

On motion by Commissioner Kirk and second by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to return the rezone request to the Planning and Zoning Commission and postpone their consideration until presented again at the May Board of Commissioners meeting.
2. Any new zoning amendments.
   There were no zoning amendments

**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.

Lamar Hughston and Polly Penson spoke in support of agenda item number five.
Chip Chandler spoke in support of second amendment rights but questioned the resolution.
Maggie Sjoberg requested an explanation of agenda item number five.
Chip Chandler spoke in opposition to agenda item number four as he does not think a developer should be on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item No. 4. Consider appointing Tim Seymour to the Planning and Zoning Commission**

Commissioner Kirk said Mr. Seymour has reconsidered serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission. On motion by Commissioner Kirk and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to postpone an appointment. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Kirk and Doster voted Yes to postpone.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item No. 5. Discuss adopting a resolution declaring Madison County to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary County**

There was considerable discussion regarding the Board’s support of the second amendment and the importance of the structure of the Constitution of the United States.

**Item No. 6. Discuss 2019 budget amendments dated 3-2-20**

Chairman Scarborough reviewed the budget amendments. Commissioner Doster requested the current balance in the seized funds account and clarification that the transfer of funds from Superior Court to Juvenile Court was to cover Bailiff wages for Juvenile Court.

**Item No. 7. Roads Update**

Chairman Scarborough said Planter Gunnell Road is back in service.
Commissioner Allen requested pot-hole repair on Neese Commerce Road.
Commissioner Kirk said he is glad to see pipes are being replaced with box culverts.

**Item No. 8. Urgent Matters**

Commissioners Kirk and Allen inquired about the status of storage space for the new election equipment. Board of Elections Chair Tracy Dean addressed the Board regarding the status and needs. She advised the Board of a call she received last Friday announcing the shipment of additional voting equipment, which arrived ten minutes later, and the lack of space to properly store all of the equipment. She requested a walkway to the back of the
election office as to not interfere with early voting when transporting equipment to polling centers. She also requested an addition to the Board of Elections building to allow for storage of the equipment at one location.

Item No. 9. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to go into executive session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss real estate acquisition and potential litigation. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

The Board returned at 7:38 p.m.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to approve the minutes of executive session. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 10. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board adjourned at 7:39 p.m.
Increase revenue and expenditure by unbudgeted grant funds:

State of Georgia, grant for tire disposal Transfer Station
tire disposal invoices and personnel costs $19,692.87

State of Georgia, grant for Hazard Mitigation Plan EMA
professional services $1,920.00

ACCG, employee safety grant EMA and Coroner
safety supplies $4,985.56

Cigna, Wellness Grant wellness supplies $304.14

State of Georgia, trauma grant ambulance supplies $4,985.31

Increase revenue and expenditure by contributions:

Recreation Department special events $350.00

Increase revenue and expenditure by unbudgeted income and contributions:

Senior Center fund raiser contributions $360.00
$160.00

Road Dept reimbursement for pipe and gravel $19,902.00

Recreation Department increase in participation/increase in expense $610.00

Sheriff's Department increase OT wages and payroll tax add'l funds received from Drug Court services $5,210.30

Transfer funds from Superior Court to Juvenile Court:

Wages and payroll taxes for Bailiff wages were previously coded to Superior Court transfer from security and payroll taxes in Superior Court to bailiff and payroll taxes in Juvenile Court $3,907.70

Transfer funds from Recreation Department to Vehicle Repair/Maintenance:

repairs to large equipment $1,653.43
2019 State Seizure Amendment

Projected Revenue $8,000.00
Actual Revenues: $39,150.00

Projected Expenditures $8,000.00
Actual Expenditures: $89,348.00
Sealed Bids for Historic Courthouse Roof
Advertisement in Madison County Journal March 5, 2020 and March 19, 2020

Submission deadline April 3, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Opening date April 6, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in Public Meeting Room

In attendance
John Scarborough, Chairman
Rhonda Wooten, County Clerk

Recommended at April 20, 2020 B.O.C. Meeting

Vendor: Bone Dry Roofing Company
Date & Time received: 4-3-20  10:29 AM
E-Verify affidavit and 10% bid bond included with bid: YES
Bid price: $218,650.00

Vendor: Skyline Construction Services
Date & Time received: 4-3-20  10:49 AM
E-Verify affidavit and 10% bid bond included with bid: YES
Bid price: $427,145.00

Vendor: DeLaurier Roofing
Date & Time received: 3-27-20  10:42 AM
E-Verify affidavit and 10% bid bond included with bid: NO
Bid price: $268,500.00
National Library Week 2020
Proclamation

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions where people of all ages, interests and backgrounds can come together and learn alongside one another;

WHEREAS, libraries of all types are at the heart of their cities, towns, schools and campuses;

WHEREAS, Madison County Library offers members of the community a welcoming space and opportunities to explore new passions through technology, programs, and services such as monthly calligraphy classes, book clubs for all ages and abilities, and weekly computer instruction;

WHEREAS, Madison County Library helps patrons find tools to help improve the quality of their life, from resume-building software, to sewing machines for public use, to community meeting space;

WHEREAS, Madison County Library hosts a weekly inclusive book club for adults of all abilities;

WHEREAS, Madison County Library partners with community organizations such as the University of Georgia Extension office and Madison County Health Department to provide healthy lifestyle classes free of charge to the community;

WHEREAS, libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve;

WHEREAS, Madison County Library sought and received a grant from the American Library Association and the FINRA Foundation to host the traveling exhibit “Thinking Money 4 Kids” from December 2020 – January 2021;

WHEREAS, libraries are a resource for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status, by offering services and educational resources that transform lives and strengthen communities;

WHEREAS, Madison County Library hosted Georgia Artists with DisAbilities traveling art exhibit, sponsored by the Pilot Club of Georgia for the second year in a row;

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers, and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners proclaim National Library Week, April 19-25, 2020 and encourage all residents to visit the Madison County Library this week and explore what’s new at your library and engage with your librarian.

By: ____________________________
Honorable John D. Scarborough, Chairman, Madison County Board of Commissioners

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