1. Approval of Minutes:
   Minutes of the August 26, 2019 Public Hearing and Regular Business Meeting
   Minutes of the September 9, 2019 Agenda Setting Meeting

2. Business Involving Guests, Groups or Multiple Visitors

3. Chairman’s Report

   Proclamation recognizing Mental Health Awareness Week

4. Statements and Remarks from citizens on an agenda item

OLD BUSINESS:

5. Consider changing Rhonda Wooten’s position to County Clerk/Administrator

NEW BUSINESS:

   None

6. Roads Update

7. Urgent Matters

8. Statements and Remarks from citizens

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

10. Adjourn
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Commission Chairman John D. Scarborough
District 2 Commissioner Tripp Strickland
District 3 Commissioner Theresa Bettis
District 4 Commissioner Brian Kirk
District 5 Commissioner Derek Doster

MEMBERS ABSENT:
District 1 Commissioner Lee Allen

MEDIA PRESENT:
Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:
Rhonda S. Wooten, County Clerk

The public hearing started at 5:33 p.m.

Item No. 1. Public Hearing on 2019 millage rate

Chairman Scarborough stated the 2020 budget has been approved and this is the third public hearing on the millage rate. He said the Board is not looking to increase the millage rate. He stated that if your property value went up the tax amount due will go up, but it will not be as a result of a millage rate increase.

Chairman Scarborough asked if citizens would like to comment or ask questions regarding the millage rate.

Ruth Ann Tsenavich addressed the Board for further clarification on the tax increase due to property value.

Item No. 2. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 5:40 p.m.
AGENDA ITEM #1

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2019
6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Commission Chairman John Scarborough
District 2 Commissioner Tripp Strickland
District 3 Commissioner Theresa Bettis
District 4 Commissioner Brian Kirk
District 5 Commissioner Derek Doster

MEMBERS ABSENT:
District 1 Commissioner Lee Allen

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 July 29, 2019 Public Hearing & Regular Business Meeting
Minutes of the August 5, 2019 Agenda Setting Meeting
Minutes of the August 12, 2019 AM & PM Public Hearing

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2019 Public Hearing & Regular Business Meeting, August 5, 2019 Agenda Setting Meeting and the August 12, 2019 PM Public Hearing. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2019 AM Public Hearing. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Strickland and Bettis voted YES. Chairman Scarborough voted YES. Commissioners Kirk and Doster abstained.

Item No. 2. Business Involving Guests, Groups or Multiple Visitors
None

Item No. 3. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Scarborough stated the September 9, 2019 agenda will include a discussion item regarding a position change for Rhonda Wooten to County Clerk/Administrator.
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.

Ted Fowler requested clarification of the amendment to the noise ordinance, agenda item number six.

Gina Ward requested that the amendment to the noise ordinance, agenda item number six, include more stipulations.

The following citizens addressed the Board regarding agenda item number ten:

Rodney Rogers, Joe Guest, Joe DiNapoli, Cristin Thurman, Brad Crumley, Jackie Taylor, Dawn Eberhardt, Bill Taylor and Nicole Bridges all spoke in support of the Little League program.

Adrienne Simmons encouraged the Board to vote in the best interest of the kids.

Leah Streetman said that she was waiting to hear the proposal from Little League.

Michelle May asked if a new position at the recreation department is being created to support the Georgia Recreation and Park Association program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 5. Consider a $3,287.48 refund to Thomas Hartley for overpayment of 2018 taxes

Chief Appraiser Robin Baker was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency. Chairman Scarborough read an email from Mr. Baker giving an account of the events leading to the overpayment of 2018 taxes.

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to refund $3,287.48 to Thomas Hartley for overpayment of 2018 taxes. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

CONSENT AGENDA:
The following items were discussed at the August 5, 2019 meeting.

County Attorney Mike Pruett explained the noise ordinance. Commissioner Doster said the Board is trying to set expectations for the future.

Item No. 6. Consider approving an amendment to the noise ordinance
Item No. 7. Consider approving a Beer & Wine License application for Hwy 29 Quick Stop Inc.

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to approve consent agenda items six and seven. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.
OLD BUSINESS:

Item No. 8. Consider approving the 2019 Millage Rate

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to set the millage rate at 14.649 for the incorporated area and 13.107 for the unincorporated area. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider resolution to combine the School Board, ID&BA and County millage rates

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to approve the resolution to combine the School Board, ID&BA and County millage rates. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 10. Consider Recreation Department’s Facilities Use Agreements

Chairman Scarborough clarified that the new position at the recreation department is to bring back a position that was in place a number of years ago. He said bringing the position back was considered to handle the scope of activities that are offered at the recreation department due to growth. He said the position is needed regardless of Little League or GRPA.

Commissioner Bettis stated the qualifications and ethics which enable her to make decisions regarding the recreation department.

Commissioner Strickland said the county owns the property, hires the director and appoints the Recreation Board Members.

Commissioner Kirk said that while at the recreation department watching games, people have approached him regarding management issues with Little League.

Commissioner Doster stated that he sought expert opinions regarding the Little League management issues and the proposal received from the recreation department.

There was further discussion regarding the negative Little League comments on social media and the prevailing attitude.

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to not renew the Facilities Use Agreement with Little League. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 11. Roads Update

Commissioner Bettis requested maintenance on Thomas Drive.

Commissioner Strickland requested repair of uneven pavement on New Haven Church Road.
Item No. 12. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 13. Statements and Remarks from Citizens

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks.

Michele May encouraged the Board to not lump everyone who spoke tonight into a negative group.

David Routhieaux apologized for the comments that others have made on social media.

Item No. 14. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 15. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Doster the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT:
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:
Commission Chairman John Scarborough

MEDIA PRESENT:
Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal

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

Vice-Chairman Allen called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., led in the pledge to the American flag and gave the invocation.

Item No. 1. Chairman's Report

Vice-Chairman Allen said there is a matter regarding an increased salary contribution for a particular County Extension Agent applicant. He said if the Board agrees, this topic will be brought up under urgent matters.

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

1. Consider final plat for Kaydence Springs Subdivision

Zoning Administrator Linda Fortson and Developer Jay Pridgen presented the final plat for Kaydence Springs Subdivision and answered questions regarding an easement and driveway access.

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to approve the final plat for Kaydence Springs Subdivision with the provision of Lot 1 and Lot 16 being accessed from Faith Lane and Lot 17 being accessed from Diamond Hill Colbert Road. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.
Item No. 3. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on agenda items

Vice-Chairman Allen asked if there were any statements or remarks on an agenda item.

Chip Chandler, Dianne Satterfield, Conolus Scott, Cody Cross, Dave Ramsey, Lisa Mathis, Dena Chandler, Rebecca Scott, Laura Webster, Cynthia Fortson, Suzanne Hudgens and Jay Pridgen spoke in support of the funding needed to meet the 2020 election requirements, agenda item number four.

Cody Cross, Lisa Mathis and Jay Pridgen spoke in support of the position title for Rhonda Wooten, agenda item number five.

Sylvia Lowe requested information regarding the salary considerations for the County Extension Agent and the County Clerk and suggested the money be used for elections.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 4. Discuss Board of Elections & Registration 2020 requirements

Board of Elections Chair Tracy Dean addressed the Board regarding the upcoming election requirements of new voting machines, storage needs and training for staff, poll workers and voters. Provision for the 2020 requirements will be considered at the September 30, 2019 meeting.

Item No. 5. Discuss changing Rhonda Wooten’s position title to County Clerk/Administrator

Vice-Chairman Allen opened the floor for discussion. The Board discussed the current duties of the County Clerk and expressed their thoughts regarding the position title. This topic will be considered at the September 30, 2019 meeting.

Item No. 6. Roads Update

Commissioner Doster requested to have the intersection of Bullock Mill Road and Colbert Danielsville Road looked at to see if there are any preventative measures that can be put in place, such as rumble strips or shrub trimming, to allow better driver awareness.

Item No. 7. Urgent Matters

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to add the additional salary contribution for the County Extension Agent as an agenda item. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to approve a contribution of up to an additional $1,500 to the County Extension Agent salary. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.
Item No. 8. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 9. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.
BY THE CHAIRMAN OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
MADISON COUNTY, GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK
OCTOBER 6-12, 2019

WHEREAS, mental health is part of overall health; and

WHEREAS, one in five adults experiences a mental health problem in any given year and one in 17 adults live
with mental illness such as major depression, bipolar disorder or schizophrenia; and

WHEREAS, approximately one-half of chronic mental illness begins by the age of 14 and three-quarters by age
24; and

WHEREAS, long delays – sometimes decades – often occur between the time symptoms first appear and when
individuals get help; and

WHEREAS, early identification and treatment can make a difference in successful management of mental
illness and recovery; and

WHEREAS, it is important to maintain mental health and learn the symptoms of mental illness in order to get
help when it is needed; and

WHEREAS, every citizen and community can make a difference in helping end the silence and stigma that for
too long has surrounded mental illness and discouraged people from getting help; and

WHEREAS, public education and civic activities can encourage mental health and help improve the lives of
individuals and families affected by mental illness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Madison County, Georgia do hereby
proclaim October 6 through October 12, 2019 as MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK in Madison County to
increase public understanding of the importance of mental health and to promote identification and
treatment of mental illness.

So resolved by the Madison County Board of Commissioners on this the 30th day of September, 2019.

John D. Scarborough, Chairman, Madison County Board of Commissioners

Rhonda S. Wooten, Clerk, Madison County Board of Commissioners
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October 6 - 12, 2019

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Athens, GA 30601

Elbert County
City of Bowman Public Square
Bowman, GA 30624

Jackson County
Historic Courthouse
85 Washington St.
Jefferson, GA 30549

Madison County
Memorial Park Gazebo
91 Albany Ave.
Danielsville, GA 30633

Barrow County
Gazebo on the Public Square
Winder, GA 30680

Greene County
Greene County Courthouse
113 N. Main St.
Greensboro, GA 30642

Walton County
Lawn on the Public Square
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