

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING  
JANUARY 29, 2018  
6:00 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commission Chairman John Scarborough  
District 1 Commissioner Lee Allen  
District 2 Commissioner Tripp Strickland  
District 3 Commissioner Theresa Bettis  
District 4 Commissioner John W. Pethel, Sr.  
District 5 Commissioner Jim R. Escoe, Sr.

**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. Approval of minutes:**

**Minutes of the January 8, 2018 Regular Business Meeting and the January 10, 2018 Special Called Meeting. Minutes have been distributed.**

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 Regular Business Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland and Escoe voted YES. Commissioners Bettis and Pethel abstained.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2018 Special Called Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Bettis and Escoe voted YES. Commissioners Strickland and Pethel abstained.

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

None

**Item No. 3. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Scarborough stated that there is a change on agenda item number ten. Consideration of the road abandonment will be postponed to the last meeting in February.

Commissioner Escoe asked about the status of hiring a grant writer. Chairman Scarborough said that the ad for that position will be worked on this week.

**Item No. 4. Report from the Industrial Development and Building Authority. (Marvin White)**

Chairman Scarborough read the report that was given at the January 22, 2018 ID&BA meeting.

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

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

Brett Smith spoke against the abandonment of M&S Lane.

Rhonda Alewine, Wayman Alewine and Orlando Adler spoke against the rezone for a subdivision on Map 31, Parcels 130 and 130-2 on Highway 29 South.

Attorney Victor Johnson spoke in favor of the rezone.

Nancy Smith and Gary Armour spoke against the rezone for a subdivision on Map 29, Parcel 9 on Neese Commerce Road.

Attorney Victor Johnson spoke in favor of the rezone.

Chip Chandler and Stanley Thomas spoke regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update and opposed the 1.5 acre subdivision lot size requirement.

Judge Cody Cross spoke in favor of a two percent cost of living adjustment for employees.

Victor Johnson requested that the library employees also be included in a two percent cost of living adjustment.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item No. 6. Consider a SPLOST purchase for Collins Volunteer Fire Department which will exceed the sixty percent quota.**

Collins Fire Chief Jackson Parham addressed the Board regarding his request to receive additional SPLOST funding for six sets of turn-out gear which would result in exceeding the 60 percent quota by \$4,775.

After discussion regarding the SPLOST arrangements for all of the eleven volunteer fire departments, on motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve a purchase that brings the amount to 60 percent. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 7. Consider request of Russell and Terry Tankersley to rezone Map 17, Parcel 33 at 5243 Nowhere Road from R1 to RR so that they can have pigs.**

Commissioner Strickland made a motion to approve the rezone request. The motion failed for lack of a second.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to deny the rezone request. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Bettis, Escoe and Pethel voted YES. Commissioner Strickland voted NO.

**Item No. 8. Consider request of Chris Jones to rezone Map 31, Parcels 130 and 130-2 on Highway 29 South from A2 to R1 for a major subdivision.**

Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve the rezone request with conditions that the homes are a minimum of 1600 square feet heated space for a one story, 1800 square feet heated space for a two story and a minimum 5/12 roof pitch. Commissioner Bettis seconded the motion. After discussion the vote was as follows: Commissioner Allen voted YES. Commissioners Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted NO.

After addressing agenda items nine through eleven, it was realized that a vote to approve or deny this rezone request had not taken place. On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to deny the rezone request. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Allen voted NO. Commissioners Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 9. Consider request of Chris Jones to rezone Map 29, Parcel 9 on Highway 106 South from A2 to R1 for a major subdivision.**

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to approve the rezone request with conditions that the homes are a minimum of 1600 square feet heated space for a one story, 1800 square feet for a two story and a minimum 5/12 roof pitch . The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Bettis and Escoe voted YES. Commissioners Strickland and Pethel voted NO.

**Item No. 10. Consider abandonment of County Road 336 (portions of M&S Lane and Vineyards Creek Church Road).**

This item was postponed to February 26, 2018.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item No. 11. Consider a two percent cost of living adjustment for all permanent employees to be effective February 4, 2018. (Chairman Scarborough)**

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to approve a two percent cost of living adjustment for all permanent employees to be effective February 4, 2018. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

The vote to deny the agenda number eight rezone request was handled at this time.

**Item No. 12. Consider approving resolution to adopt the 2018 Comprehensive Plan Update.  
(Chairman Scarborough)**

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the resolution adopting the 2018 Comprehensive Plan Update. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 13. Roads Update**

Commissioner Allen said that the citizens of Briarwood Trail and Wolf Creek Trail have expressed their thanks. Commissioner Allen said that pot holes need to be repaired on McGinnis Chandler Road.

**Item No. 14. Urgent Matters**

There were no urgent matters.

**Item No. 15. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.**

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks.

Gary Armour addressed the Board regarding the size and location of rezone signs.

George Allen addressed the Board with suggestions for traffic safety at Highway 106 and Neese Commerce Road.

Stew Maxwell addressed the Board regarding the traffic problems at Highway 106 and Neese Commerce Road.

**Item No. 16. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).**

There was no need for executive session.

**Item No. 17. Adjourn.**

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Allen the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.