

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
JANUARY 30, 2017
6:30 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 6:30 p.m., asked that cell phone ring tones be turned off and asked for prayer for the family of Conolus Scott, Sr. and Wayne Crider who recently passed away. Chairman Scarborough led in the pledge to the American Flag and gave the invocation.

Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of January 9, 2017. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Allen the Board approved the minutes of the January 9, 2017 Regular Business Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

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

None

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Scarborough reminded everyone of the called meeting to be held tomorrow at 4:00 to discuss agricultural issues and stated that an invitation has been extended to view the Whitehead farm following the meeting.

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board that updates, revisions and corrections to the Madison County policies have been worked on and that those corrections have been distributed to the Board for consideration at the February 6, 2017 meeting.

Chairman Scarborough stated that the Board of Elections and Registration office has been successfully relocated to Spring Lake Drive and will be up and running for the ESPLOST election in March.

Chairman Scarborough advised that the Northern Circuit Drug Court is looking to expand to Madison County. Progress is being made to provide office and court space for Juvenile Judge Warren Caswell, which may also provide space for Drug Court and a coordinator.

Chairman Scarborough stated that EMA Field Coordinator C. J. Worden advised that we need to move the EMA Director position from interim to permanent to be in compliance. Chairman Scarborough stated that EMS Director Bobby Smith has taken on the role of EMA Director for Madison County and Marc Perry has agreed to stay on as deputy director.

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

Chairman Scarborough announced the agenda item and recognized Marvin White, Executive Director of the Madison County Industrial Development and Building Authority. Mr. White gave a report of the activities of the ID&BA.

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. Attorney Victor Johnson approached the Board to represent his client and discuss agenda item number ten. Commissioner Escoe said that he received some late information and is postponing the consideration of revoking the Kwik Chek Beer and Wine license to February 27, 2017. Mr. Johnson said that he would still like to discuss the agenda item and provided the Board with affidavits from Irfan Hameed and Shahid Aulakh regarding a delivery from Northeast Sales Distributing. Mr. Johnson said that he would like for the affidavits to be a part of the minutes.

Item No. 6. Consider selecting a commissioner to be on the Homestead Exemption Review Committee.

Tax Commissioner Lamar Dalton addressed the Board to request their selection of a B.O.C. member for a position on the Homestead Exemption Review Committee, which is being established with a goal to have a tax exemption for the elderly on the 2018 ballot. Commissioner Bettis nominated Commissioner Lee Allen. On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board agreed to name Commissioner Allen as their selection for a position on the Homestead Exemption Review Committee. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 7. Consider approval of 2017 Beer and Wine license for SZ Food Mart. (Chairman Scarborough)

Commissioner Escoe said that as a matter of protocol, the 2017 Beer and Wine license for Peach Pantry should be rescinded. On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to rescind the 2017 Beer and Wine license for Peach Pantry. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve a 2017 Beer and Wine license for SZ Food Mart. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider accepting right-of-way deed for Old Kincaid Road. (Chairman Scarborough)

County Attorney Mike Pruett explained that Old Kincaid Road was paved several years ago and the right-of-way deed for this portion of the land did not get recorded.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to accept the right-of-way deed for Old Kincaid Road. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consent agenda item: Consider Recreation Department Advisory Board appointments.

- A. Darrell Woods (Chairman Scarborough)**
- B. Chris Gunnells (Commissioner Allen)**
- C. Donna Adams (Commissioner Escoe)**

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to appoint Darrell Woods, Chris Gunnells and Donna Adams to the Recreation Department Advisory Board. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 10. Consider revoking Kwik Chek's 2017 Beer and Wine license. (Jim Escoe)

This item was postponed by Commissioner Escoe to February 27, 2017.

Item No. 11. Roads Update

There were no road updates or requests.

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. No one came forward.

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 Allen, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.