

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commission Chairman Todd Higdon
District 1 Commissioner Dennis Adams
District 2 Commissioner Terry Chandler
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 Higdon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Item No. 1. Chairman's Report

Chairman Higdon expressed gratitude to Chairman Scarborough for enabling a smooth transition. He welcomed the two newly elected commissioners and greeted all commissioners saying he looked forward to working with them.

Chairman Higdon advised the Board that over the last few weeks he met with our finance director and every department head to complete a 2021 budget. He requested to have a public hearing on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to review the proposed 2021 budget.

Chairman Higdon stated a recommendation to hire Brad Huff to fill the position of assistant director at the recreation department has been submitted by director Shelley Parham and Recreation Board Director Darrel Woods. Mr. Huff's resume was distributed to each commissioner for consideration and vote at the January 25th meeting.

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

1. Shirley Lightner is representing Judd Theryl in his request to rezone his 1.8 acre parcel from B to R1. The property is located on Wesley Chapel Road on Map 23 Parcel 127 in District 1.

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

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

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

2. Ken Scoville is requesting to rezone his 7.83 acre property from A1 to RR to combine with his adjoining property where he lives. The property is located off of Lem Edwards Road on Morris Creek Drive on Map 47 Parcel 85-A in District 5.

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

Chairman Higdon asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to the request. Applicant Ken Scoville spoke in favor of the request.

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

3. Amy Dowell is requesting to rezone 1.86 acres of her 11.86 acre property from A1 to R1 to give to her niece for a home site. The property is located on Brickyard Road on Map 84 Parcel 45 in District 5.

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

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

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

4. Joshua Pruitt is representing Anita Evans in her request to rezone approximately 2 acres of her 4.98 acre parcel from A2 to RR. The remaining 2.98 acres will be combined with the adjacent property. The property is located on Evans Drive on Map 52 Parcel 123 in District 2.

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

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

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

5. Eugene Knight is representing Debra Hanson in her request to rezone 2.4 acres to give to her nephew to add his adjacent property. The property is located on Della Slaten Road on Map 102 Parcel 33 in District 4.

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

Chairman Higdon asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to 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 Adams, Chandler, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

6. Ned Butler with Reliant Homes is representing Pridgen Enterprises in their request to rezone 64.419 acres from A2 to R1 for phase two of Woodbury Subdivision. The property is located on Spratlin Mill Road on Map 32 Parcel 62 in District 3.

The applicant withdrew this rezone application.

7. Adam Swann is requesting to rezone his 39.3 acre parcel from A1 to R1 to combine with his adjoining property for a major subdivision. The property is located on Garnett Ward Road on Map 31 Parcel 12 in District 3.

The applicant requested to have this rezone hearing postponed to February.

8. Adam Swann is requesting to rezone his 35.3 acre parcel from A1 to R1 to combine with his adjoining property for a major subdivision. The property is located on Garnett Ward Road on Map 31 Parcel 11-01A in District 3.

The applicant requested to have this rezone hearing postponed to February.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 4. Consider authorizing payment of vacation leave in excess of 240 hours in year 2020 due to reduced staffing with COVID-19 pandemic.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to authorize payment of vacation leave in excess of 240 hours in year 2020 due to reduced staffing with COVID-19 pandemic. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 5. Roads Update

Chairman Higdon said that he met with Alan today regarding future roadwork.

Item No. 6. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 7. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 8. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.