

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
OCTOBER 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. and stated that our long time building inspector and county resident, L.C. Brown, passed away and another member of our community and dear friend Stan Graham passed away. Chairman Scarborough asked that their families be remembered. He then led in the pledge to the American Flag and gave the invocation.

Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the October 2, 2017 Regular Business Meeting and October 10, 2017 Special Called Meeting. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2017 Regular Business Meeting and the October 10, 2017 Special Called 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

No items to report

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.

Stanley Thomas addressed the Board regarding agenda items eight and nine. He requested that there be no change to these agenda items. Gene Lurwig addressed the Board regarding agenda item number nine and requested that there be no change. Evander Baker with Madison County Board of Health addressed the Board regarding agenda item number six and provided explanation for the proposed fees.

Item No. 5. Consider approving the Democratic Party's nominee, Clyde Verhine, to fill a four year term on the Board of Elections. (Chairman Scarborough)

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the recommendation of Clyde Verhine. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 6. Consider adopting proposed Environmental Health Fees submitted by the Madison County Board of Health. (Commissioner Allen)

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board approved the Environmental Health Fees submitted by the Madison County Board of Health contingent upon removal of all Expedited Service Fees. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 7. Consider bids for a boom mower. (Alan Lapczynski)

Public Works and Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski addressed the Board regarding bid results for a boom mower.

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to accept the low bid of \$114,821 from Atlantic & Southern Equipment and purchase the Massey Ferguson tractor with diamond side arm mower to be paid out of SPLOST funds. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider quarterly ID&BA reporting. (Chairman Scarborough)

Commissioner Allen made a motion to change ID&BA reporting to quarterly rather than monthly. Commissioner Strickland seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen and Strickland voted YES. Commissioners Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted NO.

Item No. 9. Consider deleting section 2-2(6) from Madison County Ordinance. (Chairman Scarborough)

There was no motion on this agenda item.

Item No. 10. Consider budget amendments. (Chairman Scarborough)

Chairman Scarborough explained that the budget amendments dated October 30, 2017 have been proposed by the auditor to provide a more detailed line item accounting on transactions that have been approved by the Board throughout the year.

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to approve the proposed budget amendments dated October 30, 2017. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 11. Consider accepting Hickory Hills for county maintenance. (Chairman Scarborough)

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board that all right-of-way deeds have been recorded for Hickory Hills Road.

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to accept Hickory Hills as a county road. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 12. Consider purchase rather than lease of replacement truck for Sheriff's Office. (Chairman Scarborough)

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board that the October 2, 2017 decision to enter a lease purchase for this vehicle required a resolution to be approved by the Board, which would have been presented tonight. Meanwhile, county revenue has been collected and there is no need to pay fees associated with a lease purchase.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to purchase a 2018 RAM 1500 ST 4x4 Crew Cab for \$25,545 plus outfitting to be paid out of SPLOST funds rather than entering into a lease purchase agreement. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 13. Roads Update

Commissioner Pethel inquired about the status of the road abandonment process.

Chairman Scarborough said that he is working with D.O.T. on an approximately \$500,000 Off-System Safety Grant.

Commissioner Bettis inquired about the status of the speed limit on Old Danielsville Road.

Chairman Scarborough said a speed limit change has been requested for a decel lane on Highway 98 at Sam's Town.

Commissioner Strickland said that he has heard a lot of compliments regarding the maintenance of dirt roads.

Item No. 14. Urgent Matters

Commissioner Pethel said that he continues to hear complaints on the tax increase and is being told that there are discrepancies in the property comparables. He requested that someone from Atlanta be contacted for an audit.

Commissioner Escoe asked if there are plans to seek a grant writer to begin the first of January.

Item No. 15. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks.

Stanley Thomas came forward and asked Commissioner Allen questions regarding his earlier comment concerning the benefits of citizens addressing the Board. Conolus Scott came forward and requested that the Board please use the microphones to enable better hearing for the audience.

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 Strickland and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.