

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
NOVEMBER 27, 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., led in the pledge to the American Flag and gave the invocation.

Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the November 6, 2017 Regular Business Meeting. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board approved the minutes of the November 6, 2017 Regular Business Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis and Pethel voted YES. Commissioner Escoe refrained.

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

None

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board that Commissioner Allen will be our Madison County representative at the Georgia Local Elected Officials' White House Conference on December 5, 2017.

Item No. 4. Report from the 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. No one came forward.

Item No. 6. Consider establishing qualification fees for the 2018 election year. (Chairman Scarborough)

Commissioner Escoe said that he would like to discuss the process of running as an independent candidate. Chairman Scarborough said that we will come back to this.

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to approve the resolution establishing qualification fees for the 2018 election year. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 7. Consider appointing a County Legislative Coordinator. (Chairman Scarborough)

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to adopt a resolution appointing Commissioner Allen as the ACCG County Legislative Coordinator. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

County Attorney Mike Pruett discussed the process governed by state law to run as an independent candidate.

Item No. 8. Roads Update

Commissioner Allen requested trash pick-up on Sailors Road and pot hole repair on the south end of Neese Commerce Road.

Chairman Scarborough stated that the work on Loop Road is being finished. He also advised the Board that approximately 500 truck-loads of field dirt are being transported from Georgia Renewable Power to Waggoners Grove Church Road for a road leveling project and the balance is to be stored at the road department.

Item No. 9. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 10. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks. No one came forward.

Item No. 11. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 12. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.