

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commission Chairman John Scarborough
District 1 Commissioner Lee Allen
District 2 Commissioner Tripp Strickland
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 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. Chairman's Report

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board that more time is needed to complete revisions to the purchasing policy. The Board agreed to postpone agenda item number seven.

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

1. Seth Cape is representing Mike Alewine in his request to rezone 4.81 acres from A1 to RR for two home sites. The property is located on House Holloway Road on Map 64 Parcel 61A in District 4.

Chairman Hughston explained the rezone request and stated the Planning and Zoning Commission voted four to three to approve.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Seth Cape spoke in favor of the request.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the request. Linda Ray spoke in opposition to the request.

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

Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve the rezone request. Commissioner Bettis seconded the motion. After discussion, the vote to approve the request was as follows: Commissioner Allen voted Yes. Commissioners Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted No. The rezone request was denied.

2. Joyce Raines is representing her mother, Bessie Hill, in her request to rezone two acres of her 20.18 acre tract from A2 to RR to give to her daughter. The property is located on Farm Road on Map 71 Parcel 105 in District 5.

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

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Joyce Raines spoke in favor of the request.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the request. No one came forward.

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

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

3. Nickole Bloom is requesting to rezone approximately 2 acres of her 5 acre property from A2 to RR. The property is located on Hardman Morris Road on Map 59 Parcel 96L in District 5.

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

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Nickole Bloom spoke in favor of the request and explained her desire to sell the remaining three acres to her neighbor.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the request. No one came forward.

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

Commissioner Doster made a motion to approve the rezone request. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. After discussion, Commissioner Doster amended his motion to include a condition that the remaining three acres of the property that is not being rezoned be adjoined with the neighboring property. The Board voted to approve the rezone request with the condition presented in Commissioner Doster's amended motion. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

4. Janet Ayers is requesting a Conditional Use permit for a dog kennel on her 6.4 acre parcel on Map 72 Parcel 22-10A and her 5.89 acre parcel on Map 72 Parcel 22-11A. Both parcels are zoned A2 and located on Waggoners Grove Church Road in District 5.

Chairman Hughston explained the Conditional Use request and stated the Planning and Zoning Commission voted four to three to deny.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Keith Ayers spoke in favor of the request.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the request. Danny Tatangelo, Belinda Ogle, Richard Ward and Gina Ward spoke in opposition to the request.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Keith Ayers spoke in favor of the request.

Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve the Conditional Use with two conditions: 1) the Conditional Use expires if ownership of the property changes and 2) feeding must take place between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM. Commissioner Strickland seconded the motion. After discussion, the vote was as follows: Commissioner Allen voted YES. Commissioners Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted NO. The rezone request was denied.

5. Victor Johnson is representing Minish Girls LLC. The request is to have a 40.44 acre parcel rezoned from A2 to A1. The property is located on Map 2 Parcel 11 on Loop Road in District 1.

Chairman Hughston explained the rezone request and stated the Planning and Zoning Commission voted four to three to approve with the following conditions: 1) No more than six poultry houses and one stack house. 2) Required to keep the 500' buffer to the east of the property. 3) The poultry houses are to sit west to east.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Victor Johnson, representing, Minish Girls LLC, spoke in favor of the request.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the request. Donna Wood, Ricky Tucker, Cynthia Fortson and Conolus Scott spoke in opposition to the request.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Terry Chandler, Elizabeth Minish Cunningham and Victor Johnson spoke in favor of the request.

Commissioner Allen made a motion to deny the rezone request. Commissioner Bettis seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen and Bettis voted YES to deny the request. Commissioners Strickland, Kirk and Doster voted NO.

Commissioner Doster made a motion to approve the rezone request with the three conditions set by the Planning and Zoning Board and with clarity that the 500' buffer is to be an undisturbed natural buffer. The three conditions for rezone approval are: 1) No more than six poultry houses and one stack house. 2) Required to keep the 500' undisturbed natural buffer to the east of the property. 3) The poultry houses are to sit west to east. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen and Bettis voted NO. Commissioners Strickland, Kirk and Doster voted YES to approve.

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

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

Lamar Hughston spoke regarding agenda item number five. He expressed his support of the reappointment of Conolus Scott and advised the Board that Terry Chandler's term is also due to expire at the end of this year and he would like to see him reappointed.

Cynthia Fortson spoke regarding agenda item number five, supporting the reappointment of Conolus Scott. Ms. Fortson also spoke regarding agenda item number 15, roads, and requested safety measures for the Highway 72 and Hardman Morris intersection.

Tax Commissioner Lamar Dalton spoke in support of agenda items 13 and 14.

Probate Court Judge Cody Cross spoke in support of agenda items 13 and 14.

NEW BUSINESS:

All matters to be discussed were included on the agenda, however, the numbering was off. Item No. 4 was inadvertently omitted from the agenda template.

Item No. 5. Discuss reappointment of Conolus Scott to the Planning and Zoning Commission

The Board discussed the reappointment of Conolus Scott and Terry Chandler.

Item No. 6. Discuss 2019 budget amendments dated December 2, 2019

The Board reviewed the budget amendments.

Item No. 7. Discuss resolution to amend section 2-247 of the purchasing policy

The Board agreed at the beginning of the meeting to postpone this agenda item.

Item No. 8. Discuss selecting a 2020 vice-chairman

The Board discussed the selection of next year's vice-chairman.

Item No. 9. Discuss dates for 2020 holidays

The Board reviewed the dates presented for 2020 holidays.

Item No. 10. Discuss dates for 2020 Board of Commissioners meetings

The Board reviewed the dates presented for 2020 Board of Commissioners meetings.

Item No. 11. Discuss 2020 New Beer & Wine License application

The Board reviewed the new owner application for a 2020 Beer & Wine License for Danielsville Grocery.

Item No. 12. Discuss 2020 Renewal Beer & Wine License applications

The Board reviewed the list of renewal applications for a 2020 Beer & Wine License.

Item No. 13. Discuss a 3% COLA effective 1-5-20 for full-time and regularly scheduled part-time employees

The Board discussed approving a 3% COLA for full-time and regularly scheduled part-time employees.

Item No. 14. Discuss additional salary increases for facilities effective 1-5-20

The Board discussed additional salary increases for facilities.

Item No. 15. Roads Update

Chairman Scarborough stated that there were two tragic accidents at Highway 72 and Hardman Morris. Chairman Scarborough stated that the intersection of Highway 106 and Neese Commerce is in need of attention. Commissioner Doster said that he would like to receive crash data for the intersections. Commissioner Allen stated Georgia House Rules Chairman, Jay Powell, passed away today. He said that he was an advocate for rural Georgia and will be greatly missed.

Item No. 16. Urgent Matters

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any topics to be discussed.

Commissioner Strickland asked if the Board would consider moving the meeting time to an earlier time next year.

Commissioner Kirk said he would like to have a resolution drawn up to congratulate the academic and extracurricular activity achievements of the Madison County High School.

Commissioner Doster said he had three things: 1) Contact be made with The Department of Transportation regarding the recent fatalities due to auto accidents. 2) Board of Elections storage space needs for new voting equipment. 3) GRP plant concerns; air quality, noise and water run-off.

Item No. 17. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 18. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Allen the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.