

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AMENDED MINUTES  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING  
FEBRUARY 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:**

Jackie Kesler, Deputy 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 Regular Business Meeting of February 6, 2017 and the Special Called Meeting of February 15, 2017. Minutes have been distributed.**

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2017 Regular Business Meeting. 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 the minutes of the February 15, 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.**

**Adam Speir, Madison County Extension Agent**

Mr. Speir gave an annual report of the 2016 activities of the Madison County Extension Office. He provided material that covered activities in the areas of Agriculture and Natural Resources, 4-H & Youth Development and Family and Consumer Sciences .

**Item No. 3. Chairman's Report**

None

**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. No one came forward.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item No. 6. Consider adopting an ordinance to regulate private property burials. (Judge Cross)**

Judge Cross addressed the Board informing that Board that there has been an increase in calls about private property burials. Judge Cross advised the Board that they may want to look into creating an ordinance that would lay out some guidelines for such burials. Judge Cross asked Coroner Julie Phillips to discuss with the Board the experiences she has had with private property burials. The Board agreed to take this issue under consideration.

**Item No. 7. Consider appointing Linda Cox to the Library Board of Trustees. (Jennifer Ivey)**

Madison County Library Branch Manager Jennifer Ivey addressed the Board to recommend Linda Cox to fill a position on the Madison County Library Board of Trustees.

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

**Item No. 8. Discuss process or method(s) of consideration when appointing and/or selecting county board and committee members. (Chairman Scarborough)**

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board that the Animal Control Board is seeking assistance in adding three new members to the Animal Control Board. Conolus Scott, Chair of the Democratic Party, addressed the Board on implementing a procedure that would allow citizens a better chance to serve on various county boards.

**Item No. 9. Consider accepting up to a 60' right-of-way on Bridlewood Trail and Wolf Creek Trail.  
(Commissioner Allen)**

Commissioner Allen advised there is currently a 30 ft. right-of-way on Bridlewood Trail and Wolf Creek Trail, but to properly maintain these roads there needs to be a 60 ft. right-of-way. He stated that he has been in communication with the property owners of these roads and they are willing to sign right-of-way documents to allow for a 60 ft. right-of-way.

Commissioner Allen made a motion to accept up to a 60' right-of-way on Bridlewood Trail and Wolf Creek Trail. Commissioner Bettis seconded the motion.

After discussion Commissioner Escoe made a substitute motion to get signature pages before voting on accepting the right-of-way. Commissioner Pethel seconded the motion. The vote for this substitute motion was as follows: Commissioners Pethel and Escoe voted YES. Commissioners Allen, Strickland and Bettis voted NO.

After discussion Commissioner Allen amended his first motion and made a substitute motion to accept up to a 60' right-of-way on Bridlewood Trail and Wolf Creek Trail contingent upon the receipt of signatures granting the right-of-way. Commissioner Strickland seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland and Bettis voted YES. Commissioner Pethel and Escoe voted NO.

**Item No. 10. Consider a \$55,000 lease purchase agreement for Poca Volunteer Fire Department.  
(Chairman Scarborough)**

Since the Poca Volunteer Fire Department was able to secure funding, this agenda item was no longer necessary.

**Item No. 11. Consider a six month review period to facilitate better consistency with the Land Use and Comprehensive Plans. (Theresa Bettis)**

Commissioner Bettis advised that with County Government moving at such a fast pace it would be beneficial to have a 6 month review period of current Land Use and Comprehensive Plans so there is consistency when making decisions on such things. County Attorney Mike Pruett read the action part on the Resolution provided.

Commissioner Bettis made a motion to accept the Resolution for Temporary Suspension of Accepting Applications for Certain Zoning Classifications and Plat Approvals, Road and Street Improvements, and Building Permits for Polutry Houses. Commissioner Strickland seconded the motion.

After discussion Commissioner Bettis ammended her motion to postpone the vote until the March 6, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Strickland seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 12. Roads Update**

Commissioner Allen stated the striping being done around the County is looking good. Commissioner Allen stated there are some storm water issues off of Sanford Rd. Commissioner Allen also stated there are potholes needing repair on Neese Commerce Rd.

Chairman Scarborough stated there are issues with the pipelines on Racetrack Rd. from heavy vehicles and traffic may need to be rerouted or a no heavy trucks sign put in place.

**Item No. 13. Urgent Matters**

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and a second by Commissioner Bettis the board voted to approve moving \$72,848.63 of excess funds to the general fund account. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Pethel voted NO.

**Item No. 14. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.**

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

**Item No. 15. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).**

There was no need for executive session.

**Item No. 16. Adjourn.**

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Allen, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.