

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commission Chairman John Scarborough
District 2 Commissioner Tripp Strickland
District 3 Commissioner Theresa Bettis
District 4 Commissioner Brian Kirk
District 5 Commissioner Derek Doster

MEMBERS ABSENT:

District 1 Commissioner Lee Allen

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 said we are not quite ready to discuss agenda item number four. The Board agreed to postpone the agenda item.

Chairman Scarborough presented the Chamber of Commerce Agreement reflecting the \$15,000 annual County contribution that was previously approved and included in the 2020 budget.

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board approved the agreement. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

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

There were no zoning matters.

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. No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item No. 4. Consider filling a vacant position on the Planning and Zoning Commission

This item was postponed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 5. Discuss Resolution to address environmental concerns of material use or processing of creosote based materials

County Attorney Mike Pruett advised the Board that the Clean Air Act preempts local counties from prohibiting or regulating the material use or processing of creosote based materials allowed under EPD permits. The Board requested the drafting of a resolution encouraging voluntary compliance by industry and support from state legislators.

Item No. 6. Discuss going out for bid for historic courthouse roof replacement

Chairman Scarborough suggested using 2008 and 2014 SPLOST funds, designated for the historic courthouse, to have the roof replaced. The Board agreed to allow Chairman Scarborough to go out for bid.

Item No. 7. Discuss appointing Robin Purcell to the Recreation Board

Commissioner Bettis recommended the Board consider appointing Robin Purcell to the Recreation Board at the next voting meeting.

Item No. 8. Discuss purchasing a new backhoe out of Road Department SPLOST funds

The Board discussed using SPLOST funds designated for the Road Department to purchase a new backhoe.

Item No. 9. Discuss goals and objectives for departments, board and authorities

The Board discussed having departments, boards and authorities share goals and objectives that they would like to see accomplished by the end of the year. Department heads are encouraged to attend B.O.C. meetings and share their goals, issues and accomplishments.

Item No. 10. Discuss amending the purchasing policy

Chairman Scarborough said he would like to present changes to the purchasing policy, mainly housekeeping, but also to improve the methods and thresholds to be more in line with the state. General discussion was held on the amendments to be presented at the next meeting.

Item No. 11. Roads Update

There were no road matters.

Item No. 12. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters

Item No. 13. Executive Session to discuss real estate acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to go into executive session at 6:40 p.m. to discuss acquisition of real estate and to allow Don Chandler, Bill Johnston and Carlos Encinas to attend. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

The Board returned from executive session at 8:24 p.m.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to approve the minutes of the executive session. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.