

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
March 2, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commission Chairman John Scarborough
District 1 Commissioner Lee Allen
District 2 Commissioner Tripp Strickland
District 4 Commissioner Brian Kirk
District 5 Commissioner Derek Doster

MEMBERS ABSENT:

District 3 Commissioner Theresa Bettis

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 6:05 p.m., led in the pledge to the American flag and gave the invocation.

Item No. 1. Chairman's Report

No report was given

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

1. Andrew Lane is representing Thomas Lane in his request to rezone a 34.48 acre parcel from A2 to A1 to combine a portion with his adjoining property for poultry houses. The property is located on Map 61 Parcel 35 on Collins Dudley Road in District 4.

Chairman Hughston stated the Planning and Zoning Commission voted six to zero to approve. He also stated that the adjoining property owners did not receive timely notification prior to their meeting and he recommended that the rezone request be returned to the Planning and Zoning Commission for another hearing and then returned to the Board of Commissioners.

On motion by Commissioner Kirk and second by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to return the rezone request to the Planning and Zoning Commission and postpone their consideration until presented again at the May Board of Commissioners meeting.

2. Any new zoning amendments.

There were no zoning amendments

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 and Polly Penson spoke in support of agenda item number five.

Chip Chandler spoke in support of second amendment rights but questioned the resolution.

Maggie Sjoberg requested an explanation of agenda item number five.

Chip Chandler spoke in opposition to agenda item number four as he does not think a developer should be on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item No. 4. Consider appointing Tim Seymour to the Planning and Zoning Commission

Commissioner Kirk said Mr. Seymour has reconsidered serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

On motion by Commissioner Kirk and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to postpone an appointment. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Kirk and Doster voted Yes to postpone.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 5. Discuss adopting a resolution declaring Madison County to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary County

There was considerable discussion regarding the Board's support of the second amendment and the importance of the structure of the Constitution of the United States.

Item No. 6. Discuss 2019 budget amendments dated 3-2-20

Chairman Scarborough reviewed the budget amendments. Commissioner Doster requested the current balance in the seized funds account and clarification that the transfer of funds from Superior Court to Juvenile Court was to cover Bailiff wages for Juvenile Court.

Item No. 7. Roads Update

Chairman Scarborough said Planter Gunnell Road is back in service.

Commissioner Allen requested pot-hole repair on Neese Commerce Road.

Commissioner Kirk said he is glad to see pipes are being replaced with box culverts.

Item No. 8. Urgent Matters

Commissioners Kirk and Allen inquired about the status of storage space for the new election equipment. Board of Elections Chair Tracy Dean addressed the Board regarding the status and needs. She advised the Board of a call she received last Friday announcing the shipment of additional voting equipment, which arrived ten minutes later, and the lack of space to properly store all of the equipment. She requested a walkway to the back of the

election office as to not interfere with early voting when transporting equipment to polling centers. She also requested an addition to the Board of Elections building to allow for storage of the equipment at one location.

Item No. 9. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to go into executive session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss real estate acquisition and potential litigation. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

The Board returned at 7:38 p.m.

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

Item No. 10. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board adjourned at 7:39 p.m.