

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
MARCH 26, 2018
6:00 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 6:02 p.m., led in the pledge to the American Flag and gave the invocation.

Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the March 5, 2018 Regular Business Meeting. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2018 Regular Business 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.

None

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board that three department heads have requested consideration for one of their employees to receive additional donated sick leave time beyond the 120 hours allowed in policy.

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the request for additional donated sick leave time. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 4. Report from the Industrial Development and Building Authority.

Chairman Scarborough announced the agenda item and recognized Bruce Azevedo, Chairman of the Madison County Industrial Development and Building Authority. Mr. Azevedo gave a report of the activities of the ID&BA and presented information on debt consolidation achievable through the issuance of bonds.

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.

Brett Smith and Carolyn Smith spoke in opposition to agenda item number six, abandoning a portion of M&S Lane.

Dennis Wood, Karen Welchel, Lee Welchel, Arturo Aguirre, Norma Toth, Beth Harmon and Lamar Dalton spoke in favor of agenda item number six, abandoning a portion of M&S Lane.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item No. 6. Consider abandoning a portion of M&S Lane.

The Board reviewed the information provided by Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski regarding the costs associated with repairing the subject portion of the road that has not been maintained in 40 years.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to abandon the portion that begins at the intersection of M&S Lane with Vineyards Creek Church Road, and runs thence in a northeasterly direction to a point located 150 feet southwest of the northeastern most point of road frontage of Parcel ID 0102 009 as shown on the official tax maps of Madison County. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Pethel voted NO.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 7. Consider approval of an Industrial Development and Building Authority bond issuance. (Chairman Scarborough)

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to authorize drafting documents for issuance of bonds by the Industrial Development and Building Authority to refinance a portion of its debt, with those bonds to be backed by the full faith and credit of the Madison County Board of Commissioners, the documents to be brought back to the Board of Commissioners for final approval. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider new bylaws for the Senior Center Advisory Council. (Chairman Scarborough)

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the new bylaws submitted by the Senior Center Advisory Council. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider appointing Jeff Dillard to fill a vacant ID&BA position. (Chairman Scarborough)

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to appoint Jeff Dillard to the Industrial Development and Building Authority. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 10. Consider adopting Hope Drive. (Chairman Scarborough)

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board that all of the right-of-way deeds for Hope Drive have been received and recorded.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to adopt Hope Drive as a county road. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 11. Consider abandoning a portion of Berkley Road. (Chairman Scarborough)

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to initiate the abandonment process of that portion of Berkley Road from a point 80 feet southeast of the CSX bridge/trestle abutment to the east southeastern-most end of the road. The distance is approximately 1/3 of a mile. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 12. Roads Update

Commissioner Allen said that GDOT is performing traffic studies at the intersection of Neese Commerce Road and Highway 106 in hopes of getting funds to restructure the intersections on both sides of the Highway and get a caution light.

Commissioner Pethel said that Brown Hendirx Road is almost impassable.

Commissioner Strickland requested pot hole repair on Kellog Drive.

Commissioner Pethel requested pot hole repair on Old Harrison School Road.

Commissioner Bettis requested work on Musket Ridge.

Chairman Scarborough said that the new Highway 72 by-pass will be open by the end of April. He said that the old Highway 72 is included in an original arrangement to be resurfaced before being turned over to the county. Additionally, Highway 172 will be resurfaced.

Item No. 13. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 14. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks.

Bill Madden requested that Fowler Freeman Lane be listed as a county maintained road.

Natalie Sanford, Ruth Ann Tesanavich, Michael Moody and Christy Moody requested that the Watercraft Ordinance be changed to be less restrictive.

Dr. Jim Pallas addressed the Board regarding his opposition to the Georgia Renewable Power Company coming to Madison County.

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 Pethel and second by Commissioner Allen the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.