

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
APRIL 24, 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:

Rhonda S. Wooten, County 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 April 3, 2017. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2017 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 said that in celebration of Earth Day, recycling and document destruction services will be available at the Government Complex this Saturday, April 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board that starting last week, 2018 budget discussions with department heads and elected officials began in preparation for upcoming budget sessions.

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board that a 2008 ambulance is in need of engine replacement at a possible expense of \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Chairman Scarborough stated that MSI Benefits Agent Matt Bidwell is submitting health insurance premium information and quotes. Cigna and four other providers are being looked at. Cigna's rate did increase but is less than the other four providers.

Chairman Scarborough updated the Board on the progress of the new courtroom space being prepared to facilitate smaller groups, primarily probate and juvenile hearings. He said that Juvenile Judge Warren Caswell will have an office next to the Law Library.

Chairman Scarborough said that he would like to recommend an amendment to section 2-29 of the Administration chapter of the Madison County Code of Ordinances to allow for the county clerk to take minutes in executive session. This will be considered at the May 8, 2017 Regular Business Meeting.

Item No. 4. Report from the 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. Commissioner Allen requested information regarding the 20 acres of land that the ID&BA entered into an agreement to sell and also asked if at some point the ID&BA will be self-sustaining.

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:

Item No. 6. Consider approval of the Cypress Woods final subdivision plat. (Adam Swann)

Mr. Swann reviewed the final Cypress Woods subdivision plat. The plat was provided in the commissioners' meeting packets the week before.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to approve the Cypress Woods final subdivision plat. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 7. Consider amending/rescinding Section 6 of Related Laws in Code of Ordinances. (Chairman Scarborough)

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board that our ordinance regarding executive session is outdated and either needs to be amended or rescinded since the Open Meetings Act now covers this topic.

Commissioner Escoe made a motion to rescind the ordinance. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. After discussion with County Attorney Mike Pruett regarding the Home Rule procedures to rescind a Charter ordinance, Commissioner Escoe amended his motion to start the process of rescinding the ordinance. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion to start the process of rescinding Section 6 of Related Laws. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 8. Consider appointing a new member to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
(Chairman Scarborough)**

Chairman Scarborough said that the Planning and Zoning Board consists of seven members. One of the members, John Studeman, chooses to step down due to illness. This position is an at large position appointed by the chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Chairman Scarborough said that he would like to appoint Conolus Scott, a resident of Madison County for 67 years. Chairman Scarborough provided a copy of Mr. Scott's bio to each commissioner.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to appoint Conolus Scott to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Roads Update

Commissioner Allen said he would like to thank Alan for repairing the pot holes on Neese Commerce Road and Beck Road.

Commissioner Strickland said that he has been asked about "No Dumping" signs for Fred Goss Road.

Item No. 10. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 11. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks.

Rich Justinn of 8217 Highway 172 came forward and addressed the Board regarding a building that his neighbor is constructing. He said that his neighbor got a permit for a hay barn but it is obvious to him that it is not a hay barn and has been told that it will be used for agricultural chemical manufacturing. Mr. Justinn sought the Board's support in not allowing this to take place. He said that more than an acre of land has been disturbed which is causing damage to his land and road. He said that EPD has been out to review the situation. After discussion between the Board and Mr. Justinn, Commissioner Escoe suggested that this matter be discussed at the next meeting with personnel from the Building and Zoning office and the neighbor, Mr. Smith.

Item No. 12. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 13. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.