

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING  
MAY 4, 2020  
6:00 P.M.**

(Meeting was conducted via Zoom due to COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commission Chairman John Scarborough (In Person)  
District 1 Commissioner Lee Allen (Via Live Video)  
District 2 Commissioner Tripp Strickland (Via Live Video)  
District 3 Commissioner Theresa Bettis (Via Live Video)  
District 4 Commissioner Brian Kirk (Via Live Video)  
District 5 Commissioner Derek Doster (Via Live Video)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal (Via Live Video)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Rhonda S. Wooten, County Clerk (In Person)  
Mike Pruett, County Attorney (Via Live Video)

Chairman Scarborough called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Item No. 1. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Scarborough stated the Madison County Board of Education and Raymond James have asked to present a Tax Levy Resolution to the Board of Commissioners for consideration at our next meeting. If the rate is favorable, the Board of Education plans to replace their 2011 Bond Series.

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board of 14 applications that have been received for the Recreation Department Director position. He asked what level of involvement the Board would like to have in the selection process. The Board expressed their interest to be involved and requested copies of the applications.

Chairman Scarborough said two names have been submitted to fill vacant positions on the Madison County Board of Family and Children Services; Margo Fowler and Linda Kay Holloman. The request for these appointments will be considered at our May 18 meeting.

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

***Chairman Scarborough stated public hearings for Planning & Zoning and Board of Commissioners have been postponed due to the Shelter in Place order.***

**On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to return the rezone applications to the Planning & Zoning Commission for public hearing. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.**

1. Royce Bray is representing Roger and Carol Jordan in their request to rezone three acres of their property from RR to R1 and one acre of their property from RR to B. The request for one acre Business zoning is to relocate Mr. Bray's lock and key business from Athens. The Jordan's property is located on Garnett Ward Road on Map 31 Parcel 11-01 in District 3.
2. 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.
3. Any new 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. There were no statements or remarks from citizens.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item No. 4. Discuss potential Home Rule amendment to section 19 of the Charter**

After discussion, the general consensus of the Board was to proceed with the Home Rule amendment to section 19 of the Charter.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item No. 5. Discuss adopting a resolution to participate in the update of the Northeast Georgia Regional Solid Waste Management Plan**

Chairman Scarborough discussed Madison County's participation and stated the fee of \$1,740.00 is our portion of the total \$30,000 fee to develop the Northeast Georgia Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

**Item No. 6. Discuss 2020/2021 health insurance policy**

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board of a nine percent increase in Cigna's renewal fee and a couple of options that were presented. He said MSI Benefits agent Matt Bidwell will be presenting the Cigna renewal offer, via live video, at the next Board meeting on May 18, 2020. He encouraged the Board to contact Matt with any questions prior to the meeting.

**Item No. 7. Roads Update**

Commissioner Allen requested road work, pot hole repairs, on Loyd Nelms Road.  
Commissioner Strickland requested road work, pot hole repairs, on Timberlane Drive.

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board of tree work that is being done at the historic courthouse in preparation for the new roofing project.

Chairman Scarborough stated the new culvert is in on New Haven Church Road and work is beginning to replace the culvert on Harry Pauls Road.

Commissioner Doster asked if the Georgia General Assembly will be back in full legislative session in June or limited session. Chairman Scarborough said he would check into that.

**Item No. 8. Urgent Matters**

There were no urgent matters.

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

There was no need for executive session.

**Item No. 10. Adjourn**

On motion by Commissioner Strickland the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.