

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING  
JUNE 1, 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 6:05 p.m.

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

Chairman Scarborough asked the Board to consider amending the agenda to include an item after the executive session to allow for a potential vote regarding acquisition of property. There were no objections.

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

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.

Chairman Scarborough stated the Planning and Zoning Commission voted six to zero to approve.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Mr. Bray joined the meeting via phone and was on speaker. Mr. Bray stated he was content with Chairman Scarborough's presentation of the rezone request.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the request. No one spoke in opposition.

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the rezone requests. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

### **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. Gina Ward spoke in opposition to agenda item number six, the lease purchase of 20 Albany Avenue.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Item No. 4. Consider resolutions for SPLOST bonds**

Jim Woodward of Gray, Pannell & Woodward LLP and Andrew Tritt with Stifel, Nocolus & Company explained the resolutions for SPLOST bonds and provided the bank qualified and non-bank qualified rates.

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to approve the resolutions as presented regarding an intergovernmental agreement with the cities and the Madison County General Obligation Sales Tax Bond, Series 2020 in the principal amount of \$9,000,000 with a non-bank qualified rate. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

### **Item No. 5. Discuss a proposal submitted by 9-1-1 Director Brenan Baird to purchase a new radio system and building with SPLOST funds**

Captain Brenan Baird discussed his proposal to use designated SPLOST funds to secure an upgraded radio system to meet public safety requirements and build a new purpose-built facility to house the 9-1-1 Center and its infrastructure.

### **Item No. 6. Consider public notice resolution regarding Lease Purchase Agreement for property located at 20 Albany Avenue in Danielsville**

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to approve a resolution authorizing publication of a public hearing notice regarding the acquisition of land and improvements located at 20 Albany Avenue in Danielsville. The vote was a follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

### **Item No. 7. Discuss 2020/2021 agreement with the Public Defender's Office**

The Board acknowledged the approximate \$5,000 reduction from last year's budget.

### **Item No. 8. Discuss filling vacant positions on the Library Board of Trustees**

The Board recognized the vacancies on the Library Board of Trustees.

## **Item No. 9. Roads Update**

Chairman Scarborough said that he will be looking into work needed on Stapler Road.

Commissioner Allen said that he appreciates the work that is being done on Loyd Nelms Road and Lake Deerfield Road.

Commissioner Doster inquired about road work on Waggoners Grove Church Road and Charles Hart Road.

Commissioner Strickland inquired about road work on Timberlane Drive.

## **Item No. 10. Urgent Matters**

There were no urgent matters.

## **Item No. 11. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).**

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to go into executive session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss potential acquisition of property and to include Jim Woodward with Gray, Pannell & Woodward LLP in the discussion. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

The Board returned to the public meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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

## **Item No. 12. Consider public notice resolution regarding property acquisition**

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to hold a public hearing on June 29, 2020 regarding a proposed lease purchase agreement for a new Department of Family and Children Services facility. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

## **Item No. 13. Adjourn**

On motion by Commissioner Strickland the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.