

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
JULY 30, 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 6:00 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 July 2, 2018 and Budget Work Sessions of July 11, 2018, July 18, 2018 and July 20, 2018. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2018 Regular Business Meeting and July 11, Budget Work Session. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2018 Budget Work Session. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Bettis and Escoe voted YES. Commissioners Strickland and Pethel abstained.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2018 Budget Work Session. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Pethel abstained.

Item No. 2. Business Involving Guests, Groups or Multiple Visitors.

Jennifer Ivey, Madison County Library Branch Manager

Ms. Ivey gave the 2018 Second Quarter Library Report. There were 52 adult programs with 331 in attendance and 88 youth programs with 2,777 in attendance. She stated that they partnered with the Recreation Department to include Summer Day Campers in the library activities. Ms. Ivey stated that Sunday library patrons have expressed their appreciation for the library being open on the weekends.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Scarborough said that a Release of Bond has been requested for Watson Drive located in Watson Manor. The road was accepted unanimously by the Board as a county subdivision road in December, 2010.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to allow Chairman Scarborough to sign the bond release for Watson Drive. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Scarborough stated that the 2019 proposed budget includes items that were discussed in budget sessions and four or five additional items were included for Board consideration.

Item No. 4. Statements and Remarks from citizens on an agenda item.

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks on an agenda item.

Daniel Cook addressed the Board regarding his support of a Nuisance Abatement Ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item No. 5. Consider approving a Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. (Commissioner Allen)

Commissioner Allen stated that he has talked with citizens, Sheriff Moore and Judge Patton regarding issues in our county that require attention.

Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance as written. Commissioner Bettis seconded the motion.

Commissioner Strickland brought up a few concerns that he had with the ordinance as written and asked County Attorney Mike Pruett several questions. After discussion, Commissioner Allen withdrew his motion and made a substitute motion to postpone approval of the ordinance as written. Commissioner Bettis seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 6. Consider going out for Request for Qualifications bid for utility solutions. (Chairman Scarborough)

Chairman Scarborough said that there are multiple organizations that provide energy improvement services and that he would like to use the Request for Qualifications method to seek utility solutions.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the Request for Qualifications method for utility solutions. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 7. Roads Update

Commissioner Escoe inquired about the status of the paving projects.

Commissioner Pethel asked about Jones Chapel Shiloh Road and Cheek Pulliam Road.

Commissioner Bettis requested work to be done on Piedmont Park.

Chairman Scarborough said that Coley Davis Road was washed out last night due to heavy rains.

Item No. 8. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 9. Statements and Remarks from citizens.

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks. No one came forward.

Item No. 10. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

County Attorney Mike Pruett advised the Board of a need for executive session regarding land acquisition. On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to go into executive session at 7:02 p.m. to discuss land acquisition. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

The Board returned from executive session at 7:18 p.m.

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

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the contract for Purchase and Sale of property at the east end of Office Drive. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 11. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.