

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
JULY 31, 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:

Jackie Kesler, Deputy 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. Chairman Scarborough asked that we remember Rhonda's mother, Jan Teasley, as she is dealing with health issues.

Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Business Meeting of July 10, 2017 and the Special Called Meeting of July 18, 2017. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2017 Public Hearing. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2017 Regular Business Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2017 Special Called Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Pethel and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Bettis abstained.

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

Kimberly Liebowitz, Executive Director of The Cancer Foundation, came to speak about their mission and how they are financially helping cancer patients in Northeast Georgia.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report

None

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.

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.

There was public comment from the following individuals:

Tom Krobot, Nelson Hicks, James McCook, Bill Hodges, Addie Haynes, John Merka, James Tifton, David Ray Dockery, Mike Haynes, Sarah Owen, Daniel Walker, Katey Heath and Natalie Sanford.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 6. Discuss potential watercraft ordinance. (Commissioner Pethel)

Commissioner Pethel discussed how the bad conduct exhibited by kayakers floating down the Broad River is negatively affecting the property owners. Commissioner Pethel is in favor of the ordinance drawn up by the property owners that would put restrictions on what kayakers can and cannot do when floating down the Broad River. The Board agreed to consider the potential watercraft ordinance at the August 7, 2017 meeting.

Item No. 7. Consider poultry house buffer requirements. (Chairman Scarborough)

Chairman Scarborough informed the Board of the need to add the definition of vegetative barriers to the 7.1.1.3 Madison County Ordinance.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to add the definition of vegetative barriers to the 7.1.1.3 Madison County Ordinance. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Roads Update

Chairman Scarborough informed the Board about the need to start thinking about what roads they would like to consider for LMIG.

Commissioner Pethel made a motion to consider taking bids for the paving of New Town Church Road. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Pethel mentioned that he and Road Superintendent Allen Lapczynski have been talking about issues on Patton Road.

Item No. 9. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 10. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks. Paul Simmons came forward to thank the Board for their hard work and dedication.

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

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 12. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Allen the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.