

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
AUGUST 27, 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:

Tracy Patrick, Deputy Clerk
Mike Pruet, County Attorney

Chairman Scarborough called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., led in the pledge to the American Flag and gave the invocation.

ITEM NO. 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of Public Hearing and Regular Business Meeting of August 6, 2018, Special Called Meeting of August 13, 2018 and 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM Public Hearings of August 15, 2018. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Business Meeting of August 6, 2018, the Special Called Meeting of August 13, 2018 and the 6:00 PM Public Hearing of August 15, 2018. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to approve the minutes of the 9:00 AM Public Hearing of August 15, 2018. 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

None

ITEM NO. 3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Scarborough stated that he would like Board's approval to amend the agenda to delete item #9.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to amend the agenda to delete item #9. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

ITEM NO. 4. REPORT FROM THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING AUTHORITY

Chairman Scarborough stated that he would be presenting the ID&BA's report for the meeting tonight. He added that the newly hired ID&BA Executive Director, State Senator Frank Ginn, would start the position on September 4, 2018.

Chairman Scarborough stated that there was no increase in the ID&BA's millage rate and that the rate remains 1.00 mills.

Chairman Scarborough stated that the 1/3 acre tract of land being used to construct a 3-million gallon water tank was sold to the ID&BA.

Chairman Scarborough stated that the ID&BA is still awaiting grant money from the Appalachian Regional Commission (\$1.5 million) and from the Economic Development Authority (\$500,000).

Chairman Scarborough gave an update on the three GRP workers that were injured a few weeks back. He reported that two of the injured had already returned to work and that the other was not back at work yet, but is expected to make a full recovery.

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.

Stanley Thomas addressed the Board to speak on agenda items 6, 7, & 8. He spoke in favor of the Board's support to assist with the building loan for the Neese/Sanford Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Thomas also spoke in favor of the proposed zoning amendment to allow dog kennels in the A1 zone rather than the B zone. Mr. Thomas spoke in opposition regarding the consideration of requiring 12 months rather than 6 months between zoning requests.

Shiloh Fire Chief Butch McDuffie spoke in favor of the Board's support to assist with the building loan for the Neese/Sanford Volunteer Fire Department.

ITEM NO. 6. DISCUSS NEESE/SANFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING LOAN
(Commissioner Allen)

Commissioner Allen introduced Neese/Sanford Fire Chief Adam Arnold and asked him to address the Board concerning the building loan.

Fire Chief Adam Arnold approached the Board and expressed the need for a larger building and explained all the benefits that the new building would bring such as, housing larger trucks, the ability to host fire training events, and lower ISO ratings. He stated that the fire department had already purchased a 5-acre tract of land to house the 80' X 80' building.

After discussion with County Attorney Mike Pruett, motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to allow the County Attorney and Chairman Scarborough, to meet with Fire Chief Adam Arnold to explore options for the building loan. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

ITEM NO. 7. CONSIDER A ZONING AMENDMENT TO ALLOW DOG KENNELS IN A1 ZONE RATHER THAN B ZONE. (Commissioner Allen)

Commissioner Allen addressed the Board and requested their consideration to allow a zoning amendment to be made to the Zoning Ordinance that would allow dog kennels in the A1 zone rather than the B zone. He shared that the Department of Agriculture controls dog kennels and that he feels that it should be in the Agriculture Zone. He also expressed that dog kennel owners would be better neighbors in the A1 zone rather than in the B zone.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to move forward by presenting this request to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their consideration, possible language, and to hold the required public hearings for this amendment to allow dog kennels in the A1 zone, with a minimum of 20 acres, rather than in the B zone. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

ITEM NO. 8. CONSIDER A ZONING AMENDMENT TO ALLOW 12 MONTHS RATHER THAN 6 MONTHS BETWEEN ZONING REQUESTS. (Commissioner Allen)

Commissioner Allen addressed the Board and requested their consideration to allow an amendment to be made to the Zoning Ordinance that would increase the 6-month waiting period to 12 months for rezone requests that have been denied by the Board. He stated that the rezone applicants need a longer waiting period to allow more time for constructive changes to be made before requesting the rezone again.

Commissioner Allen made a motion for the Board to present this request, a 12-month waiting period instead of 6 months between rezoning requests, to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their consideration and to begin the amendment process. Commissioner Strickland seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen and Strickland voted YES. Commissioners Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted NO.

ITEM NO. 9. CONSIDER BACKING A GEFA LOAN FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT & BUILDING AUTHORITY. (Chairman Scarborough)

This item was deleted from the agenda.

ITEM NO. 10. CONSIDER COUNTY MILLAGE RATE. (Chairman Scarborough)

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to set the millage rate at 14.754 for the incorporated area and 13.199 for the unincorporated area. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Pethel voted NO.

ITEM NO. 11. CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO COMBINE THE SCHOOL BOARD, ID&BA AND COUNTY MILLAGE RATES. (Chairman Scarborough)

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the resolution to combine the School Board, ID&BA, and County Millage rates. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

ITEM NO. 12. ROADS UPDATE

Chairman Scarborough stated that the Department of Transportation will begin work next month to repair the bridge located on Transco Road. He stated that the project will take approximately 9-10 months and would affect emergency service routes.

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

Commissioner Strickland inquired about the status of Coley Davis Road.

Commissioner Allen stated that after riding and observing several county roads with Road Superintendent Alan Lapczynski that he wanted to commend him for the hard work that is being done by Road Department.

ITEM NO. 13. URGENT MATTERS

There were no urgent matters.

ITEM NO. 14. STATEMENTS AND REMARKS FROM CITIZENS

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

ITEM NO. 15. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION, PERSONNEL MATTERS AND/OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION (IF NEEDED)

There was no need for executive session.

ITEM NO. 16. ADJOURN

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:02 p.m.