

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

Meeting was conducted in the Public Meeting Room and 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 (In person)
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. Approval of Minutes:

**Minutes of the June 29, 2020 Regular Business Meeting
Minutes of the July 6, 2020 Agenda Setting Meeting**

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2020 Regular Business Meeting and the July 6, 2020 Agenda Setting Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 2. Chairman's Report

Chairman Scarborough encouraged voters to enjoy the early voting opportunity this week.

Chairman Scarborough provided a brief summary of the history and status of the proposed new facility for the Division of Family and Children Services. He said the County and developer were unable to agree on all contractual provisions and he notified the developer that we would be unable to move forward with what he had hoped to be an incredible opportunity for Madison County.

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board of the Georgia Department of Transportation's 2021 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant funding of \$713,509 for Madison County.

Item No. 3. Hearings and Actions on Zoning Matters

None

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. There were no statements or remarks from citizens.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item No. 5. Consider going out for bid to purchase a new 9-1-1 radio system

Madison County 9-1-1 Director Brenan Baird addressed the Board regarding his June 1, 2020 request to purchase a new 9-1-1 radio system. He reiterated that the current system is not dependable. There was considerable discussion regarding this agenda item and agenda item number six, a new 9-1-1 purpose built facility. The Board, County Attorney Mike Pruett and Captain Baird discussed the necessary requirements to move forward.

Commissioner Allen made a motion to go out for bid for a new 9-1-1 radio system and issue a Request For Proposal for a new 9-1-1 purpose built facility.

After further discussion, Commissioner Allen withdrew his first motion and made a new motion to issue a Request For Proposal (rather than a bid) for a new 9-1-1 radio system and a Request For Proposal for a new 9-1-1 purpose built facility. Commissioner Strickland seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the issuance of both RFPs. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 6. Consider issuing a Request For Proposal for a new 9-1-1 purpose built facility

This agenda item was handled with agenda item number five, a new 9-1-1 radio system.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 7. Consider 2020/2021 Property & Casualty Insurance Policy

Chastain & Associates Insurance agent Dan Horne addressed the Board regarding his recommendation to accept the \$242,998 proposal submitted by One Beacon Insurance to best protect the assets of the county.

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to approve the proposal submitted by One Beacon Insurance. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 8. Discuss 2020 millage rate

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board that with the current digest, the expected 2021 revenue and 2021 budget requests as submitted, we will have a net gain of about three quarters of a million dollars without a roll back millage rate and a net gain of \$426,000 with a roll back rate. The amount the County would forego with a roll back is \$295,347. Chairman Scarborough and the Board agreed that it is good to be in a stable financial position and have the ability to roll back the millage rate.

Item No. 9. Discuss a plan for early distribution of 2020 SPLOST funds and project priorities

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board that the city of Hull and the city of Colbert chose to receive their SPLOST money up front. He suggested that all early distribution requests for County projects be submitted to the Board for consideration. The Board agreed with the early distribution of SPLOST funds for the critical 9-1-1 radio system upgrade and to continue with the 60% policy for volunteer fire departments. There was also discussion regarding ADA compliance at the Recreation Department.

Item No. 10. Roads Update

Commissioner Allen commended the Road Department for their hard work in completing the Frank Bird Road project and dealing with a reduced staff, COVID situations and rain. He said they are now able to get to other road projects.

Chairman Scarborough said a list of roads will need to be submitted for 2021 LMIG projects.

Commissioner Strickland requested the dirt portion of Racetrack Road and Waggoner's Gove Church Road be worked on.

Commissioner Doster inquired about patching over the pipe on Charles Hart Road.

Commissioner Bettis requested the water problem at the Watson Manor subdivision entrance on Watson Drive be looked at.

Item No. 11. Urgent Matters

Chairman Scarborough said he has talked with a number of people regarding the possibility of the Volunteer Fire Departments using the County fueling system.

Item No. 12. Executive Session to discuss real estate acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 13. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Strickland the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.