

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 25, 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:**

Rhonda S. Wooten, County 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.

**Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:**

**Minutes of the August 28, 2017 Public Hearing, August 28, 2017 Agenda Setting Meeting and August 30, 2017 Special Called Meeting. Minutes have been distributed. The September 11, 2017 meeting was cancelled due to storms from Hurricane Irma.**

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2017 Public Hearing, August 28, 2017 Agenda Setting Meeting and the August 30, 2017 Special Called Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

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

None

**Item No. 3. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Scarborough expressed his gratitude for the county agencies that went above and beyond in helping with the backlash of Hurricane Irma.

**Item No. 4. Report from the Industrial Development and Building Authority. (Marvin White)**

Chairman Scarborough announced the agenda item and recognized Bruce Azevedo, Chairman of the Madison County Industrial Development and Building Authority. Mr. Azevedo 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. Larry Cox, Bob Fowler, Stanley Thomas and Hoke Strickland addressed the Board regarding agenda item number nine, consideration of a livestock burial service fee.

**Item No. 6. Consider adopting proposed Environmental Health Fees submitted by the Madison County Board of Health. (Commissioner Allen)**

Commissioner Allen said that a representative of the Health Department was unable to attend tonight and requested that we postpone this item to October 30, 2017.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to postpone this item to October 30, 2017. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 7. Consider intergovernmental agreements with City of Ila and City of Colbert for tax collection. (Chairman Scarborough)**

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the intergovernmental agreements with the City of Ila and the City of Colbert for preparation of the tax digest and for assessment and collection of ad valorem taxes. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 8. Consider intergovernmental agreement with City of Colbert for building permits and inspections. (Chairman Scarborough)**

Chairman Scarborough stated that this is a housekeeping matter as the verbal agreement has been in place for several years.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to approve the intergovernmental agreement with the City of Colbert for building permits and inspections. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 9. Consider livestock burial service fee to be effective January 1, 2018. (Chairman Scarborough)**

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board that during the budgeting process he realized that expenses are increasing for this service as approximately 250 animals will have been buried by the road department by the end of this year.

Commissioner Escoe made a motion to implement a \$75.00 livestock burial fee effective January 1, 2018. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Pethel made a motion to have the livestock burial service remain the same without a fee. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. After discussion Commissioner Pethel withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Bettis made a motion to implement a \$50.00 livestock burial fee effective January 1, 2018. Commissioner Escoe seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland and Pethel voted NO. Commissioners Bettis and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 10. Consider abandoning M&S Lane, County Road 336 (Old M&S Lane), Cane Road and Hill Morris Road. (Chairman Scarborough)**

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to declare that M&S Lane, County Road 336 (Old M&S Lane), Cane Road and Hill Morris Road have ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by them or that their removal from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest and direct the county attorney to begin the abandonment process. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 11. Consider 2018 LMIG projects.**

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to list the following roads as resurfacing projects on the 2018 LMIG application:

Irvin Kirk Road, Poca Road, Clements Road, Still O'Kelly Road (.5 miles), Beck Road (two ends), Erastus Church Road, Ed Coile Road and Valley Road.

The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

The Board also discussed the consideration of adopting roads. On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to initiate the process to take in the following roads and seek right-of-way deeds:

Hickory Hills Road, Hope Drive, Paradise Valley Road, South Creek Drive and Stapler Road.

The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 12. Roads Update**

Commissioner Bettis inquired about Clark Circle and Old Danielsville Road.

Commissioner Allen requested that Adams Clarke Road and Neese Commerce Road be checked for pot holes.

**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.

Stanley Thomas addressed the Board regarding budgeting and spending decisions that were made in previous years.

Larry Cox addressed the Board regarding the number of employees that are sent out to provide a livestock burial service.

**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 Allen and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.