

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING WORK SESSION
October 4, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commission Chairman Todd Higdon
District 1 Commissioner Dennis Adams
District 2 Commissioner Terry Chandler
District 4 Commissioner Brian Kirk
District 5 Commissioner Derek Doster

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:

Christina Baxter, County Clerk
Mike Pruett, County Attorney

Chairman Higdon called the work session to order at 6:01 p.m.

Item No. 1. Chairman's Report

Chairman Higdon announced the Madison County Transfer Station will be hosting a Tire Amnesty, Free Tire Disposal October 1st through November 6th for Madison County Citizens only.

The Madison County transfer station will also be having a Shredding event November 13th at the Government Complex.

Chairman Higdon announced the EMS department was awarded a \$27,000 grant. The EMS Director, Sheriff's Department and First Responders are currently working on a Supplement Grant that would provide a one-time pay supplement for full-time public safety officers and first responders.

The Board of Commissioners also received a \$6,000 ACCG Safety Grant to be used for Courthouse security.

Chairman Higdon announced October 23rd the Rotary would be constructing a ramp at the new Board of Elections and Registrar's Office.

Chairman Higdon spoke on the Car Show event this previous Saturday held by TJ & Friends at the Memorial Park in Danielsville. They were able to raise over \$7,500 to help cancer patients with travel expenses. The funds raised will help 15 cancer patients in Madison County.

Chairman Higdon gave a roads update. The road department has almost completed cutting state routes and will begin cutting right of ways. The Mowing Crew will begin towards the Hull area. Also, the road crew have been cleaning out clogged drains and driveway pipes.

The Road Department has been working on the patch wagon as well throughout the county. The Side Arm crew have been out on James Adams Road and James Springs Road when they are not hauling gravel to Roy Woods Road, which is almost complete. Commissioner Kirk expressed his appreciation to the road department for the good job they have been doing. Public Works Director Alan Lapczynski advised the board of ATV's vandalizing Roy Woods Road. Chairman Higdon expressed his concern with destruction to County dirt roads and Sheriff, Michael Moore will be made aware of the situation to be monitored.

2. Business Involving Guests, Groups or Multiple Visitors

Kelsey Tyner, Shelley Parham, Alan Lapczynski

Grant opportunities and discuss funding for Madison County Center for Active Living

Directors Kelsey Tyner and Shelley Parham presented a project for the Madison County Senior Center and Recreation Department for a new Active Living Center. This facility would be able to fill the role of a Civics Center and would be available for all citizens of all ages. Mrs. Tyner spoke to the board on funding opportunities including private donors. Ms. Parham also spoke on grant opportunities to fund the project. The board asked the directors for additional information regarding property, building cost and furnishings.

Item No. 3. Hearings and Actions on Rezone Matters, Special Use Permits, Etc.

1. Terry Scarborough is representing Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in requesting to rezone approx. 1.5 ac. with the house from A2 to R1. The property is located on Diamond Hill Neese Rd., on map 30 parcel 68 in District 3.

Chairman Scott explained the rezone request and stated the Planning and Zoning Commission voted six to zero to approve.

Chairman Higdon asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Mr. Terry Scarborough spoke in favor of.

Chairman Higdon asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the request. No one came forward.

On motion by Commissioner Adams and second by Commissioner Chandler the Board voted to approve the rezone request. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

2. Raul Guerra is requesting to rezone 3.14 ac. property from RR to R1 to allow another home site, so he can have his mother there. The property is located on Cliff Griffith Rd. in District 2.

Chairman Scott explained the rezone request and stated the Planning and Zoning Commission vote six to zero to approve.

Chairman Higdon asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. No one came forward.

Chairman Higdon asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the request. No one came forward.

On motion by Commissioner Chandler and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to approve the rezone request. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

3. Travis Legg is requesting a variance on his 97.28 ac. property. He would like to come closer to the property line than is allowed. The property is located on Transco Rd. in District 4.

Chairman Scott explained the variance request and stated the Planning and Zoning Commission vote five to one to deny.

Chairman Higdon asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. The applicant spoke in favor. Mr. Paul Simmons spoke in favor.

Code Enforcement Director Christopher Roach was asked to approach the Board and explain concerns the Board had with the layout of the property and chicken house.

Chairman Higdon asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the request. No one came forward.

On motion by Commissioner Kirk and second by Commissioner Chandler the Board voted to approve the variance request with the condition Mr. Legg would add a tree line buffer near the property line requested for the variance. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

4. Zachery Hightower is requesting a conditional use permit to allow for expansion to his poultry house spraying business. The property is located on Neese Commerce Road in District 1.

Mr. Hightower did not attend the Planning and Zoning meeting. Chairman Scott advised the board Mr. Hightower would have to wait 60 days before he can reapply. The Planning and Zoning Board did not vote to approve or deny the conditional use.

County Attorney advised the board they could move forward with a public hearing for the Conditional Use permit.

Chairman Higdon asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Mr. Paul Simmons and Mr. Daniel McKinney spoke in favor of.

Chairman Higdon asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the request. Mr. Robert Davis spoke in opposition of.

On motion by Commissioner Chandler and Second by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to approve the Conditional Use. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

5. Any new amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

There were no new amendments.

New Business:

Item No. 4. Discuss adopting Bluestone Hills Lane & Item No. 11. Discuss Private Drives and Emergency Services

Item No. 4 and Item No. 11 were discussed together.

The board discussed the future requirements and procedures for adopting private drives. The board discussed the conditions of private drive roads and driveways could possibly hinder a delay in Emergency Services response time. The board strongly encourages the public to consider the conditions of overhang from trees, limbs and wash outs for easy access of all public emergency service vehicles.

Item No.5. Discuss Updating Policies for the Recreation Department

Director Shelley Parham presented to the Board changes in Special Event Policy, Background Check Policy and the Madison County Recreation Department Scholarship Program. Shelley also presented the option for Sign Advertisement Sponsorship to help support a portion of the Scholarship Program. Shelley also presented two Request for Proposals to the Board, Concession Operations and Uniforms & Coach Apparel for the Madison County Recreation Department.

Item No. 6. Discuss 2022 budget

The Board decided to move forward with Budget Work Sessions. The Finance Director Mrs. Figueroa will schedule those meetings.

Item No.7. Discuss TSPLOST

Public Works Director Alan Lapczynski presented a report to the Board on TSPLOST. Mr. Lapczynski recommended a road surveying company to analyze the conditions and best treatments for the longest lifecycle of County roads.

Item No. 8. Discuss 2022 LMIG road projects

Public Works Director Alan Lapczynski presented a list of completed 2021 LMIG projects and a suggested 2022 LMIG projects.

Commissioner Doster asked for an update on H.V. Chandler Road railroad cross ties. Mr. Lapczynski said he has been in contact with Georgia Renewable Power on repairing railroad cross ties before the county is able to move forward with repairing the road.

Commissioner Adams inquired about a Traffic Survey for county roads and future LMIG projects.

Item No. 9. Discuss approving a resolution adopting the updated Solid Waste Management Plan

Public Works Director Alan Lapczynski explained the updated Solid Waste Management Plan.

On motion by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to adopt the Resolution for the updated Solid Waste Management Plan. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 10. Discuss ID&BA moving into the old Board of Elections Office

The Board discussed transferring the ID&BA Building to the Industrial Development Authority. Executive Director Frank Ginn asked the board to consider deeding the building and property to the ID&BA.

Chairman Higdon asked for the County Surveyor to conduct a survey of the ID&BA building and property.

Item No. 11. Discuss Private Drives and Emergency Services

This was discussed with Item No. 4.

Item No. 12. Urgent Matters

Chairman Higdon presented a Proclamation recognizing the month of October as National Code Compliance Month.

On motion by Commissioner Doster and seconded by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to approve the Proclamation. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 13. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 14. Adjourn

The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 9:04 p.m.