

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING WORK SESSION
JUNE 7, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

District 1 Commissioner Dennis Adams
District 2 Commissioner Terry Chandler
District 4 Commissioner Brian Kirk
District 5 Commissioner/Vice-Chairman Derek Doster

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commission Chairman Todd Higdon

MEDIA PRESENT:

Margie Richards, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:

Rhonda S. Wooten, County Clerk
Christina Baxter, County Clerk in training
Mike Pruett, County Attorney

Vice-Chairman Doster called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m. and led in the pledge to the American Flag.

Item No. 1. Chairman's Report

No report was given

Item No. 2. ID&BA Report

Industrial Development and Building Authority Executive Director Frank Ginn gave a report of activities and goals of the ID&BA. He discussed a mapping system for water and sewer service, installation of a new 35,000 foot 12 inch main water line, possible projects for the American Rescue Act funds and participation with the Comprehensive Plan update.

Item No. 3. 9-1-1 Radio Report

9-1-1 Director Captain Brenan Baird gave a report on the new radio system. He was pleased to share that after two and one-half years, the project is complete and in good working order. He said Mobile Communications has been very helpful and added two towers at no additional cost. He also commended Building and Grounds Supervisor T.C. Ledford for his electrical expertise and the savings he brought to the County on this project with his trade.

Item No. 4. Madison Oglethorpe Animal Shelter Report

Madison Oglethorpe Animal Shelter Director Andrew Kitchens discussed the opportunity of having a dog park at the shelter location with potential grant money. He said the grant application process requires no matching funds and closes at the end of June.

Item No. 5. Hearings and Actions on Rezone Matters, Special Use Permits, Etc.

1. Susan and Michael Holcomb are requesting to rezone their 4.09 acre property from A2 to RR to subdivide 2 acres off for their daughter. The property is located on Spratlin Mill Road on Map 32 Parcel 78 in District 3.

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

Vice-Chairman Doster asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Applicant Susan Holcomb spoke in favor.

Vice-Chairman Doster 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 Adams the Board voted to approve the rezone request. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

2. Joel Pellegrino is requesting to rezone his 8.56 acre property from A1 to RR to subdivide to allow a home site for his daughter and one for his mother. The property is located at 8318 Highway 98 W on Map 11 Parcel 104 in District 1.

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

Vice-Chairman Doster asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Applicant Joel Pellegrino spoke in favor.

Vice-Chairman Doster 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 Kirk the Board voted to approve the rezone request. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

3. Shama Mack is requesting to rezone her 4.8 acre property from A2 to RR to allow a home site for her son. The property is located at 2060 Shoal Creek Road on Map 59 Parcel 96 in District 5.

Chairman Hughston explained the rezone request and stated the Planning and Zoning Commission voted seven to zero to approve.

Vice-Chairman Doster asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Applicant Shama Mack spoke in favor.

Vice-Chairman Doster 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.

4. Diane Caudell is requesting to rezone her 5 acre property from A1 to RR to subdivide 2 acres to give to her daughter for a home site. The property is located at 266 Highway 191 on Map 64 Parcel 84-01A in District 4.

Chairman Hughston explained the rezone request and stated the Planning and Zoning Commission voted seven to zero to approve the rezone request.

Vice-Chairman Doster asked if anyone would like to speak in favor the request. No one came forward.

Vice-Chairman Doster 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 rezone request. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

5. Catherine Wilkes is requesting to rezone her 12.63 acres from A1 to RR to subdivide the three homes on the property. The property is located at 1216 Martin Griffeth Road on Map 16 Parcel 78 in District 1.

Chairman Hughston explained the rezone request and stated the Planning and Zoning Commission voted seven to zero to approve.

Vice-Chairman Doster asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Lynn Nix spoke in favor of the request.

Vice-Chairman Doster 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.

6. Bobby McConnell is requesting to rezone his 5.1 acres from A1 to RR to subdivide two acres to sell. The property is located at 1633 Davids Home Church Road on Map 92 Parcel 62-A01 in District 4.

Chairman Hughston explained the rezone request and stated the Planning and Zoning Commission voted seven to zero to approve.

Vice-Chairman Doster asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Applicant Bobby McConnell spoke in favor of the request.

Vice-Chairman Doster 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 rezone request. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

7. Michael Price is representing the Estate of Barbara Price. He is requesting to rezone his 11.25 acres from A1 to RR so it can be divided into three parcels. The property is located at 2095 Brickyard Road on Map 84 Parcel 82A in District 4.

Chairman Hughston explained the rezone request and stated the Planning and Zoning Commission voted seven to zero to approve.

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

Vice-Chairman Doster 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 Adams the Board voted to approve the rezone request. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

8. Tyson McElroy is representing his father Buddy McElroy. They are requesting to rezone 2 acres of a 7.11 acre parcel from A2 to RR to allow for a home site for Tyson McElroy. The property is located at 1576 Aderhold Rodgers Road on Map 12 Parcel 64-01 in District 1.

Chairman Hughston explained the rezone request and stated the Planning and Zoning Commission voted seven to zero to approve.

Vice-Chairman Doster asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Tyson McElroy spoke in favor of the request.

Vice-Chairman Doster 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 Kirk the Board voted to approve the rezone request. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

9. Zachery Hightower is requesting to rezone his 3.53 acres from A1 to B for his poultry house spraying business. The property is located on Neese Commerce Road on Map 2 Parcel 40 in District 1.

Chairman Hughston explained the rezone request and stated the Planning and Zoning Commission voted four to three to approve with the conditions that only an agricultural business could go on the property and that it is to be landscaped according to the Zoning Ordinance.

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

Vice-Chairman Doster asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the request. Lynn Hix and Johnny Bridges spoke in opposition to the request.

On motion by Commissioner Adams and second by Commissioner Chandler the Board voted to remand the request to the Planning and Zoning Commission for clarification and conditions regarding the number of structures, hours of operations, entrances to the property and the possibility of an Ag Business zoning once the classification has been established. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

10. Janet Williams is requesting to rezone 2 acres of her 18.4 acre property from A1 to RR to give to her Daughter for a home site. The property is located at 2822 Moons Grove Church Road on Map 42 Parcel 82-02 in District 2.

Chairman Hughston explained the rezone request and stated the Planning and Zoning Commission voted seven to zero to approve.

Vice-Chairman Doster asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Applicant Janet Williams spoke in favor of the request.

Vice-Chairman Doster 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 motion was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

11. Bree Foster is requesting to rezone her 5.63 acre property from R3 to A2. The property is located at 1466 Shoal Creek Road on Map 59 Parcel 104 in District 5.

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

Vice-Chairman Doster asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Applicant Bree Foster spoke in favor of the request.

Vice-Chairman Doster 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 motion was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

12. Kathy Stamps is requesting to rezone her 3.08 acre property from A2 to R1 to give her son 1.5 acres. The property is located on Rogers Mill Road on Map 26 Parcel 37 in District 1.

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

Vice-Chairman Doster asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Applicant Kathy Stamps spoke in favor of the request.

Vice-Chairman Doster 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 Kirk the Board voted to approve the rezone request. The motion was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

13. Josh Arrandale is representing his father Stephen Arrandale. They are requesting to rezone 3.15 acres from A2 to R1 to allow for a home site for Josh Arrandale. The property is located on Hardman Morris Road on Map 59 Parcel 63 in District 5.

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

Vice-Chairman Doster asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Applicant Josh Arrandale spoke in favor of the request.

Vice-Chairman Doster 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 Adams the Board voted to approve the rezone request. The motion was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

14. Sara and Herman Cutshall are requesting to rezone 2 acres of their 12 acre property from A2 to RR for a home site for Mrs. Cutshall. The property is located on Map 89 Parcel 20B on Dove Drake Road in District 4.

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

Vice-Chairman Doster asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Jacob Cutshall spoke in favor of the request.

Vice-Chairman Doster 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 rezone request. The motion was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item No. 6. Discuss conveying the Presbyterian Church and Cemetery, Parcel #D003 011, to the City of Danielsville

Vice-Chairman Doster expressed concern about conveying the property without a better understanding of the intent. The general consensus of the Board was more information is needed from the City of Danielsville before a decision can be made.

Item No. 7. Discuss TSPLOST percentages for intergovernmental agreement with cities

Vice-Chairman Doster explained the need to advise County Attorney Mike Pruett on how to proceed with the drafting of the TSPLOST percentages in the intergovernmental agreement with the cities.

On motion by Commissioner Kirk and second by Commissioner Chandler the Board voted to have the percentages based on population rather than road miles. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 8. Discuss beginning the process to abandon Burke Leachman Road

Commissioner Chandler said the request from adjoining property owners is for 800 feet of the road to be abandoned due to vandalism.

On motion by Commissioner Chandler and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to have the county attorney begin the process to abandon 800 feet of Burke Leachman Road. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 9. Discuss reappointment of Reginald Hunter to the Advantage Behavioral Health Systems Board

The Board discussed the reappointment of Reginald Hunter to the Advantage Behavioral Health Systems Board. Vice-Chairman Doster requested Mr. Hunter be contacted to confirm his desire to remain on the Board.

Item No. 10. Urgent Matters

Consider approving the Zoning Administrator to initiate the amendment process for sections 11.1, 11.2, 11.10, 10.22 and 11.9.1 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Vice-Chairman Doster said that after a conversation with Zoning Administrator Linda Fortson about other amendments being worked on at this time, the listed zoning amendments on this agenda are being postponed to allow for cross referencing with other amendments being drafted.

Vice-Chairman Doster said there is an urgent matter regarding the submission of the Public Defender's Indigent Defense Agreement, which needs to be reviewed prior to the next meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Adams and second by Commissioner Chandler the Board voted to add the 2021/2022 Indigent Defense Agreement to the June 28, 2021 agenda for consideration. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

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 Chandler the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.