

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2019
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 Brian Kirk
District 5 Commissioner Derek Doster

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 6:01 p.m., led in the pledge to the American Flag and gave the invocation.

Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the January 7, 2019 Agenda Setting Meeting. Minutes have been distributed.

Commissioner Doster requested clarification on agenda item number twelve of the January 7, 2019 meeting and whether road work on Osley Mill Road had been going on before that evening. Chairman Scarborough verified that work on Osley Mill Road has been an ongoing project for some time.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019 Regular Business Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

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

Jennifer Ivey, Madison County Library Branch Manager

Ms. Ivey gave the 2018 Fourth Quarter Library Report. Ms. Ivey advised the Board that the number of patron visits, questions answered and library cards issued were all up. She said 517 citizens attended the adult programs and 1,821 attended the youth programs during the fourth quarter of last year.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Scarborough said on Thursday, January 31st, Michelle Strickland will be retiring. He said to please feel free to offer her words of encouragement and congratulation.

Chairman Scarborough stated that we are currently working on the county's annual MS4 report to EPD. The report is due February 15, 2019.

Chairman Scarborough stated that projects on the near horizon are the county's and cities' Service Delivery Strategy as well as a potential SPLOST referendum on the ballot by year's end.

Chairman Scarborough encouraged everyone to watch the weather reports for possible inclement weather.

Item No. 4. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on agenda items.

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks on an agenda item. No one came forward.

Item No. 5. Consider parcels for the insolvent list. (Tax Commissioner Dalton)

Tax Commissioner Dalton presented the parcels he recommends being placed on the insolvent list.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the insolvent list presented by Tax Commissioner Dalton. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 6. Consider Michael Baker for the vacant position on the Board of Assessors. (Ralph McKay)

Board of Assessors Chairman Ralph McKay stated that Janis Ellis has resigned from her position on the Board of Assessors to help her husband recover from surgery. He said that he would like to publicly extend gratitude for her nine years of service. Chairman McKay advised the Board of Michael Baker's willingness to fill the vacant position and shared Mr. Baker's qualifications.

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to appoint Michael Baker to the Board of Assessors. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 7. Consider a resolution relating to state cable and video service franchises. (Chairman Scarborough)

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to approve a resolution relating to state cable and video service franchises. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 8. Roads Update

None

Item No. 9. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 10. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks.

Jason Luke, Tracy Dean and Mike Bush each approached the Board regarding their concerns with the January 7, 2019 vote to approve raises for some employees but not all employees.

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 Strickland and second by Commissioner Doster the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.