

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2017
6:30 P.M.**

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 Pruet, County Attorney

Chairman Scarborough called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m., led in the pledge to the American flag and gave the invocation.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Agenda Setting Meeting of September 25, 2017. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2017 Agenda Setting 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 said that at the next Board meeting he would like for the Board to consider removing section 2-2(6) from the ordinance which addresses citizens speaking on any matter at the conclusion of a Board meeting. He said that he is not looking to change allowing citizens to speak on an agenda item and mentioned that citizens can contact their commissioner or the chairman to request a topic be placed on a meeting agenda.

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board that he had a conference call with Senator Frank Ginn and the director of Georgia Department of Natural Resources Becky Kelley and discovered that county funding is no longer needed to maintain the State Park Status of Watson Mill Bridge State Park. Madison County, Oglethorpe County and Friends of the Park have been contributing \$30,000 to DNR per year with Madison County's portion being 75 percent.

Chairman Scarborough said that it was suggested that the ID&BA report be given quarterly rather than monthly. This will be considered further at the next meeting.

Item No. 4. Hearings and Actions on Rezone Matters, Special Use Permits, Etc. (Linda Fortson & Lamar Hughston)

1. Chrisstina Ott is requesting a Conditional Use for Waters Edge Properties LLC (Joey Bone). Mrs. Ott would like to purchase the six acres for an Event Hall. The property is located at 1150 Highway 29 North, Map 53 Parcel 94 in District 2.

Zoning Administrator Linda Fortson sent notification that this request was withdrawn.

2. Zoning amendments.

None

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. No one came forward.

Item No. 6. Consider purchasing a replacement truck for Code Enforcement. (Sheriff Moore)

Sheriff Moore addressed the Board regarding the need to replace a Code Enforcement truck that was totaled in a recent accident. He said that he would like to purchase a new Dodge four wheel drive truck and use it for a patrol truck and have the highest mile patrol truck be used for Code Enforcement. The best price that he has received is \$33,000 for the truck and police outfitting.

Commissioner Escoe made a motion to purchase a replacement truck for Code Enforcement. Commissioner Strickland seconded the motion.

After discussion, Commissioner Strickland made a substitute motion to enter a lease purchase agreement for the replacement truck. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Commissioner Escoe withdrew his motion without any objections.

Item No. 7. Consider proclamation naming October Dysautonomia Awareness Month. (Chairman Scarborough)

Commissioner Allen read the proclamation naming October Dysautonomia Awareness Month.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the proclamation naming October Dysautonomia Awareness Month. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Roads Update

Commissioner Allen inquired about the road striping projects.

Chairman Scarborough said that a number of calls have been coming in complimenting the work being done on the roads. He also stated that the sealed bids for the boom mower have been opened.

Commissioner Escoe inquired about a mirror and signage on Freeman Circle and Alberta Drive.

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.

Conolus Scott addressed the Board regarding the nominating process for the Board of Elections and requested that a policy be written for the selection of members for vacant board positions.

Bob Havener asked the Board what the reasons are for adopting private roads.

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 Pethel and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.