

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
November 29, 2021
6:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commission Chairman Todd Higdon
District 1 Commissioner Dennis Adams
District 2 Commissioner Terry Chandler
District 3 Commissioner Frank May
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 meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and led in the pledge to the American Flag.

Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the October 25, 2021 Budget Work Session
Minutes of the October 25, 2021 Regular Business Meeting
Minutes of the November 1, 2021 Agenda Setting Work Session
Minutes of the November 9, 2021 Budget Work Session

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2021 Budget Work Session, the October 25, 2021 Regular Business Meeting, the November 1, 2021 Agenda Setting Work Session and the November 9, 2021 Budget Work Session. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, May, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

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

Attorney Daniel Haygood presented the National Prescription Opiate Litigation on behalf of Madison County Board of Commissioners to join the National Lawsuit against pharmaceutical companies. Chairman Higdon asked the Board for a motion to approve or deny the Resolution presented as agenda item number 10.

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

Chairman Higdon presented to the Board on behalf of Sheriff Moore, a one-time vacation payout for five deputies who were unable to take leave from being short staffed due to Covid. Chairman Higdon asked for a motion to approve or deny the one-time vacation employee payout.

On motion by Commissioner Chandler and second by Commissioner Kirk to approve the one-time payout to the five deputies as presented. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Adams, Chandler, May, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Jennifer Ivey, Madison County Library Branch Manager presented the 3rd Quarter Report. Ms. Ivey encourages the public to attend events held at the Library throughout the Holiday season.

Ms. Ivey also submitted her letter of resignation to the Board. Ms. Ivey's last day will be December 31, 2021. Chairman Higdon and the Board of Commissioners expressed their gratitude and well wishes for Ms. Ivey and her future.

Mr. Harry Rice spoke on behalf of Ms. Ivey's 16 years of dedication to the Madison County Library. Mr. Rice also encouraged the Board to consider increasing wages for Library employees and the future Library Manager.

The Board of Commissioners asked Ms. Valerie Bell, Executive Director for Regional Services to present a detailed budget breakout of funding for the Madison County Library.

Thomas Smallwood, Information Technology Specialist presented a \$27,765 quote for purchase and installation of 54 security cameras for the Recreation Department facilities and fields, Road Department and Food Bank.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Higdon gave an update from the Department of Health. All three Covid vaccines are available including the booster, 4,239 confirmed Covid cases and 69 confirmed Covid deaths. Madison County's positivity rate is 2.8% through November 17th and 28,156 Covid vaccines administered. The largest population group currently vaccinated is the 75-84 age group. Flu shots are available at the Health department.

Other County Updates: Request for Proposals for the Madison County Comprehensive Plan are due December 9, 2021 by 3 p.m. at the County Clerk's Office. Madison County Sheriff's Department is accepting donation for Christmas with a Cop until December 10th. The Recreation Department is accepting letters to Santa until December 10th. The Board of Commissioners Office were awarded a \$6,000 ACCG Employee Safety Grant to be used towards Courthouse Security.

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

Chairman Higdon asked if there were any statements or remarks on agenda items. No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item No. 5. Consider 2022 LMIG road projects

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Chandler to approve the 2022 LMIG list presented and adding Neese Commerce Road and Lem Edwards Road. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Adams, Chandler, May Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 6. Consider Request for Proposals for Personal Business Property Audit

Chairman Higdon asked for a motion to approve or deny. No motion was made. Chairman Higdon tabled Item No. 6. Until January 3rd 2022.

Item No. 7. Consider 2022 Qualifying Fees

On motion by Commissioner Chandler and second by Commissioner Adams to approve the Resolution To Establish Qualification fess for 2022. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Adams, Chandler, May, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 8. Discuss Proposed Redistricting Map

On motion by Commissioner Chandler and second by Commissioner Kirk to approve the Resolution to adopt the Redistricting Map “MadisonCCSB-Draft1-2021” as presented.

The vote was as follows: Commissioner Adams, Chandler, May, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 9. Consider selecting the 2022 Vice-Chairman for the Board of Commissioners

On motion by Commissioner Chandler and second by Commissioner Kirk to approve Commissioner Derek Doster as the 2022 Vice-Chairman. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Adams, Chandler, May, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No.10. Consider the Resolution concerning the National Distributor and J&J Settlements for the National Prescription Opiate Litigation

This item was taken as a vote under Business Involving Guests, Groups or Multiple Visitors

Item No.11. Roads Update

The Board expressed their appreciation for the Road Department and their due diligence with road maintenance. Commissioner Chandler asked Chairman Higdon who was in charge of roadside trash. Chairman Higdon advised the Board to direct all roadside trash to the Public Works Director Alan Lapczynski.

Item No.12. Urgent Matters

There were no Urgent Matters.

Item No.13. Statements and Remarks from Citizens

Chairman Higdon asked if there were any statements or remarks. No one came forward.

Item No.14. Statements and Remarks from Commissioners

Chairman Higdon asked if there were any statements or remarks from Commissioners. Commissioner Chandler and Commissioner Doster asked the County Clerk to reach out to the local newspaper in regards to placing an Ad in the local newspaper. The Board of Commissioners would like to receive resumes for open position on the Industrial Development and Business Authority Board. Resumes can be submitted to the County Clerk’s Office, the deadline will be December 27, 2021.

Item No. 15. Executive Session to discuss real estate acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 15. Adjourn.

The Board unanimously adjourned at 7:49 p.m.