

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
NOVEMBER 30, 2020  
6:00 PM**

**(In person meeting held in Public Meeting Room and also available remotely through Zoom)**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commission Chairman John Scarborough (In person)  
District 1 Commissioner Lee Allen (Via live video)  
District 2 Commissioner Tripp Strickland (In person)  
District 3 Commissioner Theresa Bettis (Via live video)  
District 4 Commissioner Brian Kirk (Via live video)  
District 5 Commissioner Derek Doster (In person)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal (Via live video)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Rhonda S. Wooten, County Clerk (In person)  
Mike Pruett, County Attorney (Via live video)

Chairman Scarborough called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:**

**Minutes of the October 26, 2020 Regular Business Meeting  
Minutes of the November 2, 2020 Agenda Setting Meeting**

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2020 Regular Business Meeting and the November 2, 2020 Agenda Setting 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**

None

**Item No. 3. Chairman's Report**

No report was given

#### **Item No. 4. Public Hearings on road abandonment**

##### **Andrew Adams Road**

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak regarding the abandonment of Andrew Adams Road. No one came forward.

On motion by Commissioner Kirk and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to determine County Road 377, also known as Andrew Adams Road, from its intersection with Jones Chapel Shiloh Road on the southwest to its termination point on lands owned by Andrew J. Adams, has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it or that its removal from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest. The motion included authorization for the chairman and county clerk to sign quit claim deeds. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

##### **Ray O'Kelley Road**

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak regarding the abandonment of Ray O'Kelley Road.

Jesse Williams, Michael Baker and Linda Thompson spoke in favor of the abandonment of Ray O'Kelley Road.

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to determine County Road 202, also known as Ray O'Kelley Road, from its intersection with Cowart Toole Road on the west to its intersection with Coley Davis Road on the east, has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it or that its removal from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest. The motion included authorization for the chairman and county clerk to sign quit claim deeds. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

##### **A portion of O'Kelley Road**

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak regarding the abandonment of a portion of O'Kelley Road.

Madge Stewart, William Varner and Sharon Chitwood spoke in opposition to the abandonment of a portion of O'Kelley Road.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board opposed the abandonment of a portion of O'Kelley Road. The vote as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES in agreement to not abandon a portion of O'Kelley Road.

#### **Item No. 5. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on agenda items**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Item No. 6. Consider approving contract with Mobile Communication America**

Captain Brennan Baird was present to discuss the contract. County Attorney Mike Pruett confirmed that the contract documents were ready for consideration. Commissioner Doster requested a multi-disciplinary audit team, to include fire, ems and law enforcement personnel, to perform the tests addressed in section 4.2 of the contract.

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board approved the contract as presented with payment to be made from the remaining 2014 SPLOST amount designated for 9-1-1, the available 2020 SPLOST amount designated for 9-1-1 and the balance to be paid out of general fund. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

### **Item No. 7. Consider promoting Shelley Parham to Recreation Department Director effective December 1, 2020**

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to promote Shelley Parham to Recreation Department Director with a salary of \$47,500 effective December 1, 2020 and \$700 per month interim director pay. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

### **Item No. 8. Consider increasing per bag fee at Transfer Station effective January 2, 2021**

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to increase the per bag fee at the Transfer Station effective January 2, 2021 to \$1.00 for a 33 gallon bag and \$2.00 for a bag over 33 gallons. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Item No. 9. Consider approving a Special Event Policy for the Recreation Department**

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the Recreation Department's Special Event Policy. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

### **Item No. 10. Consider reappointing Duane Bruno to the Planning and Zoning Commission**

### **Item No. 11. Consider reappointing Lamar Hughston to the Planning and Zoning Commission**

*Items 10 and 11 were taken up as one vote*

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to reappoint Duane Bruno and Lamar Hughston to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

### **Item No. 12. Roads Update**

Commissioner Allen said the culvert is going in on Crabapple Hollow and traffic is being diverted. He also stated that Stapler Road will be graveled soon.

Commissioner Strickland said Hilley Road and Old Royston Road need work. He also discussed Wesley Chapel Drive being accepted as a county road.

Commissioner Kirk requested speed limit signs be placed on Goss Road.

### **Item No. 13. Urgent Matters**

There were no urgent matters.

### **Item No. 14. Statements and Remarks from Citizens**

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks.

Jerome Howell said all property owners on Wesley Chapel Drive are willing to sign right-of-way deeds to have the road accepted by the county.

Drago Tesanovich addressed the Board regarding noise at the GRP facility.

Gina Ward addressed the Board requesting Frank Ginn be removed from the Industrial Development and Building Authority. She also remarked on adverse effects of the GRP facility.

Leigh Ann Jones requested that Frank Ginn be removed from the ID&BA Board and remarked on adverse effects of the GRP facility.

### **Item No. 15. Statements and Remarks from Commissioners**

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statement or remarks from the commissioners.

Commissioner Doster said we are ready to move forward with the noise study.

Chairman Scarborough said the contract for the noise study has been signed.

### **Item No. 16. Executive Session to discuss real estate acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation**

There was no need for executive session.

### **Item No. 17. Adjourn.**

On motion by Commissioner Strickland the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.