

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
DECEMBER 21, 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 (In person)  
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 November 30, 2020 Regular Business Meeting  
Minutes of the December 7, 2020 Agenda Setting Meeting**

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2020 Regular Business Meeting and the December 7, 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**

**Anna Strickland, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director**

Mrs. Strickland gave a report of the 2020 accomplishments of the Madison County Chamber of Commerce. The addition of 96 new members was highlighted as well as the creation of purpose driven committees developed to positively impact our community. Mrs. Strickland discussed a proposed project to improve the landscaping around the historic courthouse. The general consensus of the Board was to allow the Chamber of Commerce to move forward with their plans in seeking contributions for this project.

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

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board that the Georgia Department of Transportation has provided a quitclaim deed for approximately five acres of land at the corner of Highway 98 and Highway 72 in Comer to be used for construction of a public safety and/or public transportation purpose.

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

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks on agenda items.

Chairman-elect Todd Higdon expressed his gratitude to Chairman Scarborough, Commissioner Allen and Commissioner Strickland for their service to our community.

**CONSENT AGENDA: Items under this section were discussed at prior public meetings and are presented for consideration as a single vote.**

### **Item No. 5. Consider dates for 2021 holidays**

### **Item No. 6. Consider dates for 2021 B.O.C. meetings**

### **Item No. 7. Consider 2021 Beer & Wine License applications**

### **Item No. 8. Consider 2021 Food Bank budget**

### **Item No. 9. Consider 2021 Law Library & Clerk's Deed budgets**

### **Item No. 10. Consider 2021 Sheriff's Office & Jail Commission budgets**

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board approved Consent Agenda items five through ten. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Item No. 11. Consider approving a Continuing Spending Resolution for a temporary 2021 budget**

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Doster the Board approved a Continuing Spending Resolution to allow funds to be expended for the month of January, 2021. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

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

Commissioner Kirk said that he has received positive feedback regarding the signs on Fred 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.

City of Hull Mayor Paul Walton extended thanks to Chairman Scarborough for the job he has done and asked questions regarding procedures for Beer & Wine license applications and questions regarding which County Boards require district appointments.

Conolus Scott thanked Chairman Scarborough, Commissioner Allen and Commissioner Strickland for their service.

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

Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Strickland and Chairman Scarborough each made a statement regarding their years in office and extended appreciation to family and friends for their support.

Commissioner Doster, Commissioner Kirk and Commissioner Bettis each thanked them for their service. Commissioner Bettis asked that everyone remember the family of Cedric Fortson in their prayers.

**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 7:05 p.m.