

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 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 6:03 p.m., led in the pledge to the American Flag and gave the invocation.

**Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:
Minutes of the February 4, 2019 Agenda Setting Meeting**

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2019 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

Chairman Scarborough requested recommendations to present to the Department of Transportation for Off System Safety Projects.

Chairman Scarborough reminded everyone of the Sheriff's direction to use the back door for entrance and exit.

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.

Stanley Thomas requested clarification of agenda item number six and requested Board support of agenda item number ten.

Mark Jenkins spoke in opposition to agenda item number nine.

Ruth Ann Tesanovich requested status of Highway 172 road work and spoke in favor of agenda item number nine.

Drago Tresanovich spoke in favor of agenda item number nine.

Evan Junker spoke in favor of agenda item number nine.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The following items were discussed at the February 4, 2019 Agenda Setting Meeting and were taken up as one vote:

Item No. 5. Adopt Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2018-2023

Item No. 6. Amend Section 2-2(6) with respect to Agenda Setting Meetings

Item No. 7. Approve 2018 Budget Amendments

Item No. 8. Approve appointment of Glen Thomas to the Recreation Board

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the consent agenda items five through eight. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item No. 9. Consider placing Sunday alcohol sales on the referendum

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to adopt an ordinance to place the question of whether the governing authority of Madison County, Georgia, should be authorized to permit and regulate package sales by retailers of both malt beverages and wine on Sundays between the hours of 12:30 P.M. and 11:30 P.M. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Bettis and Kirk voted YES. Commissioners Strickland and Doster voted NO.

Item No. 10. Consider financing options for fire departments

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis this item was postponed until March 4, 2019. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Item No. 11. Roads Update

Chairman Scarborough said that the Highway 172 road work is a Department of Transportation project and that he would be following the status.

Chairman Scarborough said that he plans to present the widening of Lem Edwards Road to the Department of Transportation as an Off System Safety Project.

Commissioner Doster requested a short term road work plan.

Item No. 12. Urgent Matters

Due to the legislative session coming to a close soon, on motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Allen the Board unanimously agreed to consider presenting a resolution opposing House Bill 302 to each member of the Georgia House of Representatives and Senate. The vote to consider this subject under Urgent Matters was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

After discussion, on motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to adopt a resolution opposing House Bill 302, Preemption of Local Building Design Standards. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 13. Statements and Remarks from Citizens

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

Item No. 14. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed)

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 15. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Kirk and second by Commissioner Allen the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:02 p.m.