

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 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 6:30 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 January 30, 2017 and Special Called Meeting of January 31, 2017. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2017 Agenda Setting Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2017 Special Called Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland and Bettis voted YES. Commissioners Pethel and Escoe abstained.

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

Jennifer Ivey, Madison County Library Branch Manager

Ms. Ivey gave a quarterly update of the activities at the library. She stated that approximately 1500 people have visited Discover Tech. Ms. Ivey said that February is Love Your Library month and an offer to cut fines in half in exchange for full payment is available for patrons owing \$50.00 or more in library fees.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report.

No report given.

Item No. 4. Hearings and Actions on Rezone Matters, Special Use Permits, Etc. (Wayne Douglas)

1. Mark Betts is requesting to rezone 2.29 acres from A1 to A2 to combine with his adjoining property. The property is located on Garnett Ward Road on Map 31 Parcel 53 in District 3.
2. Mark Betts is requesting to rezone 2.37 acres from RR to A2 to combine with his adjoining property. The property is located on Garnett Ward Road on Map 31 Parcel 52 in District 3.
3. Mark Betts is requesting to rezone 14.44 acres from A1 to A2 to combine with his adjoining property. The property is located on Garnett Ward Road on Map 31 Parcel 51 in District 3.

Chairman Douglas explained the rezone requests and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission combined the three requests in one vote and voted five to zero to approve.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the requests. Applicant Mark Betts spoke in favor of the request.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the requests. No one came forward.

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On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the requests to rezone Map 31 Parcel 53, Map 31 Parcel 52 and Map 31 Parcel 51 to A2. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

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.

Mike Porterfield addressed the Board regarding agenda item number nine. He spoke in favor of increasing the speed limit of George Edwards Road to 45 miles per hour.

Stanley Thomas addressed the Board regarding agenda item number six. He spoke in favor of purchasing vehicles for the sheriff's office.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 6. Consider purchase of five vehicles. (Sheriff Moore)

Sheriff Moore addressed the Board regarding the need to purchase five vehicles to replace high mileage vehicles. He said that the state contract price for four outfitted vehicles and one truck is \$164,000. There was discussion regarding the amount left in the 2008 SPLOST and the need to schedule a special called meeting after additional numbers are obtained.

Item No. 7. Consider bid recommendation for solid waste disposal. (Sandra Webb)

Transfer Station Director Sandra Webb addressed the Board regarding the two bids that were received for solid waste transportation and disposal. Mrs. Webb recommended Waste Management R&B Landfill's proposal with a bid price of \$46.90 per ton. The second bid that was submitted was from Republic Services of Georgia with a bid price of \$54.00 per ton.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board approved the bid from Waste Management R&B Landfill. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consent agenda item: Consider 2017 policy amendments. (Chairman Scarborough)

- A. General Policy**
- B. Personnel Policy**

The amendments were previously submitted to the Board for review and for inclusion in the minutes.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Allen the Board approved the amendments. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider increasing the speed limit to 45 miles per hour on George Edwards Road. (Commissioner Strickland)

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to increase the speed limit on George Edwards Road to 45 miles per hour. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 10. Roads Update

There were no road requests.

Item No. 11. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 12. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

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

Item No. 13. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed)

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 14. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.