

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 20, 2020
6:00 PM**

(Meeting was conducted via Zoom due to COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines.)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal (Via Live Video)

STAFF PRESENT:

Tracy Patrick, Deputy County Clerk (In Person)
Mike Pruett, County Attorney (Via Live Video)

Chairman Scarborough called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the February 24, 2020 Regular Business Meeting

Minutes of the March 2, 2020 Agenda Setting Meeting

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2020 Regular Business Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis and Doster voted YES. Commissioner Kirk abstained.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020 Agenda Setting Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Kirk and Doster voted YES. Commissioner Bettis abstained.

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

None

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Scarborough stated that the Madison County EMS received two new ambulances last week.

The Chairman said that the State's shelter in place is projected to expire on April 30th; however, the Madison County Government Complex will not reopen to the public until May 4th. He added that this may be revised if needed.

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

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks from citizens on an agenda item. This option was available via live video.

Jennifer Ivey, Madison County Library Branch Manager, thanked the Board for their continued support and wanted to remind everyone about the online resources that the library has to offer during the COVID-19 safety and health restrictions.

Ruth Ann Tesanovich commented on agenda item #8, regarding a contractor that submitted a bid for the Historic Courthouse roof replacement. She spoke favorably of Bone Dry Roofing Company and of her personal experience with the company.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item No. 5. Consider 2019 budget amendments dated 3-2-20

The Board discussed the amendments. Commissioner Doster requested clarification on the Sheriff's State seizure amendment. Commissioner Kirk requested clarification regarding the Road Department's amendment.

After discussion, on motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the 2019 budget amendments dated 3-2-20. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 6. Discuss potential Home Rule amendment to section 19 of the Charter

County Attorney Mike Pruett, explained that current section 19 of the Madison County Charter, is dated 1965 and needs to be updated to more appropriate purchasing levels. There was discussion concerning purchasing thresholds and Chairman Scarborough stated those would be determined at the next Board meeting.

Item No. 7. Consider amendments to purchasing policy

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by both, Commissioner Strickland and Commissioner Allen, the Board voted to approve the amendments to the purchasing policy.

After discussion, on amended motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the amendments to the purchasing policy, with the exception of amending section 2-246, item #3, in the first sentence, be revised by striking through "or formal board action". The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider approving recommended bid for Historic Courthouse roof replacement

After consideration of three separate bids, Public Works Director Alan Lapczynski, recommended the Board consider approving the bid from Bone Dry Roofing Company for the amount of \$218,650. The bid sheet is included and made a part of the minutes.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to award the recommended bid for the Historic Courthouse roof replacement to Bone Dry Roofing Company for the amount of \$218,650. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES. Commissioner Strickland abstained.

Item No. 9. Consider approving recommended bid for 2020 LMIG Paving Projects

After consideration of five separate bids, Public Works Director Alan Lapczynski, recommended the Board consider approving the bid from Garrett Paving Company for the amount of \$1,156,542. The bid sheet is included and made a part of the minutes.

On motion by Commissioner Kirk and second by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to award the recommended bid for the 2020 LMIG Paving Projects to Garrett Paving Company for the amount of \$1,156,542. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 10. Consider accepting the Republican Party nominee, Nathan Owens, to fill a vacant position on the Board of Elections

Madison County Republican Party Chair Dianne Satterfield introduced and spoke favorably of the nominee, Nathan Owens. Mr. Owens provided the Commissioners with a brief explanation of his desire to fill the vacant position and shared his personal background.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to approve the Republican Party nominee, Nathan Owens, to fill the vacant position on the Board of Elections. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 11. Consider approving a proclamation naming April 19-25, 2020 National Library Week

Ms. Jennifer Ivey, Madison County Library Branch Manager, spoke briefly about the annual recognition of the library and its achievements and thanked the Board again, for their continued support. She encouraged everyone to take advantage of the library's online resources.

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to approve a proclamation naming April 19-25, 2020, National Library Week. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 12. Roads Update

Chairman Scarborough stated work will begin this week to repair storm damage on New Haven, Harry Pauls, and Lake Deerfield roads.

Commissioner Strickland reported there were runoff issues on Irvin Kirk Rd at Calvin Rousey's property.

Commissioner Strickland stated there were problems with flooding ditches on Crawford W. Long Street.

Commissioner Kirk reported there were bad potholes on Macedonia Church Rd at the properties of Elaine Brown and Keith Lord.

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 from citizens on any matter. This option was available via live video.

Dianne Satterfield commended the Madison County Library for its service and stated how valuable it is to the County.

Drago and Ruth Ann Tesanovich commended the Board for their support on the banning of burning crossties.

Drago Tesanovich expressed his belief that Georgia Renewable Power's million-dollar escrow, be applied to the County's debt.

Item No. 15. Statements and Remarks from Commissioners

Commissioner Allen extended his thanks to all citizens for their efforts regarding the shelter in place during the COVID-19 crisis.

Commissioner Strickland addressed Drago and Ruth Ann Tesanovich, and thanked them for their continued patience regarding the burning of crossties.

Item No. 16. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 17. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Strickland the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.