

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
MAY 18, 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:**

Rhonda S. Wooten, County Clerk (In Person)  
Mike Pruett, County Attorney (Via Live Video)

Chairman Scarborough called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

**Minutes of the April 20, 2020 Regular Business Meeting**

**Minutes of the May 4, 2020 Agenda Setting Meeting**

On motion by Commissioner Kirk and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2020 Regular Business Meeting and the May 4, 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**

Chairman Scarborough requested Board approval to consider a rezone application on June 1, 2020 that was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission without opposition. Applicants are Roger and Carol Jordan. The Board agreed to hear the rezone request at their June 1, 2020 meeting.

**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. There were no statements or remarks from citizens.

**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 adopting a resolution to participate in the update of the Northeast Georgia Regional Solid Waste Management Plan**

**Item No. 6. Consider first adoption of a resolution exercising Home Rule authority to amend Section 19 of the Charter**

**Item No. 7. Consider appointing Margo Fowler to fill a vacant position on the Madison County Board of Family and Children Services**

**Item No. 8. Consider appointing Linda Holloman to fill a vacant position on the Madison County Board of Family and Children Services**

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Doster the Board approved 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 2020/2021 health insurance policy**

MSI Benefits agent Matt Bidwell discussed the Cigna renewal options.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to approve Cigna's Plan A renewal, which provides the exact same health coverage but also allows employees to choose reduced dependent coverage premiums if they select a Buy Down plan consisting of a Piedmont only network. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item No. 10. Consider 2020 Tax Levy Resolution for Board of Education**

Dr. Allen McCannon, with Raymond James & Associates, presented a bond resolution adopted on May 12, 2020 by the Board of Education regarding the issuance of a new series of bonds, to replace the older series, with an approximate savings of \$173,000.

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to approve the 2020 Tax Levy Resolution for the Board of Education. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

**Item No. 11. Roads Update**

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board of the culvert replacement on Harry Pauls Road and the scheduled culvert replacement for Lake Deerfield Road and Frank Bird Road.

**Item No. 12. Urgent Matters**

There were no urgent matters.

**Item No. 13. Statements and Remarks from Citizens**

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks.

Drago Tesanovich thanked the Board again for passing a resolution banning the burning of creosote cross ties and asked the Board to consider the proposal previously submitted by the Madison County Clean Power Coalition for a noise study to be conducted at the Georgia Renewable Power plant by an independent source.

**Item No. 14. Statements and Remarks from Commissioners**

There were no statements or remarks from commissioners.

**Item No. 15. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).**

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to go into executive session at 6:40 p.m. to discuss possible acquisition of real estate. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

The Board returned to the public meeting at 7:20 p.m.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Doster the Board voted to approve the minutes of executive session. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

**Item No. 16. Adjourn.**

On motion by Commissioner Strickland the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.