

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
JUNE 29, 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 May 18, 2020 Regular Business Meeting
Minutes of the June 1, 2020 Agenda Setting Meeting**

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2020 Regular Business Meeting and the June 1, 2020 Agenda Setting Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis and Doster voted YES. Commissioner Kirk was off-line during the vote.

Item No. 2. Public Hearing regarding lease purchase agreement for property located at 20 Albany Avenue in Danielsville

Chairman Scarborough stated procurement of the property located at 20 Albany Avenue is to allow for county government expansion. Purchase price is \$325,000.

Chairman Scarborough invited public comment.

Gina Ward spoke in opposition to the purchase. Todd Higdon had questions and concerns.

Item No. 3. Public Hearing regarding lease purchase agreement for a new facility for the Division of Family and Children Services

Chairman Scarborough stated a Request for Proposal for a new DFCS building, to be paid through a lease purchase agreement, was advertised and awarded last year by the State.

Chairman Scarborough invited public comment.

Gina Ward and Josh Chandler spoke in opposition to the purchase. Todd Higdon had questions and concerns.

Item No. 4. Business Involving Guests, Groups or Multiple Visitors

None

Item No. 5. Chairman's Report

Chairman Scarborough encouraged everyone to complete their 2020 Census information.

Item No. 6. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on an agenda item

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

Sheriff Moore stated they were going to postpone their agenda item until they can have an in person meeting and get public input.

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

Item No. 7. Consider final adoption of a resolution exercising Home Rule authority to amend Section 19 of the Charter

Item No. 8. Consider a resolution to adopt the 2020/2021 agreement with the Public Defender's Office

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Item No. 9. Consider purchase of a new 9-1-1 radio system and purpose-built facility

Sheriff Moore postponed this item until it can be addressed in person.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Item No. 10. Roads Update

Chairman Scarborough stated the culvert is complete on Lake Deerfield Road and the culvert on Frank Bird Road is being worked on now.

Commissioner Allen stated they are working on the culvert on Martin Griffeth Road. He also said he received an email from Debbie Allen and has been unsuccessful in reaching her regarding a noise issue off of Camp Halinan Road. Any help with an address or phone number is appreciated.

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.

Sheriff Moore asked when the roof will be replaced on the CID building.

Ruth Ann Tesanovich recommended a better plan be established for public hearings since there are technical difficulties with Zoom meetings.

Drago Tesanovich stated the IDA needs more oversight by an elected Board. He also requested the Board create an Environmental Committee to review industries coming to the County and report the benefits and any negative impact.

Chairman Scarborough addressed questions from Todd Higdon regarding the purchase of 20 Albany Avenue.

Item No. 13. Statements and Remarks from Commissioners

Commissioner Allen encouraged everyone to attend the July 6 meeting in the courtroom.

Commissioner Doster shared that Chairman Scarborough and staff were able to meet with D.O.T. to look at roads with heavy use areas.

Commissioner Strickland spoke in favor of the purchase of property around the courthouse.

Item No. 14. Executive Session to discuss real estate acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 15. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Doster the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.