

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
JULY 2, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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:

Commission Chairman John Scarborough

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:

Rhonda S. Wooten, County Clerk
Mike Pruett, County Attorney

Vice-Chairman Allen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., led in the pledge to the American flag and gave the invocation.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the June 25, 2018 Agenda Setting Meeting. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2018 Agenda Setting Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

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

None

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report.

Vice-Chairman Allen mentioned the meeting that took place at the Georgia Renewable Power plant in Colbert.

Item No. 4. Hearings and Actions on Rezone Matters, Special Use Permits, Etc. (Linda Fortson & Lamar Hughston)

1. Consider preliminary plat submitted by Jay Pridgen for phase five of Spratlin Mill Subdivision.

Chairman Hughston presented the preliminary plat for phase five of Spratlin Mill Subdivision and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted six to zero to approve.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to approve the preliminary plat for phase five of Spratlin Mill Subdivision. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

2. Consider appointing Cynthia Fortson to fill a vacant position on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Chairman Hughston stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends Cynthia Fortson to fill a vacant position on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to appoint Cynthia Fortson to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

3. Ted and Claire Blevins are requesting to rezone their 4.95 acre parcel from A2 to RR to allow for a home for their son. The property is located on Map 20 Parcel 70-01 on Young Harris Road in District 2.

Chairman Hughston explained the rezone request and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted five to zero to approve.

Vice-Chairman Allen asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Applicants Ted and Claire Blevins said that they were in favor of the request.

Vice-Chairman Allen asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the request. No one came forward.

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

4. Robert Esco is requesting to rezone his 4.26 acre parcel that was split off by the state with the new bypass. He would like to rezone from A2 to B. The property is located on Map 105 Parcel 9-03 on new Highway 72 and Paoli Road in District 4.

Chairman Hughston explained the rezone request and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted five to zero to approve.

Vice-Chairman Allen asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Applicant Robert Esco spoke in favor of the request.

Vice-Chairman Allen asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the request. Patricia Dudley spoke in opposition to the request.

Vice-Chairman Allen asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. No one came forward.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to approve the rezone request. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland and Pethel voted YES. Commissioner Bettis voted NO. Commissioner Escoe abstained.

5. Chris Jones is representing Calwood Properties LLC. They are requesting to rezone their 5 acre parcel from A1 to R1. The property is located on Map 45 Parcel 137-01 at the corner of Spratlin Mill and Jones Matthews Road in District 5.

Chairman Hughston explained the rezone request and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted five to zero to approve.

Vice-Chairman Allen asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Attorney Victor Johnson, representing Calwood Properties, spoke in favor of the request.

Vice-Chairman Allen asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the request. No one came forward.

Vice-Chairman Allen asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. No one came forward.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to approve the rezone request. 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.

There were no agenda items.

Item No. 6. Roads Update

Vice-Chairman Allen said that he sent in his LMIG road requests and encouraged others to submit their requests.

Item No. 7. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 8. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Vice-Chairman Allen asked if there were any statements or remarks. No one came forward.

Item No. 9. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 10. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 6:28 p.m.