

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
JULY 26, 2021
6:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commission Chairman Todd Higdon
District 1 Commissioner Dennis Adams
District 2 Commissioner Terry Chandler
District 4 Commissioner Brian Kirk

MEMBERS ABSENT:

District 5 Commissioner Derek Doster

MEDIA PRESENT:

Margie Richards, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:

Rhonda S. Wooten, County Clerk
Christina Baxter, County Clerk in training
Mike Pruett, County Attorney

Chairman Higdon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led in the pledge to the American Flag.

Item No. 1. Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the June 28, 2021 Special Called Meeting
Minutes of the June 28, 2021 Regular Business Meeting
Minutes of the July 12, 2021 Agenda Setting Meeting
Minutes of the July 19, 2021 AM Public Hearing
Minutes of the July 19, 2021 PM Public Hearing

On motion by Commissioner Chandler and second by Commissioner Adams the Board voted to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2021 Special Called Meeting, the June 28, 2021 Regular Business Meeting, the July 12, 2021 Agenda Setting Meeting and the July 19, 2021 AM and PM Public Hearings. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler and Kirk voted YES.

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

Commissioner Chandler introduced Nathaniel Whip, who is serving as an intern at his farm.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Higdon said he met with Animal Shelter Director Andrew Kitchens to discuss a problem with the high volume of cats being brought to the shelter. Director Kitchens provided statistics showing the cat intake so far this year is 667. Chairman Higdon said he would like to adjust next year's budget to include a line item in the Animal Shelter's facility to help with spaying and neutering costs.

Chairman Higdon said he met with County Attorney Mike Pruett, Chastain & Associates Agent Dan Horne and Saville Public Entities owner Bob Saville to discuss our 2021/2022 Property & Casualty insurance coverage. Mr. Horne will be presenting his recommendation to the Board at the August 2, 2021 meeting. After receiving three proposals for the upcoming insurance term, Chairman Higdon agrees that Trident's proposal, offered in conjunction with Saville Public Entities, should be accepted.

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

Chairman Higdon asked if there were any statements or remarks on agenda items. No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item No. 5. Consider approving a new survey for Danielsville Volunteer Fire Department and going out for sealed bid

Items five and six were combined into one motion.

On motion by Commissioner Kirk and second by Commissioner Chandler the Board voted to approve the new survey for the Danielsville Volunteer Fire Department and the new survey for the Collins Volunteer Fire Department and to advertise the property for sale through the sealed bid process. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler and Kirk voted YES.

Item No. 6. Consider approving a new survey for Collins Volunteer Fire Department and going out for sealed bid

Items five and six were combined into one motion.

Item No. 7. Consider approving a resolution to abandon a portion of Burke-Leachman Road

Chairman Higdon asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the abandonment of a portion of Burke-Leachman Road. John Brueshaber and Michael Cleveland spoke in favor.

Chairman Higdon asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the abandonment of a portion of Burke-Leachman Road. No one came forward.

On motion by Commissioner Chandler and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to approve a resolution to abandon a portion of Burke-Leachman Road and authorize the chairman and clerk to execute the quit claim deeds. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler and Kirk voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider conveying the Cemetery portion only of county owned parcel #D003 011 to the City of Danielsville

On motion by Commissioner Chandler and second by Commissioner Adams the Board voted to have a survey prepared for the cemetery portion of county owned parcel #D003 011. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler and Kirk voted YES.

Item No. 9. Consider adopting a Broadband Ready Community Ordinance

Items nine, ten and eleven were combined into one motion.

On motion by Commissioner Adams and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to adopt a Broadband Ready Community Ordinance, add Broadband amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and adopt a resolution amending the Comprehensive Plan to include the Broadband amendments. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler and Kirk voted YES.

Item No. 10. Consider adding Broadband amendments to the Comprehensive Plan

Items nine, ten and eleven were combined into one motion.

Item No. 11. Consider approving a resolution amending the Comprehensive Plan to include Broadband amendments

Items nine, ten and eleven were combined into one motion.

Item No. 12. Consider amending sections 6-65 and 6-66 of the Alcoholic Beverage ordinance regarding the new and renewal application fee

On motion by Commissioner Chandler and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to approve amendments to sections 6-65 and 6-66 of the Alcoholic Beverage ordinance regarding the new and renewal application fee. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler and Kirk voted YES.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 13. Discuss moving forward with the adoption of Serenity Lane

Chairman Higdon said this item is being postponed to obtain clarification on right-of-way deeds.

Item No. 14. Roads Update

Commissioner Kirk commended the Road Department on the good work that they are doing. He said that we do not have multiple ditch crews and some ditches are filled with old tires and trash.

Commissioner Chandler said Jones Road and Timberlane Drive need attention.

Commissioner Adams said ditches need to be pulled on Sunray Hatchery Road.

Chairman Higdon provided the following roads update submitted by Public Works Director Alan Lapczynski:

Pulled ditches and hauling gravel

Bertha Willis Road

Working on Duckworth Brown Road

Fixed ditches and applied gravel

Adams Road, Phillips Road, Mize Road

Patched culvert

Holeman Autry and Highway 29 S. Called in for Basin study on pipe to be replaced.

Side arm tractor

On Planter Gunnell Road heading toward Blacks Creek Church Road area.

Mowers

One crew just finished up around the Colbert Danielsville Road area for the start of school and they are headed towards Paoli, Comer and Carlton areas.

One crew coming out of Sanford area on Moons Grove Church Road and will be headed toward the Hull and Colbert areas.

Patching

Bag patching major holes everywhere. Trying to shuffle people to get patch wagon out for a few days to patch holes all over the county.

Roads on the next up list for repair of ditches and graveling

Jones Road and then Hilley Road and part of Roy Woods Road.

Motor grader scraping

All over the county hitting trouble spots for pot holes and wash boarding

Item No. 15. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 16. Statements and Remarks from Citizens

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

Item No. 17. Statements and Remarks from Commissioners

Commissioner Kirk expressed appreciation for all who participated in the mock training with Williams Pipeline.

Item No. 18. Executive Session to discuss real estate acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 19. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Chandler the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 6:42 p.m.