

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 30, 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
District 5 Commissioner Derek Doster

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rhonda Wooten, County Clerk

MEDIA PRESENT:

Margie Richards, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:

Christina Baxter, Executive Assistant
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 July 26, 2021 Regular Business Meeting

Minutes of the August 2, 2021 Public Hearing

Minutes of the August 2, 2021 Agenda Setting Work Session

Minutes of the August 24, 2021 Special Called Meeting

On motion by Commissioner Chandler and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2021 Regular Business Meeting, the August 2, 2021 Public Hearing, the August 2, 2021 Agenda Setting Work Session and the August 24, 2021 Special Called Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

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

Madison County High School Bass Fishing Team

Chairman Higdon recognized the members of the Madison County High School Bass Fishing Team and read a proclamation acknowledging the team of Will Hart and Logan Fisher finished second in both the national and world results, while the team of Levi Seagraves and Blake Hooper were in the lead after the first day and finished close behind them in the overall tournament, taking sixth in the nation and seventh in the world.

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Chandler the Board voted to approve the proclamation. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Elizabeth Allen, Department of Public Health

Ms. Allen presented to the Board how Covid-19 is currently affecting our community. Madison County has recorded a total of 361 probable and confirmed cases in the past two-week period.

Currently, the Madison County Health Department is offering Covid-19 vaccines 5 days a week. No appointments are necessary. As of August 26th, 2021 the Health Department has administered 22,648 vaccines.

Item No. 3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Higdon asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence for our fallen soldiers. Also, Chairman Higdon asked that we pray for the service men and women protecting each of us tonight. The 20th Anniversary of September 11th approaching, Chairman Higdon asked we remember the 2,996 people who lost their lives that day and to thank everyone in a uniform.

Chairman Higdon announced the Madison County Chamber of Commerce has had over 90 new members join this year. If company owners are looking to grow their business to reach out to Anna Strickland the Executive Director.

Chairman Higdon also expressed his appreciation for the hard work displayed by the county road department, Sheriff's Office, EMS, local Volunteer Fire departments, and citizens after the August 27th tornado. There were several properties damaged but there were no injuries reported.

Also after negotiations on prices, for five Pro ALS Monitor defibrillators, they have been ordered at the cost of \$164,203.60. Chairman Higdon thanked Bobby Smith and Josh Chandler for their efforts in handling the negotiations. These funds will derive from the EMS Capital Outlay and SPLOST.

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 Submitting a Request for Proposal to select a company to perform Personal Property Audits.

The Board agreed to move forward with the Submittal of Request for Proposals. Commissioner Doster suggested Robin Baker, Chief Assessor, put together a board to review all proposals and present to the Board their recommendation.

Item No. 6. Consider Zachary Hightower's rezone request of 3.53 acres from A1 to B on Map 2 Parcel 40.

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Chandler to deny the rezone of 3.53 acres from A1 to B on Map 2 Parcel 40. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES to deny.

After further discussion the board recommended a reapplication for Conditional Use for this property. Commissioner Chandler asked Planning and Zoning board member, Lee Mitchell to have Mr. Hightower's rezone application reviewed during their September meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Chandler and second by Commissioner Doster the board agreed to waive Mr. Hightower's rezone application fees for the conditional use. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Item No. 7. Consider approving a resolution adopting the Broadband amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

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

Item No. 8. Discuss submitting a Request for Proposal for the development of a Comprehensive Plan

This item was postponed to the September 13th Agenda Work Session.

Item No 9. Consider adopting Wesley Chapel Drive as a County Road

On motion by Commissioner Chandler and second by Commissioner Doster to adopt Wesley Chapel Drive as a County road. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 11. Discuss purchasing an EMA/EMS Director's Vehicle

Chairman Higdon advised the board of the EMA/EMS Director's vehicle repairs have exceeded the value of the vehicle. Chairman Higdon discussed with the board on moving forward to purchase a new vehicle for the EMA/EMS director.

Item No. 12. Consider approving an agreement with Windstream to apply for additional Broadband state funding.

This vote was taken at the Special Called Meeting August 24th, 2021.

Item No. 13. Roads Update

Chairman Higdon gave an update on Adams Clarke Road paving has been completed. The road department plan to begin grading and graveling Roy Woods Road and Piedmont Park this week.

Commissioner Adams expressed concerns for repairs on the following roads: Sailors Road at Nowhere Road intersection, Lucky Jones Road, Martin Griffith Road at Sanford Road, Lloyd Nelms Road and Sanford-Nicholson Road intersection. Also pavement repairs at the culverts on Crabapple Hollow Road and Pleasant Acres Farm Road as well as trash pickup on Martin Griffith Road.

Commissioner Chandler expressed a job well done on Jones Road and Hudson River Church Road. Commissioner Chandler requested road work on Bishop Carey Road.

Commissioner Kirk thanked the road department for starting repairs on Roy Woods road this week. Commissioner Kirk request road work on Macedonia Church Road and requested it be considered for the next LMIG project.

Commissioner Doster requested tree trimming on Waggoner's Grove Church Road also requested the Sheriff's Department monitor the no thru trucks on Childers Road.

Item No. 14. Urgent Matters

Commissioner Chandler expressed his concern with the current building codes and regulations. Commissioner Chandler would like for Building Inspector, Eddie Pritchett and Code Enforcement Officer, Christopher Roach to present a list of higher building standards approved by the Department of Community Affairs be presented to the board for consideration.

Item No. 15. Statements and Remarks from Citizens

Chairman Higdon asked if there were any statements or remarks.

Mr. Drago Tesanovich thanked the Board for their positive efforts towards the development of the new Comprehensive plan.

Mr. Gary Harvin, county surveyor, expressed the need and value of having updated access to right of way deeds for surveying purposes.

Item No. 16. Statements and Remarks from Commissioners

Chairman Higdon spoke to County surveyor, Gary Harvin on surveying the old Board of Elections building and the Presbyterian Church next week.

Item No. 17. Executive Session to discuss real estate acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 18. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Kirk and second by Commissioner Doster the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.