

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commission Chairman John Scarborough  
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:**

None

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

Chairman Scarborough called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., led in the pledge to the American flag and gave the invocation.

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

**Minutes of the July 30, 2018 Agenda Setting Meeting. Minutes have been distributed.**

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the minutes of the July 30, 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.**

Chairman Scarborough said that a couple is seeking Board approval to extend a camper permit to allow time for the completion of their new home. He spoke with the building inspector, Eddie Pritchett, and was told that he has approved their last two inspections and agrees with the extension. On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board approved the extension of a camper permit in the name of Doris Leslie. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Scarborough asked the Board to consider going out for bid for a rubber tire front loader to be purchased out of SPLOST. He said that this equipment has been leased in the past.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to go out for bid for a rubber tire front loader to be purchased out of SPLOST. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Scarborough asked the Board to consider going out for bid for power stretchers for EMS and the coroner.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to go out for bid for power stretchers. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Chairman Scarborough said that the 2019 proposed budget did not include an approximate increase of \$20,000 for the volunteer fire departments. The current contract has funding for the volunteer fire departments at \$669,411 or the value of one mill of the tax digest, whichever is greater. The value of this year's mill is approximately \$20,000 more than the budgeted amount. Chairman Scarborough said that this will be visited at the budget approval meeting.

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

1. Dominick Dove is requesting to rezone his 5.77 acre property from A2 to R1. He would like to subdivide the three homes on the property. The property is located on Map 45 Parcel 78 on Jack Sharp Road in District 5.

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

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Jeris Dove spoke in favor of the request.

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

2. Paul Simmons is requesting to rezone his 5.0 acre property from A1 to RR. The property is located on Map 80 Parcel 85 on Highway 191 in District 4.

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

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Applicant Paul Simmons spoke in favor of the request.

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

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

3. Jay Pridgen is representing Capital Resource Management LLC. He is requesting to rezone 74.656 acres from A2 to R1 for Phase Six of Spratlin Mill Subdivision. The property is located on Map 32 Parcel 62 in District 3.

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

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Jay Pridgen spoke in favor of the request.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the request. Rex Matthews said that he is not speaking in opposition but had questions on where and when phase six will start. Jay Pridgen answered Mr. Matthews' questions.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Jay Pridgen spoke in favor of the request.

On motion by Commissioner Bettis 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.

4. Any new zoning amendments.

**Chairman Hughston explained a zoning amendment in section 12.3.3 regarding state or federal permits.** He stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted five to zero to approve the amendment.

Commissioner Allen had questions on why the amendment was being added to the ordinance. After discussion, on motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to postpone this item. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Chairman Hughston explained a zoning amendment in section 11.4.1.4, section 12.3.1 and Section 14.2.3 regarding recorded plats.** He stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission combined all three amendments in one vote and voted five to zero to approve.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. No one came forward. Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the request. No one came forward. Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. No one came forward.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the three zoning amendments. 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.**

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks on an agenda item. No one came forward.

**Item No. 6. Consider Property and Casualty Insurance Policy. (Dan Horne)**

Dan Horne, with Chastain and Associates, addressed the Board regarding his recommendation to renew the county's property and casualty insurance with One Beacon at a slight increase due to coverage of 10 additional vehicles and newly acquired equipment.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board approved the renewal policy with One Beacon. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 7. Roads Update**

Commissioner Allen requested work to be done on Chandler Road, Furnace Creek Road and Adams Clarke Road. Commissioner Strickland inquired about the status of Coley Davis Road. Commissioner Pethel asked about Jones Chapel Shiloh Road. Chairman Scarborough said that Stoyle Hattaway has one lane out. Chairman Scarborough also stated that the road department is pleased with the new equipment that arrived last week.

**Item No. 8. Urgent Matters**

There were no urgent matters.

**Item No. 9. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.**

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

**Item No. 10. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).**

There was no need for executive session.

**Item No. 11. Adjourn**

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.