MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 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 6:02 p.m., led in the pledge to the American flag and gave the invocation.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes:
Minutes of the August 27, 2018 Public Hearing and Agenda Setting Meeting. Minutes have been distributed.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2018 Public Hearing and 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.

Chairman Scarborough stated that he would like to address agenda item number eight at this time and recognize our guests from the Elijah Clarke Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Chairman Scarborough read a proclamation recognizing September 17th through September 23rd as Constitution Week.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the proclamation. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.
Item No. 3. Chairman’s Report.

Chairman Scarborough stated that agenda item number thirteen no longer needs to be considered due to a revision in the memorandum of understanding with Georgia Renewable Power that calls for the agreement to be exclusively signed between them and the Industrial Development and Building Authority.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to amend the agenda to delete item number thirteen. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

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

    1. Calwood Properties LLC is requesting to rezone their 16.03 acre property from A2 to RR. The property is located on Map 31 Parcel 130-02 on Highway 29 South in District 3.

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

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Victor Johnson, representing Calwood Properties, spoke in favor of the rezone request.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the request. Waymon Alewine and Rhonda Alewine spoke in opposition to the request.

Frank Ginn addressed the Board at this time and thanked them for the work that they do for the county and said he was looking forward to working with them in his new role with the Industrial Development and Building Authority.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the rezone request. Victor Johnson again spoke in favor of the request.

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

    2. Alan Appleby is representing his brother Gary Appleby. He is requesting to rezone a portion of his 9.31 acre property from A2 to RR to allow for a home for Alan Appleby. The property is located on Map 64 Parcel 23 on Highway 191 in District 4.

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

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Applicant Alan Appleby 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 Escoe the Board voted to approve the rezone request. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.
3. Brenda Rich is handling the estate of her father, Howard Parham. She is requesting to rezone 2.00 acres, with a house, from A1 to RR. The property is located on Map 96 Parcel 2 on Clements Road in District 5.

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

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Applicant Brenda Rich 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 Escoe 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.

4. Adam Swann is representing Ramona Booth. They are requesting to rezone 5.02 acres from A2 to RR to combine with adjoining property to subdivide. The property is located on Map 30 Parcel 161D on Scoggins Road in District 3.

Chairman Hughston said that the Planning and Zoning Commission took this rezone request for Map 30 Parcel 161D and the following rezone request for Map 30 Parcel 161E up as one vote and voted four to three to deny.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the requests. Victor Johnson, representing Adam Swann, spoke in favor of the requests.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the requests. Wendy Meehan, Kevin Janson and Bill Holloway spoke in opposition to the requests.

Chairman Scarborough asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the requests. Victor Johnson again spoke in favor of the requests.

The Board took the rezone requests for Map 30 Parcel 161D and Map 30 Parcel 161E up as one vote. On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to deny the rezone requests. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES to deny. Commissioner Allen voted NO.

5. Adam Swann is representing Ramona Booth. They are requesting to rezone 6.21 acres from A2 to RR to combine with adjoining property to subdivide. The property is located on Map 30 Parcel 161E on Scoggins Road in District 3.

The public hearing and vote for this rezone request was combined with the previous request for Map 30 Parcel 161D.


Chairman Hughston stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted seven to zero to approve.

Jay Pridgen presented the preliminary plat to the Board and stated that there may be one less lot on the final plat.
On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to approve the preliminary plat for Kaydence Springs Subdivision. The vote was as follows: Commissioner 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 approving 9-1-1 resolutions updating charges on prepaid wireless and telephone services other than prepaid. (David Camp)

E911 Director David Camp explained the resolutions addressing updates in accordance with revisions to state law.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to approve the 9-1-1 resolutions updating charges on prepaid wireless and telephone services other than prepaid. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 7. Consider approving updated Speed Zone Ordinance. (Chairman Scarborough)

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the updated roadway list numbered 0195-06-2018, submitted by the Georgia Department of Transportation, for the use of speed detection devices. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 8. Consider proclamation recognizing September 17th through 23rd as Constitution Week. (Chairman Scarborough)

This item was handled under agenda item number two, Guests.

Item No. 9. Consider approving September 10, 2018 budget amendments. (Chairman Scarborough)

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the budget amendments dated September 10, 2018. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 10. Consider amending the purchasing policy. (Chairman Scarborough)

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to approve the resolution to amend section 2-246 of the Purchasing Policy. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 11. Consider purchasing five power stretchers. (Chairman Scarborough)

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board that the cost to purchase five Stryker power stretchers, through cooperative purchasing, with a seven year warranty and four stair chairs is $97,707.20. The finance terms are $25,702.20 due upon receipt of equipment and the remaining balance due in three equal annual payments with zero interest.

Unspent balance of $2,487.35 of original LMIG $225,000 received in 2016 for road striping. Currently reflected in restricted fund balance; needs amended to 2018 road department.

In 2017 $19,750 was amended from the balance of the Whitworth contract toward the purchase of six used GBI vehicles. Four of the six vehicles were purchased in 2017 for a total of $17,000. The final two were purchased in 2018 for a total of $9,750. The $2,750 balance of the previous amendment of $19,750 should be rolled from fund balance to the 2018 capital line item for vehicle purchases.

Budget $7,532 revenue received from DA toward utility/building expenses (per rata):

- Extermination $226
- Internet $969
- Electric $3,430
- Telephone $2,733
- Water $174

A receivable was recorded in 2017 for the expected insurance reimbursement for the total loss of a chipper. In 2018 $34,946 was received. The capital line item for the $35,946 purchase of a new chipper needs to be amended by the reimbursement amount received for the purchase. Note: $1,000 difference is deductible.

In 2018 the sheriff’s department took responsibility for the National Child Passenger Certification. This was previously shared by the coroner’s office and EMS. It has been requested/agreed upon by the three departments that the sheriff department’s training and education budget be increased by $200. This is to be amended by $50 from the coroner’s facility and $150 from the EMS facility.
On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to purchase five power stretchers with a seven year warranty and four stair chairs for a total of $97,707.20 through Stryker with finance terms of $25,702.20 due upon receipt of equipment, to be paid out of EMS SPLOST, and annual zero interest payments on the balance to be paid from the general fund out of the capital outlay line item for years 2019, 2020 and 2021. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 12. Consider purchasing a rubber tire loader. (Chairman Scarborough)

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to purchase a Caterpillar Model 918M Wheel Loader through state contract for $129,826.00 with the payment to be made out of the Road Department SPLOST funds. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 13. Consider approval of a memorandum of understanding with Georgia Renewable Power. (Chairman Scarborough)

This item was deleted from the agenda.

Item No. 14. Roads Update

Chairman Scarborough stated that Coley Davis Road is back in service and that Cheek Pulliam Road is due to be complete by the end of the month.

Commissioner Strickland asked about the status of Stoyle-Hattaway Road.

Item No. 15. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters.

Item No. 16. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks.

Laura Flores addressed the Board regarding safety concerns on Highway 29 South.

Item No. 17. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

There was no need for executive session.

Item No. 18. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.