

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2019  
6:00 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commission Chairman John Scarborough  
District 1 Commissioner Lee Allen  
District 2 Commissioner Tripp Strickland  
District 3 Commissioner Theresa Bettis  
District 4 Commissioner Brian Kirk  
District 5 Commissioner Derek Doster

**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 6:00 p.m., led in the pledge to the American Flag and gave the invocation.

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

**Minutes of the August 26, 2019 Public Hearing**  
**Minutes of the August 26, 2019 Regular Business Meeting**  
**Minutes of the September 9, 2019 Agenda Setting Meeting**

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2019 Public Hearing and Regular Business Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES. Commissioner Allen abstained.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019 Agenda Setting Meeting. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

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

None

### **Item No. 3. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Scarborough read a proclamation naming October 6 through October 12 Mental Health Awareness Week. He also made mention of a Candlelight Vigil to be held on Sunday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Madison County's Memorial Park in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Week.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to approve the proclamation naming October 6 through October 12 Mental Health Awareness Week. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

Chairman Scarborough said he followed up with the Commissioners and Board of Elections Chair Tracy Dean on the concerns regarding elections that were presented at the September 9, 2019 meeting. He stated the idea of reducing polling locations had been dispelled prior to that meeting. He clarified that the Board has been looking at locations to store the new voting machines and the equipment will be stored in a safe climate controlled facility. He also stated that based on the last two presidential elections, the amount requested for poll workers' wages was reduced, however, if additional funds are needed it will be taken care of through a budget amendment.

### **Item No. 4. 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.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Item No. 5. Consider changing Rhonda Wooten's position to County Clerk/Administrator**

Chairman Scarborough explained the reasoning behind the new job description and additional latitude when working with department heads to resolve areas of concern.

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to approve the new job description as written with an amendment to have the title to remain county clerk. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Bettis, Kirk and Doster voted YES.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**None**

### **Item No. 6. Roads Update**

Chairman Scarborough advised the commissioners that at the next meeting they will receive 2020 LMIG Project recommendations submitted by Public Works Director Alan Lapczynski and Road Superintendent Derrick Horne.

Commissioner Allen asked if the road department is still understaffed. Chairman Scarborough confirmed that to be true.

Commissioner Strickland said people are bragging on the road crew.

**Item No. 7. Urgent Matters**

There were no urgent matters.

**Item No. 8. Statements and Remarks from Citizens**

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks.

Board of Elections Chair Tracy Dean approached the Board with several comments and questions regarding clarification on the needs to fulfill 2020 election requirements.

Dave Ramsey and Dianne Satterfield approached the Board with requests to provide what is needed to fulfill 2020 election requirements.

Chip Chandler approached the Board to encourage communication and provision for the public to speak.

Chairman Scarborough, Commissioner Kirk, Commissioner Strickland, Commissioner Bettis and Elections Chair Tracy Dean engaged in conversation.

**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 Strickland and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.