

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2018
4:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

District 1 Commissioner Lee Allen
District 3 Commissioner Theresa Bettis
District 5 Commissioner Jim R. Escoe, Sr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commission Chairman John Scarborough
District 2 Commissioner Tripp Strickland
District 4 Commissioner John W. Pethel, Sr.

MEDIA PRESENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Vice-Chairman Allen called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Item No. 1. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on an agenda item.

Vice-Chairman Allen stated that agenda item number two is being postponed to the January 29, 2018 meeting. He then asked if anyone would like to speak regarding agenda item number three. No one came forward.

Item No. 2. Consider resolution for Comprehensive Plan update.

This item was postponed to the January 29, 2018 meeting.

Item No. 3. Consider appeal of 2018 Beer & Wine License denial for HH Armando LLC d/b/a Food Mart.

Attorney Victor Johnson addressed the Board to appeal the December 4, 2017 decision made by the Board of Commissioners to deny a 2018 Beer & Wine License to Zaira Hernandez Duarte, owner of HH Armando LLC d/b/a Food Mart.

Attorney Victor Johnson, representing Zaira Durate, presented arguments for not upholding the denial of the alcohol license. Mr. Johnson then asked his client questions regarding the business located at 9029 Highway 29 South in Danielsville.

County Attorney Mike Pruett, Vice-Chairman Allen, Commissioner Bettis and Commissioner Escoe each asked Mr. Johnson and Ms. Duarte questions.

Vice-Chairman Allen called for a five minute recess at 5:22 p.m. to allow time for Mr. Johnson to get an answer to one of the questions. The meeting was called back to order at 5:27 p.m.

Attorney Victor Johnson gave closing comments regarding his client's appeal of the Board's denial of the 2018 Beer & Wine License.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Bettis the Board voted to uphold the denial of the 2018 Beer & Wine License for applicant Zaira Duarte, owner of HH Armando LLC d/b/a Food Mart. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Bettis and Escoe voted YES.

Item No. 4. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Bettis and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 5:35 p.m.