

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
JULY 18, 2017  
9:00 A.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commission Chairman John Scarborough  
District 1 Commissioner Lee Allen  
District 2 Commissioner Tripp Strickland  
District 4 Commissioner John W. Pethel, Sr.  
District 5 Commissioner Jim R. Escoe, Sr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

District 3 Commissioner Theresa Bettis

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

Margie Richards, Madison County Journal

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kathy Figueroa, Finance Director  
Rhonda S. Wooten, County Clerk

Chairman Scarborough called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

There were no statements or remarks on an agenda item.

**Item No. 2. Consider approving the 2018 Food Bank budget.**

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the 2018 Food Bank budget. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 3. Consider approving the 2018 Law Library and Clerk's Deed budgets.**

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to approve the 2018 Law Library and Clerk's Deed budgets. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

**Item No. 4. Consider approving the 2018 Sheriff's Office State Seizure account and Jail Commission budgets.**

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to approve the 2018 Sheriff's Office State Seizure Account and Jail Commission Account budgets. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

## **Item No. 5. Consider approving the 2018 Madison County Budget Resolution.**

Chairman Scarborough and the Board discussed and voted on the following changes to the 2018 budget:

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Pethel the Board voted to make changes to Commissioner Escoe's budget, Facility 09, by removing \$1,583 from the Travel, Food and Lodging line item and \$1,000 from the Education and Training line item and adding a Cellular line item with an amount of \$732. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to make a change to Facility 51 by adding a line item for a Security System Maintenance Contract with an amount of \$13,280. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Commissioner Pethel made a motion to reduce the salary of the EMS Director to \$50,000. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board voted to make a change to Facility 89 by increasing the total amount to \$207,646 rather than \$203,972 which was presented in error due to an oversight. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to change the \$222,614 3% COLA designation to \$222,614 Contingency Fund, earmarked salary adjustments. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to eliminate the \$70,001 for two new field appraisers in the Tax Assessor's Office. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Escoe the Board voted to change the \$47,132 for an additional investigator in the district attorney's office to \$25% of the cost for an additional investigator with a cap of \$11,783. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

On motion by Commissioner Escoe and second by Commissioner Allen the Board voted to add a line item for the state mandated cancer insurance for the volunteer fire departments, House Bill 146, with an amount of \$70,000. The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland, Pethel and Escoe voted YES.

Finance Director Kathy Figueroa totaled the changes and advised the Board that the new total for the 2018 budget is \$16,178,237. Chairman Scarborough stated that this amount is less than the actual expenditures in 2016.

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board approved the 2018 Budget Resolution with the following amendments/changes:

- 1) Reduce Facility 09 to \$732.
- 2) Amend Facility 51 to add a line item for a Security System Maintenance Contract in the amount of \$13,280.
- 3) Increase Facility 89 to \$207,646
- 4) Change 3% COLA to \$222,614 Contingency, earmarked for salary adjustments.
- 5) Eliminate \$70,001 for two field appraisers.

- 6) Reduce \$47,132 for an additional investigator for the district attorney to 25% or \$11,783 whichever is less.
- 7) Add \$70,000 for VFD cancer insurance.

The vote was as follows: Commissioners Allen, Strickland and Escoe voted YES. Commissioner Pethel voted NO.

**Item No. 6. Discuss 2017 millage rate.**

Chairman Scarborough advised the Board that 380 appeals have been received with total property value of approximately 8.5 million.

Chief Appraiser Robin Baker advised the Board that the final consolidation should be ready today.

The Board decided to meet to discuss the millage rate after the final consolidation is available.

**Item No. 7. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on any matter.**

Chairman Scarborough asked if there were any statements or remarks from citizens.

Stanley Thomas addressed the Board regarding the recent zoning amendment that changed the minimum subdivision lot size requirement.

**Item No. 8. Adjourn**

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Allen the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 10:57 a.m.