

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2021
4:00 P.M.**

Members Present:

Commission Chairman Todd Higdon
District 1 Commissioner Dennis Adams
District 2 Commissioner Terry Chandler
District 4 Commissioner Brian Kirk
District 5 Commissioner Derek Doster

Members Absent:

None

Media Present:

Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal

Staff Present:

Christina Baxter, Deputy Clerk
Mike Pruett, County Attorney

Chairman Higdon called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Item No. 1 Statements and Remarks from citizens on the agenda items

None

Item No. 2 Discuss State Fiscal Recovery Grant and American Rescue Plan Act funding

The Board discussed the possible uses for the American Rescue Plan Act funding. Discussion regarding the loss of revenue due to the counterfactual growth rate is being considered.

Josh Chandler, ID&BA board member, requested \$2.5 million for matching funds for the ID&BA to apply for the State Fiscal Recovery Funds Grant for Water Infrastructure projects. Mr. Chandler presented a list of ten proposed projects.

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Kirk to commit up to \$2.5 million to the ID&BA, as the primary grant applicant, for 25% matching funds in applying for State Fiscal Recovery funds for water/sewer infrastructure with the understanding that matching funds will not be disbursed if grant is not awarded. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted Yes.

Item No. 3 Discuss agreement with Windstream for State Fiscal Recovery Grant application

The State Fiscal Recovery Fund Partnership Agreement was presented to the Board. This agreement is to be submitted with an application for broadband infrastructure grant funding. As the applicant only, the County will be providing administrative support and/or in-kind services in connection with the projects; however, Windstream will at its sole expense provide any and all matching funds or other financial support required.

On motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Kirk the Board voted to authorize the Partnership Agreement the agreement. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Adams, Chandler, Kirk and Doster voted Yes.

After agenda item discussion, Chairman Higdon expressed his concerns to the Board on the rise of positive Covid-19 cases with County employees. Chairman Higdon implemented a requirement for the public entering County Government Buildings to be required to wear a face covering and any employee working within 6 feet of a member of the public also be required to wear a face covering. The board was in agreeance.

Item No. 4 Adjourn

With no further discussion, motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Chandler the meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.