

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**MADISON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE MEETING ROOM**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018**

**9:00 A.M.**

The Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida met this day in regular session with the following members present: Alston Kelley (District 1), Wayne Vickers (District 2), Ronnie Moore (District 3), Alfred Martin (District 4) and Rick Davis (District 5). Also present were County Attorney George T. Reeves, County Coordinator Brian Kauffman, Assistant County Coordinator Sherilyn Pickels, and Clerk Billy Washington.

The Chairman, Honorable Wayne Vickers, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and conducted roll call.

It was requested to add a discussion concerning changing the date of the September 26<sup>th</sup> Board of County Commissioners meeting as New Business Item #2 to the agenda. Commissioner Kelley presented a motion to adopt the agenda with the added item. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to adopt the agenda.

Mr. Rick Patrick spoke to the board concerning Touchdowns Against Cancer. He explained that an individual may pledge an amount to donate for each touchdown scored by the Madison County High School varsity football team during this season with the proceeds of this fundraiser going to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. For those that want to know more, they could visit [www.touchdownsagainstcancer.com](http://www.touchdownsagainstcancer.com).

Commissioner Moore presented a motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the minutes.

During Constitutional Officers reports, Supervisor of Elections Tommy Hardee announced that Madison County had a 37.8% overall turnout in the recent primary elections. He also announced that he was removing himself from the canvassing board, stating that when a member of that board says something that they should not have said, then they should remove themselves.

Commissioner Moore presented a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Kelley seconded the motion. Attorney Reeves pointed out that the dates

in paragraph 2 on page 2 of Resolution 2018-09-12A needed to be brought forward one year in both instances of the date. The board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the Consent Agenda with the change as noted in Resolution 2018-09-12A. Items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

1. Contract between Madison County Board of County Commissioners and State of Florida Department of Health for Operation of the Madison County Health Department for Contract Year 2018-2019.
2. Resolution 2018-09-12A; Authorizing the Use of no more than \$150,000 of Gas Tax Proceeds for Funding the Closure and Clean Up of the Closed Madison County Landfill.

Under Unfinished Business Item #1, Clerk Washington presented to the board two proposals for paving loans (attached). Clerk Washington recommended accepting the proposal from Madison County Community Bank because it better fit the nature of the request for a line of credit as opposed to a traditional loan. Commissioner Martin and Commissioner Moore announced that they would have to recuse themselves due to their involvement with Madison County Community Bank. Commissioner Davis presented a motion to accept the proposal from Madison County Community Bank. Commissioner Kelley seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (3-0) to accept the proposal.

Under Unfinished Business Item #2, Attorney Reeves presented a proposed ordinance concerning parking at Cherry Lake Beach and no parking areas around Cherry Lake. Mr. Reeves explained the proposed ordinance and stated that this was a first attempt to accomplish what he believed the board's will was. He also explained that when the board was comfortable with the ordinance it would have to be voted on in an advertised public hearing. Sheriff Ben Stewart commented that he believed that this was a good idea to try and he wanted to ensure that there would be coordination between the county office and his office with respect to this ordinance. He also inquired as to whether the county would have a retained attorney to handle any prosecution should that need arise. Mr. Reeves suggested that the board consider allowing him to be that retained attorney. Commissioner Davis asked if the county could utilize civilian traffic enforcement to take some of the burden off the sheriff's department. Mr. Reeves indicated that a provision allowing civilian enforcement could be added. Clerk Washington suggested changing the number of days someone had to pay to notify the clerk's office of their intent to contest the ticket from 15 days to 30 days. Mr. Reeves stated that he would make that change also.

Under Public Works Item #1, Lonnie Thigpen presented Resolution 2018-09-12. This was a resolution authorizing the lease of a dump truck for the county Road Department. Commissioner Moore presented a motion to approve the resolution and the lease. Commissioner Kelley seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the motion. Commissioner Moore mentioned to Mr. Thigpen that he had received a request for mowing at the Greenville Elementary School. Mr. Thigpen

indicated that he would follow up with the request and see if it was something that the road department could do.

Under New Business Item #1, Attorney Reeves discussed the terms of the agreement the board had with North Florida Medical Center concerning a building and property in Greenville. Mr. Reeves presented the closing statement and noted that a tax lien had been filed against the property in the amount of \$40,576.00 for taxes on tangible personal property, fees and interest. He said that there was a possibility that some of this amount could be reduced or removed. He only wanted to ensure that everyone was aware of the numbers prior to proceeding since the contract allowed for the county to cancel the agreement if title defects were discovered. Commissioner Davis asked Betty Lawrence, Public Libraries Director, if the grant had been applied for, since it is the intention of the board to give the building to the library system. She replied that the grant had been applied for. Commissioner Davis clarified that these expenses would qualify for reimbursement under the grant. Ms. Lawrence indicated that as she understood the grant these would qualify.

Under New Business Item #2, Commissioner Kelley indicated that both he and Commissioner Moore could not be in attendance for the next scheduled meeting September 26<sup>th</sup>. After discussion, the board agreed to not change the date of the next regularly scheduled meeting.

For the Good of the Order:

Commissioner Davis noted that a meeting with neighboring counties and municipalities concerning the ongoing wastewater dumping issue with the City of Valdosta, Georgia was scheduled for September 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. He felt that the commission should appoint a member to attend. The board agreed by consensus to appoint Commissioner Davis to be their representative.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

Board of County Commissioners  
Madison County, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wayne Vickers, Chairman

ATTEST:

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William D. Washington,  
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**COURTHOUSE ANNEX**

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

**5:30 P.M.**

The Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida met this day in special session with the following members present: Alston Kelly (District 1), Wayne Vickers (District 2), Ronnie Moore (District 3) and Rick Davis (District 5). Also present were County Coordinator Brian Kauffman, Clerk Billy Washington and County Finance Director Kaytrena Joseph.

The Chairman, Honorable Wayne Vickers, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and conducted roll call.

Clerk Washington explained that during the regular meeting on August 22, 2018, his office had provided to the commissioners the BOCC Tentative Budget for FY 2018-2019. He had also provided to the commissioners a hand-out entitled *2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget Recap* dated September 5, 2018. He explained that the recap showed the projected revenues and expenditures for the following funds: General Fund, County Transportation Trust Fund, Fine and Forfeiture Fund, Solid Waste, Recycling, Emergency Medical Services, Landfill Closure and Fire Services (the projected revenues and expenditures were based on a tentative millage rate of 10.00, an 8.5% increase in health insurance costs, a retirement contribution rate increase effective 7/1/2018 and a 3% cost of living adjustment). Clerk Washington stated that the purpose of this meeting was to adopt the tentative millage rate and then in a separate action adopt the tentative budget. For the record, Clerk Washington announced the following: 1. The name of the taxing authority as the Madison County Board of County Commissioners; 2. The rolled back millage rate of 10.0367; and 3. The tentative millage rate of 10.00 mills is 0.37% below the rolled back rate.

Commissioner Vickers then opened the floor for public comment. Nadine Miller stood to introduce herself and stated that she was interested in the process of how the county developed their budget. There were no other public comments and the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Moore presented a motion to adopt the tentative millage rate of 10.00. Commissioner Kelley seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the motion.

Commissioner Davis presented a motion to adopt the tentative budget. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the motion.

Clerk Washington stated that the final public hearing for adoption of the millage and budget for FY 2018-2019 would be on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners  
Madison County, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wayne Vickers, Chairman

ATTEST:

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William D. Washington,  
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**COURTHOUSE ANNEX**

**MINUTES OF THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018**

**5:30 P.M.**

The Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida met this day in special session with the following members present: Wayne Vickers (District 2), Ronnie Moore (District 3), Alfred Martin (District 4) and Rick Davis (District 5). Also present were County Coordinator Brian Kauffman, and Clerk Billy Washington.

The Chairman, Honorable Wayne Vickers, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and conducted roll call.

Clerk Washington stated that the purpose of this meeting was to adopt two resolutions, one to set the millage rate for fiscal year 2018/2019 and the other to approve the budget for fiscal year 2018/2019. For the record, Clerk Washington announced the following: 1. The name of the taxing authority as the Madison County Board of County Commissioners; 2. The rolled back millage rate of 10.0367; and 3. The tentative millage rate of 10.00 mills is 0.37% below the rolled back rate. Clerk Washington explained that after the board approved the tentative budget on September 5, 2018, the Florida Department of Economic and Demographic Research released the salary schedule for elected officials. According to the schedule the board members and the county constitutional officers were all authorized a pay increase. Washington stated that he had emailed the constitutional officers and the board members informing them of the increase. He asked that if any of them wanted to take advantage of the increase to either attend the final public hearing or notify him in writing. He stated that only the tax collector and the property appraiser had notified him of their intent to accept the pay increase. Washington stated that this would be an adjustment of \$1165 to both the tax collector and property appraiser's proposed budgets. Clerk Washington then advised the board members that if each of them were to take advantage of the increase then the total amount would increase the budget expenditures by \$8002.31. Clerk Washington expressed his opinion that this money would be better spent on security camera upgrades for the courthouse annex. Commissioner Martin accepted the increase, the other commissioners present did not. Clerk Washington then informed the board that Commissioner Martin's increase would result in expenditures totaling \$292.44. He explained that revenues to cover the increases in the tax collector, property appraiser and commission salaries would come from reserves.

Commissioner Vickers then opened the meeting for public comment. Citizen Sarah Anderson spoke in support of Clerk Washington's comments about security camera upgrades and the need for security for employees and the public within county buildings.

Commissioner Vickers then closed the public hearing. Clerk Washington read Resolution 2018-09-19A, *A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR MADISON COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE*. Commissioner Davis presented a motion to approve Resolution 2018-09-19A. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the resolution.

Clerk Washington read Resolution 2018-09-19B, *A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE*. Commissioner Moore presented a motion to approve Resolution 2018-09-19B. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the resolution.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

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Madison County, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wayne Vickers, Chairman

ATTEST:

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William D. Washington,  
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners