

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON COUNTY
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION HELD AND CONDUCTED ON
THURSDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2011 AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE
MADISON COUNTY COMPLEX BUILDING**

BE IT REMEMBERED that a meeting of the Madison County Planning and Zoning Commission was duly called, held and conducted on Thursday, the 8th day of December, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Madison County Complex Building.

Present: Ken Steere
William Amadio
Reverend Henry Brown
Reverend Bennie Luckett, Chairman
Will Sligh
Scott Weeks, Office of the Madison County Zoning Administrator
Brad Sellers, Zoning Administrator

Absent: Noone

There first came on for consideration the minutes of the November 10, 2011 meeting in addition to the minutes of the November 18, 2011 special meeting. Upon motion by Commissioner Steere, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting "aye", motion to approve the minutes passed.

There next came on for consideration the Petition of David Ford for a variance to a side setback at 1000 Old 51 Road, Madison County, Mississippi. Scott Weeks introduced the petition and the issues contained therein for the Commission and those in attendance. David Ford appeared on behalf of the Petitioner and announced his request for a 10 foot side setback. Zoning Administrator Sellers informed the Commission the Petitioner was building an addition to his home and needed the requested setback to meet the zoning ordinance requirements in place. He also added that for this addition to be visibly appropriate and functional, the addition was necessary in the subject location, which prompted the request for the setback. Commissioner Amadio inquired into the space that would be left between the adjacent property owner's structure, to which the Petitioner advised that it would leave 12 feet. Zoning Administrator Sellers added that family members of the Petitioner initially owned the parcels surrounding the subject property and divided it amongst themselves. Commissioner Sligh followed with an inquiry about whether family members owned the adjacent property effected by the request in the petition. The Petitioner confirmed. Upon motion by Commissioner Sligh, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting "aye", motion to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors passed.

There next came on for consideration the Petition of South Mississippi Electric Power Association for a special exception for a microwave communication tower located at 1185 Pisgah Bottom Road. Scott Weeks introduced the petition and advised that the

request is for a 280 foot microwave communication tower as part of a network. Bobby Warrington, attorney for Petitioner, appeared to present the request to the Commission. He informed the Commission that SMEPA, the Petitioner is a co-op owned by distribution co-operatives providing electricity is required by new Federal legislation to erect these type towers. SMEPA transmits electricity and sells to consumers, but due to issues with the electric grid across the Country, Regional Transmission Organizations set guidelines for reliable electricity. The new smart grid technology created allows SMEPA to obtain real-time information regarding the transmission grid. However, the requested microwave tower is required to do so. SMEPA is constructing 44 communication towers from the Mississippi Gulf Coast region to Tunica for monitoring purposes connected to the new grid technology. The subject location has been selected. The Petitioner stated that the Regional Authorities will not allow the sharing of other communication towers due to security issues and that a 500-gallon minimum propane tank is further required. The FAA and FCC guidelines will be met. Commissioner Steere and the Petitioner discussed the communication types that would be transmitted, the use of voice transmissions, and the utilization in emergency situations, such as Hurricane Katrina. Upon motion by Commissioner Amadio, seconded by Commissioner Steere, with all voting "aye", motion to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors passed.

There next came on for discussion the issue of attorney fees. Upon motion by Commissioner Sligh, seconded by Commissioner Steere, with all voting "aye", motion to approve attorney fees passed.

There next came on for discussion the setting of the January, 2012 meeting. January 12, 2012 was suggested. Upon motion by Commissioner Steere, seconded by Commissioner Sligh, with all voting "aye", motion to set the January, 2012 meeting for January 12, 2012 passed.

With Distinct Honor, there came on for presentation the Resolution Honoring the years of dedicated and significant service of Chairman, Reverend Bennie Luckett to the Madison County Planning and Zoning Commission. Zoning Administrator Brad Sellers read the Resolution to the Commission and those in attendance. Said Resolution is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference to these minutes as Exhibit "A", with a formal copy being presented to Chairman, Reverend Bennie Luckett. Following the reading of the Resolution, Chairman Luckett expressed his deep and sincere gratitude to all involved with the Madison County Planning Zoning Commission, which he vividly described as a non-partisan and vital part of the successful development and preservation of Madison County. Upon motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Steere, with all voting "aye", motion to receive into the minutes and incorporate said Resolution as Exhibit "A" hereto passed.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

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Date

Henry Brown
(Chairman)

[Signature]

BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

***In re: Adoption of Resolution Honoring
Rev. Bennie Lockett***

RESOLUTION HONORING REV. BENNIE LOCKETT

WHEREAS, Rev. Bennie Lockett has served on the Madison County Planning and Zoning Board representing District 4 for many years, and

WHEREAS, Rev. Bennie Lockett was appointed to the Madison County Planning and Zoning Board in September, 1988 by Supervisor Karl M. Banks, and

WHEREAS, Rev. Bennie Lockett has made many contributions to our county over the years, and

WHEREAS, Rev. Bennie Lockett has served as Chairman of the Madison County Planning and Zoning Board for the past eight years, and

WHEREAS, Rev. Bennie Lockett is retiring from the Madison County Planning and Zoning Board after serving for many, many years, and

WHEREAS, Rev. Bennie Lockett served as Pastor for Murphy Chapel A.M.E. Zion for forty-nine years before retiring from St. Paul A.M.E. Zion, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI THAT:

1. The Planning and Zoning Board of Madison County does hereby, on behalf of the citizens of Madison County, express sincere appreciation to Rev. Bennie Lockett for his many years of service to our county, and
2. This Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of this Board and thereby forever preserved as a permanent tribute to Rev. Bennie Lockett , and
3. This Board deliver a true, correct, and certified copy hereof to Rev. Bennie Lockett.

Mr. Henry Brown did offer and Mr. Ken Steere did second a motion to adopt the above and foregoing Resolution. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Mr. Will Sligh	Aye
Mr. Bill Amadio	Aye
Mr. Ken Steere	Aye
Rev. Henry Brown	Aye
Rev. Bennie Lockett	Abstain

the motion carried unanimously and said Resolution was and is hereby adopted.

SO ORDERED this the 8th day of December, 2011.

Ex "A"