

Madison County Board of Supervisors Meeting Quick Notes: April 1, 2024

- The Madison County Board of Supervisors, “the Board,” was updated by Sheriff Randy Tucker regarding the fraudulent financial cyber event which resulted in approximately \$2.7mm being sent to a fraudulent vendor, who presented themselves as a current vendor.

Sheriff Tucker advised that his office is working with several state and federal agencies attempting to recover funds and to locate those who are connected with this fraud. Sheriff Tucker reported that \$128,000, \$1.58mm and another \$500,000 have been located and expects the County will recover those funds, approximately \$2.2mm.

- Chancery Clerk Ronny Lott and County Administrator Greg Higginbotham announced some immediate and long-term security plans to prevent another fraudulent cyber event:
 - Beginning immediately, ACH payments will be temporarily stopped.
 - Removing the bank change document from the website.
 - Vendors who need to change their account will now be required to have the bank change form notarized.
 - The bank phone number on the change form will now be called directly for secondary confirmation.
 - The Board was asked to consider creating an internal audit department to work for the Chancery Clerk.
 - Purchase cyber insurance.
 - Have an annual audit.
 - Host cyber prevention classes which will be required for all County employees.
- At the request of Tax Collector C. J. Garavelli, the Madison County Board of Supervisors, “the Board,” approved purchasing software to replace the existing software in the Tax Collector’s Office.
- The Board voted to purchase a heavy rescue vehicle for Fire Services.
- Emergency Management Agency updated the Board on their Geographic Information System (GIS) project. Madison County is now the first county in the state to have underground lines mapped, which will enable quicker response times during an emergency.
- The Board approved the final plat of Lewis Farms, Phase 1. The development is 38 lots on approximately 15.93 acres.
- The Board agreed to enter into a cooperative agreement with the City of Ridgeland for street repair and resurfacing on Dinsmore Crossing, Powell Road, and Trace Colony Park Boulevard.

- The Board agreed to enter into a cooperative agreement with the City of Madison for street repair and resurfacing on Autumn Oak Drive, Calumet Drive, Fontanelle Boulevard, Madison Avenue, and Rice Road.
- The Board agreed to enter into a cooperative agreement with the City of Gluckstadt for street repair and resurfacing on Cotton Cove Road, Hunter's Row Road, and Planter's Row Road.

The Madison County Board of Supervisors next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Administrative Building in Canton.

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