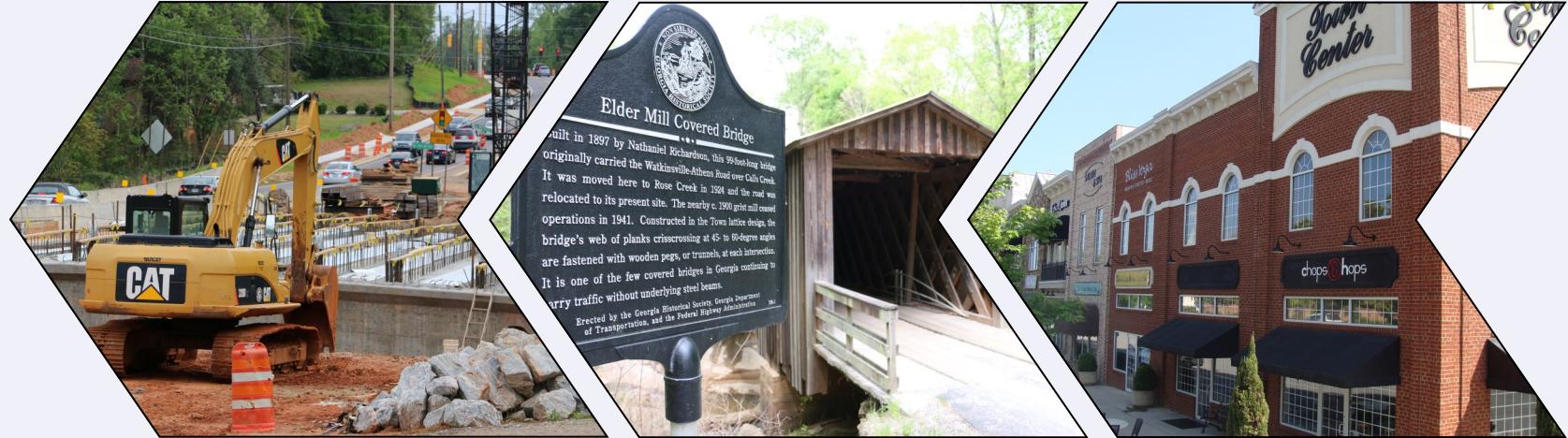


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The Year in Review



2016 Fiscal Year Report
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

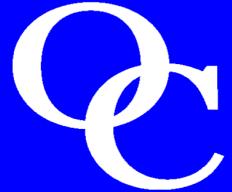


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Oconee ranked #1
Best County to
Live in Georgia by
Niche.com

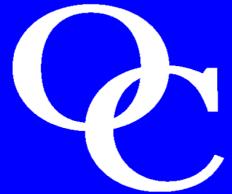


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Oconee County was founded on February 25, 1875. Originally part of Clarke County, Oconee was named for the river which forms its eastern boundary. *Oconee* comes from the Native American word meaning “spring of the hills.” The Oconee County Courthouse (left) was constructed in 1939 after the old courthouse burned down in early 1938, and was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 1984.

Bishop ★ Bogart ★ North High Shoals ★ Watkinsville



Chairman's Letter

Board of Commissioners

Dear Fellow Oconee County Citizens,

The Oconee County Board of Commissioners is pleased to provide this report for the fiscal year ending, June 30, 2016, from our Elected Officials and County Departments. Many positive activities occurred within the county over the course of the last fiscal year. We are happy to share these highlights through this *Year In Review*.

Once again, Oconee County has continued with the current unincorporated rate of 6.686 mills. We are hopeful this will benefit our citizens as financial recovery continues from several years ago.

Caterpillar continues to make a major impact in the job market with employee totals at approximately 1500 in June 2016. Epps Bridge Centre has increased job opportunities for many citizens in Oconee County and the surrounding region. Likewise, medical office developments and facilities have added opportunity to Oconee's job market.

Both the Epps Bridge Parkway and 316 Corridor continue to grow and expand Oconee County's commercial and retail tax base. In the past few months, Bone Island Grill House became the latest major retail addition to Epps Bridge Centre. Easy access, along with strategic planning for future growth, has made this area appealing to retailers and shoppers. We continue to see medical offices and facilities locate/relocate along the 316 Corridor. Continuing care facilities are planned and being constructed in the area of Virgil Langford Road. Again, easy access and convenience to shopping are luring developments with various medical facilities to the 316 Corridor.

Transportation upgrades have been completed with the repair/resurfacing of Epps Bride Parkway in Oconee County and road improvements have been completed on Cliff Dawson Road, Tappan Spur Road and Elder Mill

Road, to name a few. The Mars Hill Road Widening Project, Phase I, is well underway. Even though our citizens are experiencing inconvenience along this roadway, traffic will be substantially improved for many years to come.

I trust that this *Year In Review* will provide you with facts and information that help you know more about your Oconee County. Feel Free to visit our website (www.oconeecounty.com) for more information or call me at 706-769-5120.



Melvin Davis, Chairman

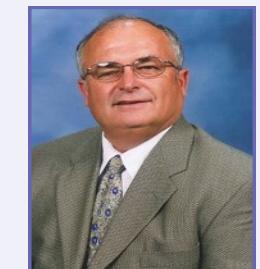
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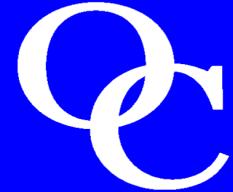
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Bubber Wilkes - Post 3



Mark Saxon - Post 4



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Economic Development

Business prospects continue to look bright in Oconee County as 189 new occupation business licenses were issued and 1,112 renewed occupational business licenses were issued during FY16.

Caterpillar continues to exceed expectation in Oconee County. On July 2016, Caterpillar reported it had created more than 1500 jobs, exceeding their employment projection by 239 jobs. Additionally, over \$159 million in public and private funds have been invested in the project.

Thrive Assisted Living and Memory Care completed construction of a 70-room facility in Resurgence Park, a Class A medical office park located off the Oconee Connector and GA-316. Also, the 316 Professional Quarter brought more medical services into Phase 2 of its development, bringing the site's total footprint to approximately 200,000 square feet of medical and professional service space.

The Epps Bridge Retail District saw several new stores open in 2016, including the Bone Island Grill House restaurant. The total square footage of the Epps Bridge Retail District is at 1.2 million square feet. Oconee County also permitted the development of Epps Bridge Centre Phase II & III, which will add an additional 336,000 square feet of retail space to the Epps Bridge Retail District.

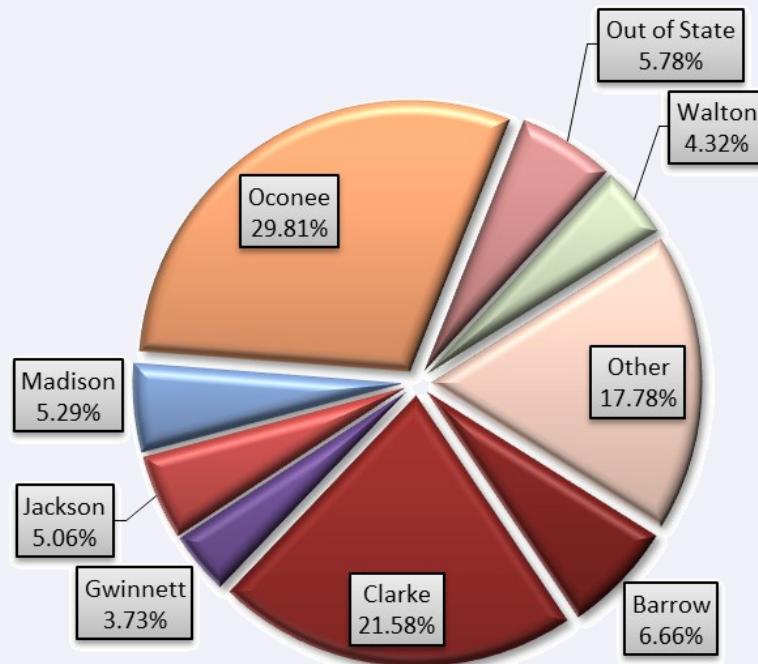
Sales tax collections increased for the sixth consecutive year with fiscal year-end receipts totaling more than \$5.95 million. The three highest months for collections were December 2015 (\$593,229), April 2016 (\$601,805), and June 2016 (\$506,982.)

Did You Know?

Oconee had the lowest unemployment rate in Georgia during 2016 at 3.8%.



The mission of the Oconee County Economic Development Department is to provide several programs and activities aimed at assisting local businesses in their growth plans, encouraging entrepreneurs to invest in the community, and recruiting new industries to Oconee County.



The Economic Development Department conducted a survey of car tags in various shopping centers in Oconee County. The survey showed approximately 70% of the shoppers in counties other than Oconee County contribute to the county's sales tax programs.



Tourism

FY16 was another record-breaking year for tourism in Oconee County. We hosted a number of small and large groups on tours of the county and main attractions within the community. These groups ranged from local scout troops to senior travel groups to large motor-coach travel groups.

On a regional level, the Tourism Department assisted with the rewrite and roll out of a new Georgia's Antebellum Trail guidebook. We continue to actively participate and co-op with regional and state associations. These affiliations help promote Oconee County, not only throughout the region, but also the entire state of Georgia as well.

During FY16, the Welcome Center saw 3,588 people to inquire about Oconee County and visit the Eagle Tavern. While a large number of our visitors call Georgia home, many came from neighboring states, and some came from thousands of miles away to see what Oconee County has to offer.

This past year also included staff changes. Peggy Holcomb, who was Tourism Director for many years, retired in December 2015. Alex Perschka was named the new Tourism Director effective January 2016. In April 2016, Raquel Cobb joined the department as the Marketing & Tourism Coordinator.



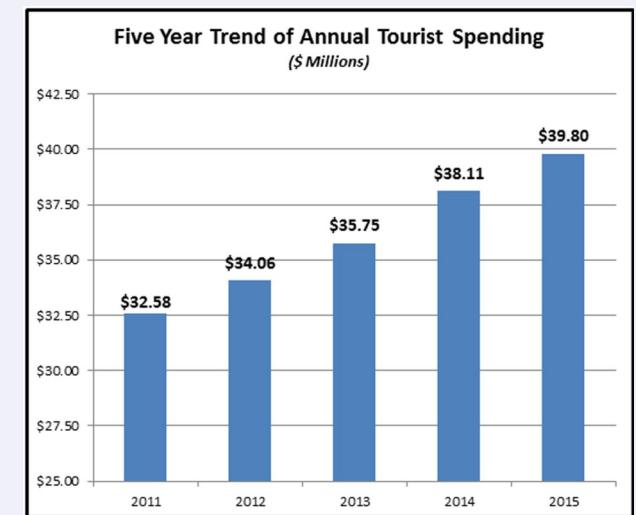
The Oconee Co. Welcome Center is located in downtown Watkinsville on 21 N. Main Street next to the Courthouse

The Tourism Department welcomed 3,588 Visitors to the Welcome Center & Eagle Tavern in FY16, including visitors from 11 different countries worldwide.

Visit Oconee
Oconee County Tourism Department



One of six advertisements promoting Oconee County tourism that appeared in the *Atlanta Magazine* during FY16.



Oconee County generated \$39.80 million in direct tourist spending in 2015, according to data from the Georgia Dept. of Economic Development. Tourist activity also created over \$1 million in local county tax revenues.





Oconee Fire Rescue

The Oconee County Fire Rescue Department is responsible for planning, coordinating, and implementing fire prevention and suppression activities of seven volunteer fire stations in Oconee County. The seven fire stations are staffed with 180 volunteer Firefighters and Medical Responders and their average response time is 8.08 minutes.

Oconee Fire Rescue is also responsible for responding to all structure fires in Oconee County and other applicable calls; keeping updated records for ISO (Insurance Services Organization) and working to achieve the best ISO rating; coordinating joint training for all stations; providing fire safety classes for schools and daycare centers; working with local and state agencies on arson investigations; recruiting new volunteer firefighters and medical responders; and coordinating volunteer firefighter and medical training.

Notable achievements during FY16 included:

- Maintained ISO Class 5/5X Insurance Rating
- Graduated 6 Members - Nationally Certified Firefighter 1 - 220 Hours of Training
- Participated in over 140 Public Relations Events
- Fire Safety Presentation to 2,050 Elementary School Students
- Finished #1 in State Fundraising among Volunteer Departments for Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation

Did You Know?

OCFR raised over \$24,861 at the Burn Foundation Boot Drive, nearly six times more than it raised in 2000.



OCFR Fire Safety Presentation for grades K-3



Fire Rescue Responses (July 2015 - June 2016)

- Structure Fires - 34
- Vehicle Fires - 24
- Wildland Fires/Control Burns - 99
- Alarm Activations - 168
- Smoke Scares - 34
- Haz Mat & Power Line Calls - 58
- Automobile Accidents - 218
- Non-Emergency Calls - 42
- Fire Calls Cancelled Enroute - 119

Total Fire Calls - 762



Emergency Management & Medical Services

Oconee County Emergency Management keeps a watchful eye on any serious situations that threaten our county. Our mission is to assist schools, law enforcement and other agencies in preparing for and responding to the damages of severe weather, as well as protect people and property in the event of a disaster or crisis situation.

During the last year, Emergency Management personnel conducted training exercises with county, state and federal agencies on winter weather, search/rescue, and infectious diseases response. These exercises help train our first responders on the necessary steps during emergencies and disasters affecting the county. Additionally, the training ensures the Emergency Operations Center is in a state of readiness in the event of a serious weather or disaster situation.

Emergency Medical Services provides support to our county citizens, whether dealing with automobile accidents or other emergency medical responses. Oconee County EMS provides emergency medical responder services to our citizens with seven rescue trucks and one mass casualty truck. Personnel consists of 99 medically trained volunteer personnel, including 54 medical responders, 40 EMTs and five paramedics. Trained medical responders receive a high level of basic training, with over 100 hours of initial training and 24 hours of annual re-certification. During FY16, Oconee County EMS partnered with National EMS to provide medical care to county citizens experiencing medical emergencies.

Total Emergency Medical Responses

- Sick Person - 1,398
- Motor Vehicle Crash - 351
- Trauma (Other than MVC) - 314
- Other (Lift, Alarm, Etc.) - 266

Total FY16 Responses - 2,329





At a Glance

- 64 animal bites
- 3 classifications
- 1 rabies positive
- 63,981 miles driven
- 176 surrendered animals
- 1,694 visitors
- 820 complaints
- 103 citations (2 per week average)

Adoption Fees

\$125

Includes: distemper, wormer, microchip and sterilized, Bordetella is given to dogs only for kennel cough.

Don't Litter
Sterilize Your Pet

Animal Control & Shelter

The mission of Oconee County Animal Control is to protect animals by providing a safe, compassionate shelter for lost, stray, and unwanted animals; to re-home adoptable animals through a vigorous adoption/foster program; to educate the public about humane and responsible pet ownership, as well as the importance of pet sterilization; to serve citizens through the fair and impartial enforcement of state and county regulations pertaining to animal welfare and ownership; to work closely with other county departments, agencies, and volunteers to benefit and improve animal welfare in the county; and when unavoidable, to provide humane euthanasia.

Oconee County Animal Shelter's **Foster Home** program continues saving more lives by helping pets live in a secure setting, giving the needed love and attention for a positive adoption experience. Volunteers dedicate countless hours to help find permanent placement for the county's unwanted animals. The commitment, dedication, and selflessness of these volunteers helps raise much-needed animal awareness and saves countless lives.

Throughout FY16, the shelter's adoption events were held every other weekend at PetSmart, Epps Bridge Centre, including hosting the shelter's huge quarterly "PetSmart Charities National Adoption Weekend Event," the annual Yard Sale Event, Yappy Hour at the Max (downtown Athens) and participation in the Bogart, Statham, and Watkinsville Fall Festivals, plus other animal programs. These events are a great resource for finding new foster homes, seeking out new volunteers, and encouraging adoptions.



The Shelter's weekly newsletter **Whiskered Secrets**, and **Friends of Oconee County Animal Shelter** Facebook page are great sources of information for finding animals to rescue, updates on adopted or fostered pets, as well as viewing upcoming events. To find out how you can help or attend an event, please contact the Oconee County Animal Shelter at (706) 769-3956. **Whiskered Secrets** link is on Facebook.



Meet the Staff



Catlyn Vickers – Director

Nancy Bennett - Assistant Director

Heather Woodruff— Road Officer

Danyal Harper—Road Officer

Cher Williams - Road Officer

**Emergency Calls answered
7 days a week.**

The shelter is open to the public:

Monday - Tuesday: 12p-5p

Wednesday - By Appointment Only

Thursday - Friday: 12p-5p

Saturday: 11a-1p

In order to efficiently serve the public, all paperwork should be turned in by:

4:30 p.m. (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)

12:30 p.m. (Saturday)



Parks and Recreation

The Oconee County Parks and Recreation Department (OCPRD) continues to see steady participation growth in youth and adult programs. Oconee citizens “Live Active” and showcase their active lifestyle in various programs or through passive recreation activity in the four county parks maintained by the department.

“Park and recreation agencies are essential to the health of a community, providing valuable opportunities for youth and families to be more active and form lifelong healthy habits.”

Dr. Howell Wechsler
CEO of the Alliance for a Healthier Generation
and NRPA Board Member

During FY16, over 15,000 people participated in community special events sponsored by OCPRD and over 7,100 actively participated in recreational programs in multiple OCPRD and youth association leagues. Oconee Veterans Park experienced a high volume of visitors as well, with over 40,700 annual day trips made to the Fitness Center and Open Gym (111 per day).

Oconee County’s parks are the gateways to healthy, prosperous and a connected community. On any given day, someone is being positively affected through parks and recreation – whether they are taking a walk on a trail or fitness class at the community center, picnicking outdoors or simply enjoying the benefits of clean air and water because of preserved open space.

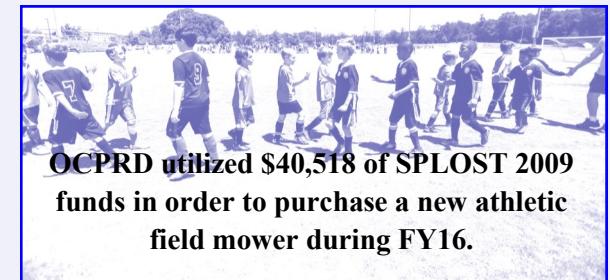


The Oconee County Parks and Recreation Department seeks to enrich the quality of life for citizens by providing safe and accessible recreational facilities and a diversified program of recreational activities.

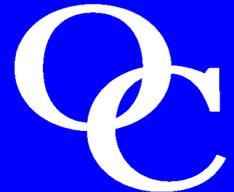
Several Oconee County Parks and Recreation Department staff were recognized during the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association District 7 Banquet for FY16: Nick Vitale, Programmer of the Year; Daniel Cochran, Student of the Year and citizen DeeDee Gaines as Volunteer of the Year!



LIVE ACTIVE



OCPRD utilized \$40,518 of SPLOST 2009 funds in order to purchase a new athletic field mower during FY16.



Oconee County Library

2016 Activity Summary

The Oconee County Library is a member of the five-county Athens Regional Library System. Over 17,000 Oconee County residents are library card holders. They have free access to books from 275 libraries in Georgia through the PINES library consortium. As part of this organization, the Oconee County Library strives to develop innovative programming for people of all ages in order to meet the literacy needs of residents throughout the Oconee County region.

Oconee County will expand and renovate the Bogart Library in 2017 with the help of a \$1.8 million grant from the State Board of Regents. The 3,700-square foot library will double in size. Additionally, the current space will be renovated to include a larger meeting space, study rooms, more book stacks, computer space, and seating.

For more information on Oconee County Libraries and a summary of programs and events, please visit athenslibrary.org/oconee.



The Oconee County Library is located at 1080 Experiment Station Road in Watkinsville.

During FY16, the Oconee County Library had:
934 Programs
46,317 Attendees
287,879 Items Circulated
255,375 Visitors

The mission of Oconee County Libraries is to offer effective and professional service by providing library materials, resources, information, and life-long learning opportunities for the people of Oconee County.





Tax Commissioner

The duties and responsibilities of the Tax Commissioner's Office are many and varied, but our main goal is to provide friendly, quality service to the citizens of Oconee County.

Motor vehicle titling and registration is a significant part of the day-to-day operations. In FY16, the Tax Commissioner's Office processed 62,292 transactions related to motor vehicles.

In addition to the collection and distribution of Motor Vehicle Title and Ad Valorem Tax, mobile home tax, and real and personal property tax for the State of Georgia, the County Board of Commissioners, and the local Board of Education, the Tax Commissioner's Office collects and distributes property tax for Watkinsville, Bogart, Bishop and North High Shoals.

Our website is mobile friendly and property tax can be viewed and paid through an online portal. Motor vehicle registrations can also be renewed online through this streamlined process. A wealth of additional information is available on our website at oconeecountytax.com and on the Georgia Department of Revenue website at dor.georgia.gov

Did You Know?

*The Office of the Tax Commissioner offers online payment options for property tax and vehicle registration
oconeecountytax.com*

There are 18,210 real property parcels, 3,783 personal property accounts in Oconee County. As of June 30, 2016, we had a 98% collection rate.

Meet the Staff



Tax Commissioner's Office (L-R)

Motor Vehicle Registrar Sr. - Patti Childers

Motor Vehicle Registrar - Marsha Jordan

Motor Vehicle Registrar - Helen Hudson

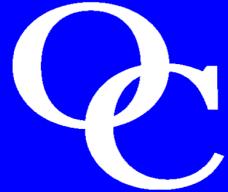
Motor Vehicle Registrar - Amanda Mauldin

Tax Commissioner - Jennifer Riddle

Motor Vehicle Registrar - Kayla Houseman

Administrative Assistant - Lisa Jackson

Motor Vehicle Registrar - Debra Watson-Hunter



Property Appraisal

The mission of the Property Appraisal Department is to establish fair market values for all real and personal property in the county. These fair market values are to be compiled into a tax digest for use in calculation of millage rates for the Oconee County Board of Commissioners, Board of Education and all city governments. These millage rates are then used by the Tax Commissioner for determining the tax bills each year.

The chart below shows the historical trends over the past 10 years for sales on new existing homes in Oconee County:

Historical Trends for Improved Residential Sales				Weighted Averages		
New Construction			Existing Construction		New & Existing Construction	
Year	# of Sales	Average \$/ Sale	# of Sales	Average \$/ Sale	# of Sales	Average \$/ Sale
2006	243	\$355,517	458	\$266,158	701	\$297,134
2007	199	\$382,152	350	\$255,770	549	\$301,581
2008	137	\$370,452	207	\$269,004	344	\$309,406
2009	36	\$361,717	239	\$265,079	275	\$277,729
2010	31	\$329,122	207	\$258,356	238	\$267,574
2011	57	\$300,998	179	\$275,279	236	\$281,491
2012	83	\$281,176	296	\$239,913	379	\$248,949
2013	215	\$304,475	311	\$265,428	546	\$280,804
2014	206	\$328,231	443	\$273,291	649	\$290,680
2015	203	\$340,527	337	\$278,476	540	\$301,802

*These values were compiled from Fair Market Value sales only. 2015 sales are through 12/31/2015. New sales include 2014 and 2015 year built. Custom built homes not sold on the open market are **not** included.

Meet the Staff



Allen Skinner
Chief Appraiser



Trent Crawford
Asst. Chief Appraiser



Diane Lilienthal
Admin. Secretary



Chris Neal
Tax Appraiser I



Carol Gurley
Tax Appraiser II



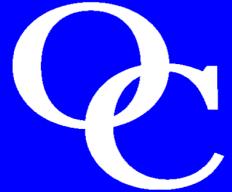
Nathan Evans
Tax Appraiser II



Brian Bray
Tax Appraiser III



Amanda Shelton
Property Appraiser



Finance

Financial Highlights: Oconee County's total budget for FY17 is \$48,268,544 which includes a General Fund budget of \$25,084,716. This budget maintains a millage rate of 6.686 for the 10th consecutive year. Emphasis remains on three core areas: Public Safety, Public Works, and Parks & Recreation.

Primary Department Responsibilities: Financial Services, Bond Ratings, Financial Accounting, Cash Receipts, Accounts Payable, Audits, Budgeting, Internal Controls, Procurement, and Property Management.

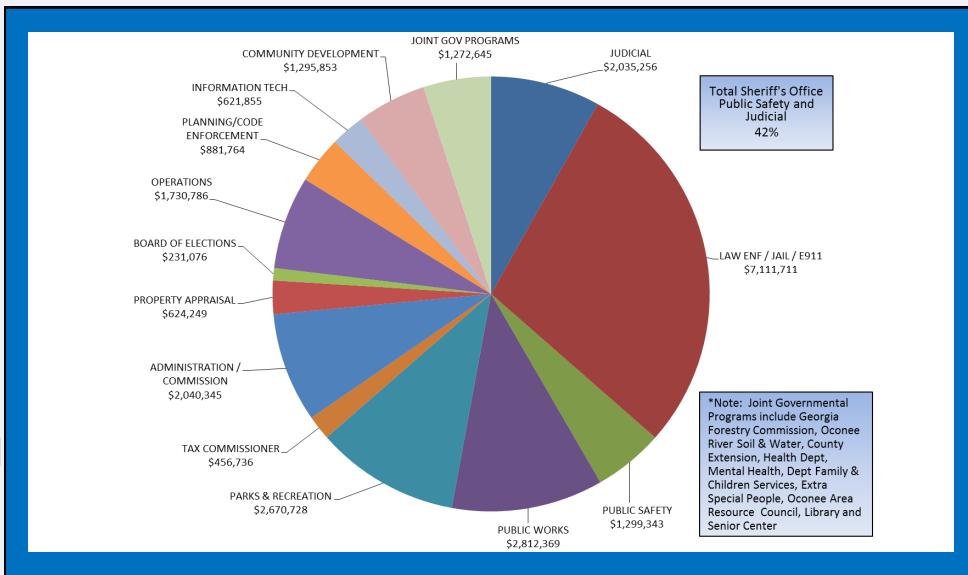
Bond Rating: Moody's bond rating for Oconee County is Aa2. An Aa2 bond rating has an investment grade of high-quality and very low credit risk.

Planning for the Future: A tax digest trending upward by about 7% per year; new home starts on the rise, as well as retail growth at the Epps Bridge Centre. There is naturally existing growth in the economy and inflationary growth as evidenced by an expanding tax base. Oconee County continues to collaborate with the Board of Commissioners, the Board of Education, and the Oconee County Chamber of Commerce to promote the "Go Local" shopping initiative.

Did You Know?

Sales tax receipts from FY16 in Oconee totaled \$5.9 million, nearly a 5.6% increase from FY15.

Expenditures



The mission of the Finance Department is to provide the highest quality services in a fiscally responsible manner to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of all Oconee County citizens.

SPLOST Hard at Work!

Oconee County began collecting SPLOST funds in October 2015 and distributed within the county in November 2015. Finance staff worked with county personnel in FY16 to identify project needs for FY17. Some of these planned projects/allocations include:

- Infrastructure on roads and water - Mars Hill Road Widening Project
- Expansions at Civic Center and Animal Control Shelter
- 8 new patrol cars for Law Enforcement
- Debt service payment for Parks & Rec.



Mars Hill Road Widening Project



Public Works

Public Works is responsible for Road Maintenance and Construction, Engineering and Design, Plan Review and Project Inspection, Solid Waste Collection, and Recycling.

Additional duties of Public Works staff include the review of site plans, preliminary and final plats, inspecting installed infrastructure for conformance to applicable codes for public right of ways, and providing support necessary for the safe and continual operation of all traffic devices on county roads.

Road Department staff responsibilities cover repair and maintenance of paved and dirt roads (which includes shoulders, ditches, and signs), mowing, debris removal, and dead animal removal. During FY16, over 1,272 citizen inquires and work orders were completed by the Road Department.

FY16 Activity Summary

Road construction is well underway on Mars Hill Widening Phase 1, between SR 316 and Butlers Crossing. Road design activities and right-of-way acquisition activities are nearly complete for Phase 2 of the project, which is the area between Butler's Crossing and the US 441 interchange.

Atlanta Highway was repaired and resurfaced using funds provided by SPLOST and the Georgia Department of Transportation's Local Maintenance Improvement Grant. Crack sealing was applied to extend the functional life of 17.9 miles of road. Additionally, dual left-turn lanes were constructed at the intersection of Hog Mtn. Rd. and US 441.

FY16 Sanitation Statistics

- 53,067 customers visited our 5 collection sites (including the landfill)
- 23,473 collection site customers disposed of "Pay As You Throw" (PAYT) bags
- 43,016 collection site customers disposed of recycling

The mission of the Public Works Department is to provide overall coordination and direction to five separate but cooperating divisions (Engineering, Roads & Bridges, Sanitation, Storm Water, and Clean & Beautiful), and to interact appropriately with various state, federal, and local agencies.



Construction on Mars Hill Road Widening Project - Phase 1



Intersection of Hog Mtn. Rd. & U.S. 441 :Dual Left Turn Lanes



Utility Department

For the 14th consecutive year, Oconee County received a Platinum Award from the Georgia Association of Water Professionals for “Drinking Water Systems in the State of Georgia.” As a “Water First Community” designated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, the Oconee County Utility Department (OCUD) is proud to provide the highest quality of water to the citizens of Oconee County

The Oconee County Utility Dept. is currently staffed with 26 employees, including the following professionals:

- Thirteen employees with State of Georgia Professional Water and Wastewater Licenses; seven Water Distribution Operators; six Collection System Operators; two Class I Wastewater Operators; two Water Laboratory Analysts; one Class 1 Water Operator; one Class 2 Water Operator; and two Wastewater Laboratory Analysts.

These operators provide maintenance of county treatment plants, water supply, distribution/collection facilities and equipment, testing, preparation and submission of required reports to Georgia Environmental Agency and most importantly, the Annual Consumer Confidence Report provided to all county water customers. OCUD staff and administration continually analyze the county's water and wastewater needs and provide improvements to meet those needs.

Significant Milestones

- Completion of McNutts Creek Trunk Sewer Phase I
- Began first ever comprehensive rate study to ensure water and sewer rates adequately cover our costs while remaining affordable.
- Began the first update of the County's water/wastewater Master Plan since 2005
- Completed filling of Hard Labor Creek Reservoir. At the end of FY 2016, the lake was filled to an elevation of 680 feet mean sea level, with full pool being 700 feet.

OCUD Statistics	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Water Customers	8,803	9,093	9,600	9,900	10,369
Sewer Customers	1,534	1,638	1,960	2,090	2,298
Total Water Mains (miles)	285	286	288	290	293
Total Sewer Mains (miles)	73	73	73	73	76
Avg. Retail Water Base Charge	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$19.50	\$19.50

Did You Know?

The dam at Hard Labor Creek Reservoir, the county's future water source, is full a year earlier than was originally planned.

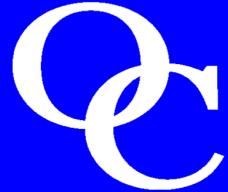
The mission of the Oconee County Utility Department is to provide clean, safe drinking water to all of our customers, promote water conservation through good stewardship and protect our streams and waterways through efficient wastewater treatment practices.



Installation of Watkinsville Hwy 15 sewer extension



Hard Labor Creek Reservoir at 680 feet



Planning & Code Enforcement

The Planning and Code Enforcement Department promotes public safety and protects property rights through site design, construction, occupancy, use, and location of facilities within unincorporated Oconee County. This task is accomplished through comprehensive planning, building, development codes, environmental protection ordinances, and policies adopted by the Board of Commissioners, the State of Georgia, and federal agencies.

Staff provides planning, permitting, inspections, and code enforcement services in accordance with the Service Delivery Strategy and Intergovernmental Agreements for the municipalities of Bishop, Bogart, North High Shoals, and Watkinsville.

FY16 saw the retirement of the two long-time county employees in the Strategic and Long-Range Planning (SLRP) Department. The SLRP functions were assigned to Planning & Code Enforcement. Included in the newly assumed duties were responsibility for the Special Tax District and the maintenance and update of the Community Agenda, aka Comprehensive Plan.

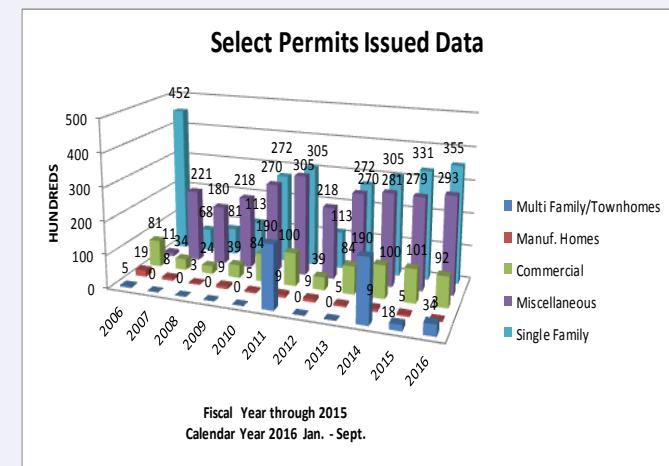
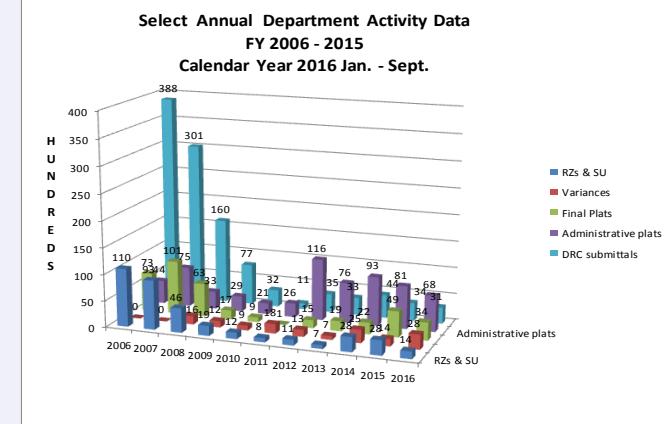
During FY16, the department reviewed, issued and/or processed the following:

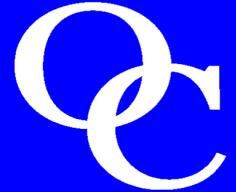
- 355 single-family building permits
- 34 multi-family building permits
- 92 commercial building permits
- 293 miscellaneous building permits
- Collected \$417,656.78 in permit fees
- Conducted 3,090 residential inspections and 355 commercial inspections
- 14 Rezoning applications, 3 Special Use application and 28 variances
- 31 items were reviewed, approved and/or permitted by the Development Review Committee, including 34 final plat and 1 UDC amendment.
- Issued 200 new and 1,262 renewal Occupational Tax Certificates with a value of \$114,032.22

The mission of the Code Enforcement Division is to preserve and promote public safety and welfare, protect property, and assist the public by controlling the design, construction, occupancy, use, and location of facilities within Oconee County.

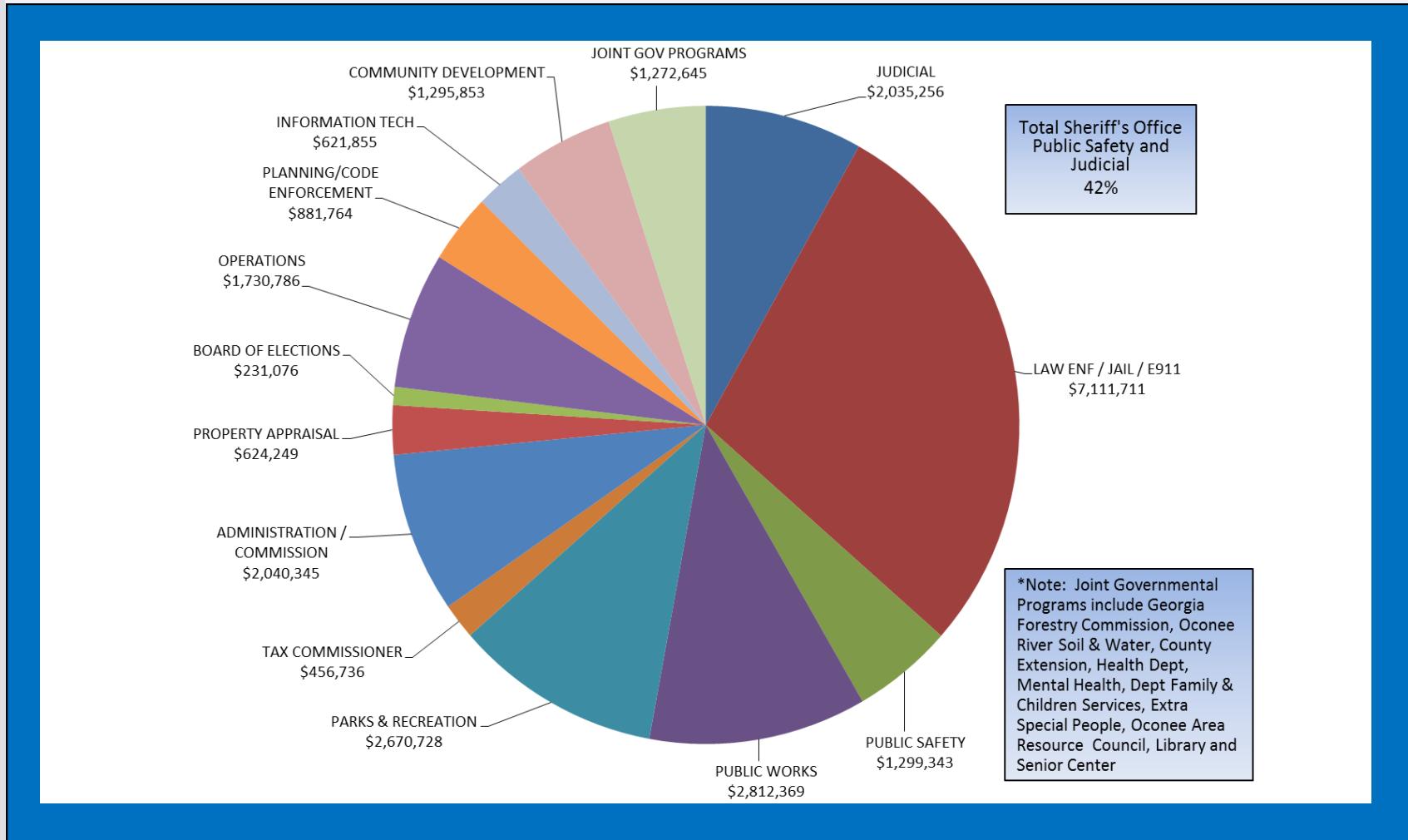
The mission of the Planning Division is to assist the Board of Commissioners in planning orderly growth and development within Oconee County.

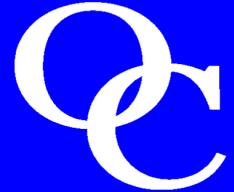
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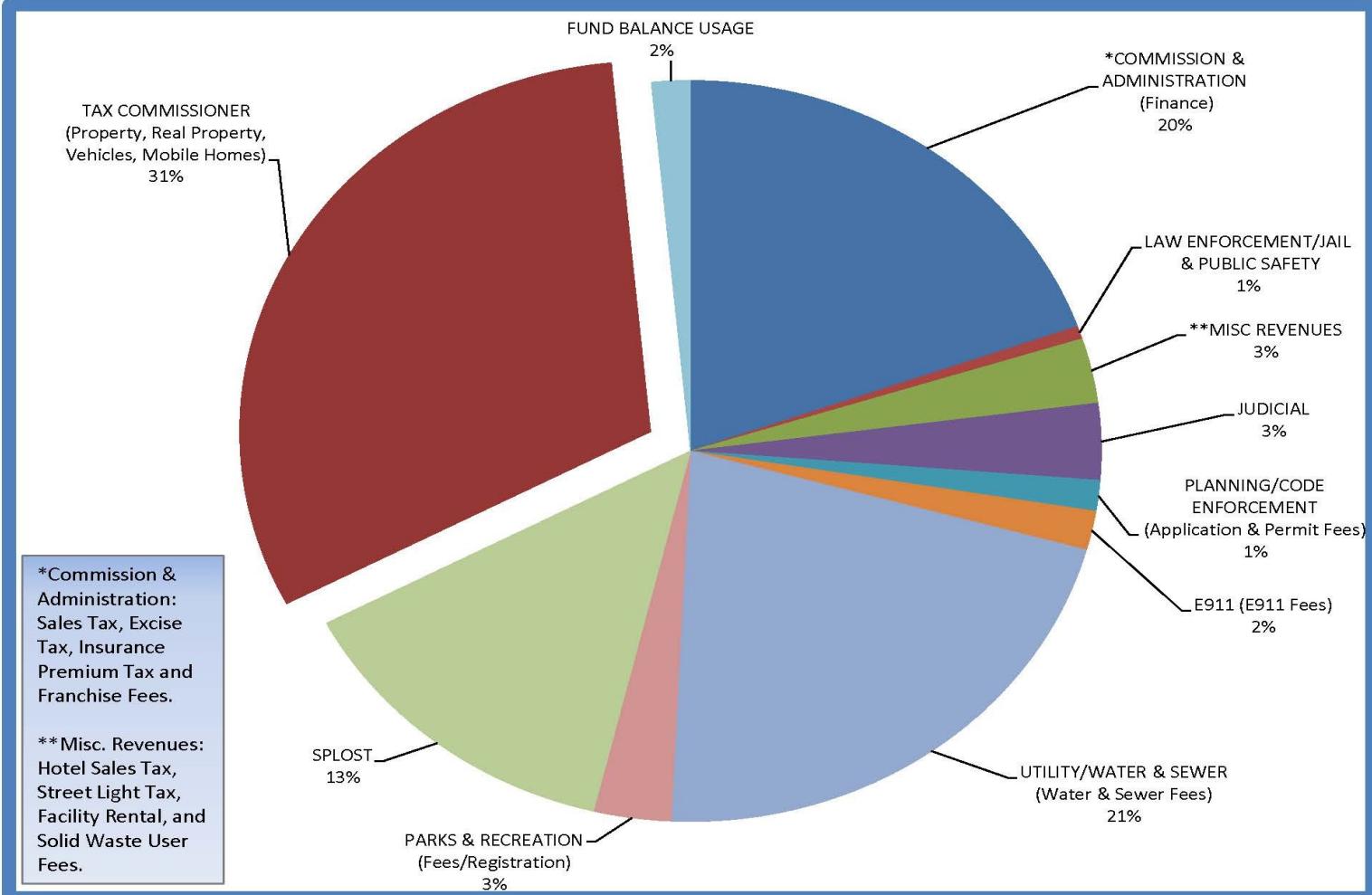


Expenditures





Revenue Chart





Your \$2,000 Tax Bill...

71.77% BOARD OF EDUCATION **(\$1,435) – 17.00**

28.23% BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS **(\$565) – 6.68 mils (Unincorp)**

In FY17 For Every \$100 in Property Taxes, You Will Pay.....



School Maintenance &
Operations - \$71.77

Public Safety - \$9.47

Public Works - \$3.16

Parks & Rec - \$3.01

Administration - \$3.00

Judicial - \$2.29

Operations - \$1.95

Planning, SLRP, & Code
Enforcement - \$0.99

Joint Programs - \$1.42

Tax Collections - \$1.22

Community Dev. - \$1.46

Board of Elections - \$0.26

OCBOC Maintenance &
Operations - \$28.23



Elected Officials - FY '16



Front Row (L-R): Probate Judge David Anglin; Superior Court Judge Patrick Haggard; Chief Superior Court Judge David Sweat; Superior Court Judge Lawton Stephens; Chief Magistrate Judge Eric Norris

Back Row (L-R): Post 4 Commissioner Mark Saxon; Coroner Ed Carson; Clerk of Courts Angie Elder-Johnson; Tax Commissioner Jennifer Riddle; Chairman Melvin Davis; Post 1 Commissioner Jim Luke; Post 2 Commissioner John Daniell; Post 3 Commissioner W.E "Bubber" Wilkes

Not Pictured: Sheriff Scott Berry, Superior Court Judge Michael Coleman

