

The Agenda Setting Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Chambers at the Oconee County Courthouse.

Members Present:

Chairman Melvin Davis
Commissioner Jim Luke
Commissioner Donald H. Norris
Commissioner Margaret Hale
Commissioner Chuck Horton

Staff Present:

Administrative Officer Alan Theriault
County Attorney Daniel Haygood
County Clerk Gina M. Lindsey

Jeff Benko, Finance Director
John Gentry, Parks and Recreation Director
BR White, Planning Director
Gary Dodd, Utility Director
Mike Leonas, Public Works Director
Dan Wilson, County Engineer
Steve Hansford, Interim Code Enforcement Director
Wayne Provost, Strategic Planning Director
Paula Nedza, IT Director
Quinton Still, EMA Director
Captain Jimmy Williams, Sheriff's Dept.

Media Present:

Vinnie Williams, The Oconee Enterprise
Lee Shearer, Athens Banner Herald

Chairman Davis began the meeting with a Moment of Silence. Commissioner Horton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joint Comprehensive Plan Stakeholders Advisory Committee: The Board interviewed the following applicants for appointment to the Joint Comprehensive Plan Stakeholders Advisory Committee: Abe Abouhamdan, William Baker, Charles Baugh, Bob Bishop, Jay Campbell, John Cleaveland, Steve Ebbert, Delmar Finco, Anthony Glenn, Patrick Haggard, Bob Isaac, Nedra Johnson, Penny Mills, Sam Mitchell, Russ Page, George Rodrigues and William Ross. Applicants Dennis Calbos, Chuck Johnson, Travis Marshall, Ed Perkins, Jonathan Veit, Rick Waller, Frank Watson and Chuck Williams were unable to attend.

Jennings Mill Parkway Right-of-Way Contract: On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously approved the amended contract for acquisition of right-of-way with Georgia DOT for the Jennings Mill Parkway project. This amended contract confirms and finalizes the fact that Oconee County will be reimbursed for right-of-way costs to include land and improvement costs, relocation expenses and contract property management costs.

Tax Adjustment: County Clerk Gina M. Lindsey presented a request for a 2005 homestead exemption tax adjustment on Tax Parcel #B-04H-011D that was due to a clerical error in the Tax Commissioners office. Tax Commissioner Harriette Browning has recommended approval of the request.

By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for February 8, 2007.

Oak Grove Landfill: Administrative Officer Alan Theriault reported Oak Grove Landfill is seeking support from the Northeast Georgia Regional Solid Waste Management Authority of its application to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to expand the area of its current landfill site. The Authority is requesting comments from its member counties relating to the expansion request. Oak Grove Landfill is located in Barrow County.

Mr. Theriault stated a letter had been received from Barrow County Commission Chairman Douglas H. Garrison indicating Barrow County is in discussions with Oak Grove Landfill regarding the county's solid waste disposal needs and its desire to renegotiate the Host Fee Agreement if the landfill expands.

On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Hale, the Board unanimously authorized Chairman Davis to notify the Northeast Georgia Regional Solid Waste Management Authority of its desire to postpone its comments until Barrow County has completed their negotiations with the applicant and has expressed their official position.

Oconee Community Complex – WK Dickson: Administrative Officer Alan Theriault reported the contract with WK Dickson for Construction Administration of the Oconee County Community Complex expired on October 31, 2006. WK Dickson has submitted an additional service request to continue with Construction Administration through completion of the project and final acceptance, which is anticipated to be 12 months. Mr. Theriault recommended extending the contract with WK Dickson for 1 year at a not to exceed cost of \$54,384.

By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for February 8, 2007.

E911 Wireless Telecommunication Surchage: Administrative Officer Alan Theriault and Captain Jimmy Williams reported that with the occupation of the new E911 Center, Oconee County will be ready to implement Phase II Wireless E911. As a Phase I Wireless Center, the Department can only identify the cell tower that receives the signal from a cell phone caller dialing 911. Phase II implementation will enable the Department to pinpoint the cell phone caller's location via GPS.

Captain Williams reported Oconee County is authorized to charge an additional \$.50 per cell phone subscriber whose billing address is within Oconee County to supplement the cost of implementing Phase II Wireless E911. Captain Williams and Mr. Theriault recommended the Board of Commissioners impose a wireless enhanced 911 charge of \$1.50 per month per wireless connection.

By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for February 8, 2007.

Jail/E911/EOC – Purchase Requests: Administrative Officer Alan Theriault explained four items are being requested for acquisition that were not included in the budget for the new Jail/E911/EOC. These items were either beyond the scope of the original project or were not an anticipated need. Mr. Theriault noted the Finance Director has indicated there is adequate Fund Balance for these expenditures.

Sheriff Scott Berry and Captain Jimmy Williams requested the purchase of an electronic integrated records management system to be installed at the new jail. The cost of the system is approximately \$121,000, with an annual maintenance fee after the first year of \$19,140. Sheriff Berry stated the system will greatly enhance the capability of the Sheriff's Department by reducing manual record keeping and providing a means to more efficiently track jail inmates.

Sheriff Berry and Captain Williams reported there is no reception or transmission capability for cell phones in the new Jail/E911/EOC facilities. Captain Williams explained this is a critical need and in order to correct the situation, cell phone antennae/repeaters for both facilities must be installed. The approximate cost is \$45,000.

EMA Director Quinton Still requested the purchase of an emergency information management software system (WebEOC) to be installed at the new E911/EOC facility. The WebEOC system has the capability to electronically link local, state and national sources to facilitate and coordinate resources and responses to critical incidents that may occur in Oconee County.

Mr. Still stated the wiring and layout of the new E911/EOC facility is designed to accommodate WebEOC implementation. The approximate cost, including hardware, software and annual maintenance is \$130,000.

It was also noted additional data servers and storage hardware with identical capabilities are required should there be an instance where a server incurs damage or fails for any reason. The approximate cost to acquire the necessary servers and data storage hardware is \$26,000.

By consensus, these budget amendment items totaling approximately \$322,000 will be placed on the Consent Agenda for February 8, 2007.

Farmland Protection – Rickey House Conservation Easement: On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Luke the Board unanimously approved the allocation of an additional \$9,289.50 to maintain the 25% Sponsor share of the Rickey and Kaye House conservation easement.

FY2008 Budget Hearing Schedule: On motion by Commissioner Luke and second by Commissioner Hale the Board unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Hearing Schedule.

February 8, 2007 Agenda: The agenda for the February 8, 2007 meeting was reviewed by the County Clerk.

Executive Session: On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Luke, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel and land acquisition matters. No action was taken.

On motion by Commissioner Luke and second by Commissioner Norris, the Board adjourned Executive Session.

On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Hale, the Board adjourned back into Regular Session.

Joint Comprehensive Plan Stakeholders Advisory Committee: On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Luke the Board voted unanimously to extend the deadline for applications for appointment to the Joint Comprehensive Plan Stakeholders Advisory Committee to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2007.

There being no further business, on motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Luke, the meeting was adjourned.

County Clerk

Chairman

Date