

The Agenda Setting Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Chambers at the Oconee County Courthouse.

Members Present:

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

Commissioner Margaret Hale was absent

Staff Present:

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

Jeff Benko, Finance Director
BR White, Planning Director
Bruce Thaxton, Fire Chief
Henry Hibbs, County Agent
Gary Dodd, Utility Director
Marian Nolley, Senior Center Director
Mike Leonas, Public Works Director

Media Present:

Vinnie Williams, The Oconee Enterprise

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

4-H Agent: County Extension Agent Henry Hibbs introduced new 4-H Agent Jeff Christie. Mr. Christie expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to work with the Oconee County 4-H Program.

Clean and Beautiful Commission: The Board interviewed Helene Hendon and Kate McDaniel for appointment to the Oconee County Clean and Beautiful Commission. Four 3-year terms will expire on June 30, 2007. The Board will take action on these appointments at the April 3, 2007 meeting.

Animal Control Advisory Board: The Board interviewed Joyce Lambert and David Silvian for appointment to the Oconee County Animal Control Advisory Board. Three 2-year terms will expire on June 30, 2007. Applicants Glenn Farrar and Beth Williams were unable to attend. The Board will take action on these appointments at the April 3, 2007 meeting.

Family and Children Services Board: The Board interviewed Kelly Saxon for appointment to the Oconee County Family and Children Services Board. One 5-year term will expire on June 30, 2007. Applicant Donald C. Purce was unable to attend. The Board will take action on this appointment at the April 3, 2007 meeting.

Property Tax Collections – City of Bogart: Tax Commissioner Harriette Browning requested the Board enter into contract with the City of Bogart and the Office of the Tax Commissioner for overseeing the collection of tax monies on behalf of the City of Bogart. The County, through the Office of the Tax Commissioner, would bill for and collect all City property taxes levied by the City, prepare the tax digest for the City and invoke any remedy allowed to the City in collection of the City taxes. The City of Bogart will pay \$1.00 to the County and \$1.50 to the Tax Commissioner for each tax bill issued. Ms. Browning noted she provides this service to the Cities of Bishop, North High Shoals and Watkinsville.

By consensus, this item will be placed on the consent agenda for April 3, 2007.

Senior Center Food Vendor: Senior Center Director Marian Nolley presented the bids for providing meals to the Oconee County Senior Center for FY 2008. Ms. Nolley recommended the Board enter into contract with the low bidder, GA Food Service, Inc., at an average cost per meal of \$3.28.

By consensus, this item will be placed on the consent agenda for April 3, 2007.

Georgia Mutual Aid Group: Fire Chief Bruce Thaxton requested the Board of Commissioners authorize the Oconee County Fire Department to join the Georgia Mutual Aid Group to render and receive aid and assistance for disastrous incidents throughout the state. Chief Thaxton noted the Oconee County Fire Department has participated with GMAG on three past occasions and the state-wide group can quickly provide equipment and manpower in a disaster situation.

By consensus, this item will be placed on the consent agenda for April 3, 2007.

Lee Ridge Subdivision – R-O-W Deeds: Planning Director BR White presented the road right-of-way deeds for Lee Ridge Subdivision for acceptance by the Board of Commissioners, as required by the Unified Development Code.

By consensus, this item will be placed on the consent agenda for April 3, 2007.

Sewer Request – City of Watkinsville: Mayor Jim Luken presented a request from the City of Watkinsville for additional sewer capacity for the property located at 1 North Third Street. The property is currently zoned R-3 and is planned for a 16-unit mixed use development.

Realtor for the property, Norm Grayson, stated the property was zoned R-3 before the County took over the city's sewer system. He noted the property is already serviced for sewer, but will need additional capacity.

The Board discussed the current sewer policy and the intergovernmental agreement with the City of Watkinsville.

By consensus, the Board postponed action on the sewer request to the April 17, 2007 meeting, to allow for further review of the policies. Mayor Luken and Norm Grayson agreed to the postponement.

April 3, 2007 Agenda: The agenda for the April 3, 2007 meeting was read by County Clerk Gina M. Lindsey.

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

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

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

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

County Clerk

Chairman

Date