

The Regular Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, February 9, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Chambers, Oconee County Courthouse.

Members Present:

Chairman Melvin Davis
Commissioner Jim Luke
Commissioner Don Norris
Commissioner Margaret Hale
Commissioner Chuck Horton

Staff Present:

Administrative Officer Alan Theriault
County Attorney Daniel Haygood
Deputy Clerk Kathy Hayes

B.R. White, Planning Director
Wayne Provost, Strategic Planning Director
Jeff Benko, Finance Director
Gary Dodd, Utility Director
Chris Thomas, Assistant Utility Director
Mike Leonas, Public Works Director
Don Oliver, Acting Parks & Recreation Director

Media Present:

Vinnie Williams, The Oconee Enterprise
Merritt Melancon, Athens Banner-Herald

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

Minutes: On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Luke, Minutes of the January 3 and January 31, 2006, meetings were approved as distributed.

Rocky Branch Reclamation Facility Improvements Update: Utility Director Gary Dodd and Assistant Utility Director Chris Thomas presented an update to the Board regarding status of reports and permits needed to upgrade the present Land Application System (LAS) to a Reclamation Facility. Director Dodd stated that a Public Meeting has been scheduled for March 14, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the Oconee Civic Center.

Sale of Treadwell Bridge Road Abandoned Right-of-Way: Jon Williams, Williams & Associates and representing CJR Development, LLC, presented an offer to purchase 5.34 acres of Right-of-Way on Treadwell Bridge Road to be included in the proposed North Haven Subdivision. On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Hale, the Board unanimously approved the sale of 5.34 acres of Right-of-Way on Treadwell Bridge Road to CJR Development, LLC, at a sales price of \$64,379.53 (\$17,518.24 per acre).

Treadwell Bridge Road and Potter Road – Construction of Cul-de-sac Near Intersection: After consultation with Chairman Melvin Davis and County Attorney Daniel Haygood, Jon Williams of Williams & Associates, representing CJR Development, LLC, presented to the Board an illustration entitled "Potter Road Exhibit" dated February 8, 2006, showing the location of a proposed cul-de-sac approximately 500 feet from the intersection of Treadwell Bridge Road. Public Works Director Mike Leonas noted that the developer has agreed to comply with requests of the Public Works Department prior to the construction of the cul-de-sac and the paving of Potter Road, which will close the intersection at Treadwell Bridge Road and Potter Road. After discussion, Commissioner Luke made a motion to table the construction of a cul-de-sac and paving of Potter Road until a traffic count has been conducted. Commissioner Luke also requested a report containing approximate acreage on Potter Road and Treadwell Bridge Road that could be developed in the future. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion and asked that the acreage report include potential development under an AR-1 zoning. The Board unanimously agreed to table this request until the Commissioners' Agenda Setting Meeting on February 28, 2006.

City of Bogart – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Sewer Improvements: Charles S. Armentrout, P.E., Armentrout, Roebuck, Matheny Consulting Group, P.C., presented to the Board a request from the City of Bogart for Oconee County's assistance in order to resubmit their 2006 CDBG application. The 2006 CDBG application will provide a sewer system for 84 households in the target area, 75 of which are considered low-to-moderate income households.

City of Bogart – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Sewer Improvements (Continued):

The City of Bogart is requesting: 1) Oconee County waive connection fees to the 75 households considered low-to-moderate income; 2) Oconee County agrees to accept, own and operate the sewer system after construction is completed; and 3) Oconee County will provide capacity of 15,000 gallons per day for the project. Mr. Armentrout noted that the 15,000 GPD capacity will not be needed until June 2007. Commissioner Hale motioned that the Board work with the City of Bogart to obtain a Community Development Block Grant to construct a sewer system for the target area identified in the grant. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed to provide the three items mentioned above should the City of Bogart be awarded a 2006 Community Development Grant for construction of a sewer system for 84 households. **See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 16.**

Consent Agenda: On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Agenda items:

- *St. Mary's Healthcare Donation to Oconee County Parks & Recreation Department:* Approval given for St. Mary's Healthcare and the Oconee County Parks & Recreation Department to establish a partnership which will include: A donation from St. Mary's Health Care in the amount of \$5,000, first aid kits provided by St. Mary's Health Care for all parks and football teams, and St. Mary's Health Care will assist in sponsoring three events at the park to include "Movie in the Park", "Disc Golf Course", and "Touch-A-Truck".
- *National Incident Management System (NIMS):* Approved to adopt the National Incident Management System Resolution for Oconee County. **See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 16.**
- *FY 2007 Budget Meeting Schedule:* Approved the FY 2007 Budget Meeting Schedule.
- *Construction of Cul-de-sac on Kelley Lane:* Approved construction of a cul-de-sac on Kelley Lane. After construction of this cul-de-sac, no access will be allowed from US 441 onto Kelley Lane.
- *Easement Exchange - Planters Ridge Subdivision:* Approved an easement exchange between Oconee County and Garrett Properties. An Emergency Vehicle Access Easement was exchanged for a waterline easement.

Statements and Remarks from Citizens:

- Russ Page commented that impact fees could be a possible source of funds should a situation arise that requires paving a pre-existing dirt road, construction of a cul-de-sac on a pre-existing road, or maintaining a pre-existing road which will incur a higher traffic count due to development.
- Kate McDaniel questioned Utility Director Gary Dodd about the safety of reuse water. Mr. Dodd assured Ms. McDaniel that there are several precautions that will be taken to differentiate reuse water from drinking water and to insure the safety of Oconee County citizens.

Chairman Davis reminded those in attendance that the Board of Commissioners will have a called meeting on Monday, February 13, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers to discuss potential water sources for Oconee County.

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

Deputy Clerk

Melvin Davis, Chairman

Date