

The Agenda Setting Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2006, 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 Margaret Hale
Commissioner Chuck Horton

Staff Present:

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

Jeff Benko, Finance Director
Malinda Smith, H.R. Director
B.R. White, Planning Director
Wayne Provost, Strategic Plan Director
Gary Dodd, Utility Director
Chris Thomas, Assistant Utility Director
Mike Leonas, Public Works Director
Dan Wilson, Assistant County Engineer
Brandon Burton, Design Engineer
Rick Lewis, Operations Director
William White, Projects Coordinator

Media Present:

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

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

Seized Asset Report: Sheriff Scott Berry presented the Seized Asset Report for July 1, 2004 through December 31, 2005. Sheriff Berry reported no seizures were turned over to the Oconee County Sheriff's Department during this period.

Carrie Marsh Building: On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Luke, the Board voted unanimously to designate the Oconee County Health Department facility as the "Carrie Marsh Building" in memory of Ms. Marsh and her 30 years of service to the citizens of Oconee County as the Oconee County Public Health Nurse. An appropriate marker will be posted at the building.

Street Light Tax District – Whitlow Creek Estates Subdivision: On motion by Commissioner Luke and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously approved the creation of Street Light Tax District No. A-7E-L1 for Whitlow Creek Estates Subdivision. **See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 16.**

Lawn Maintenance Contract FY 2007: Operations Director Rick Lewis recommended the renewal of the Lawn Maintenance Contract with Vision Landscaping for FY 2007 at the negotiated price of \$14,727. By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for May 2, 2006.

Pest Control Contract FY 2007: Operations Director Rick Lewis recommended the renewal of the Pest Control Contract with Houseman Pest Control for FY 2007 at the negotiated price of \$4,950. By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for May 2, 2006.

Solid Waste Disposal Contract FY 2007: Public Works Director Mike Leonas presented the Request for Proposals received for solid waste collection and disposal services for FY 2007. Mr. Leonas recommended the Board award the contract to Roll-Off Systems, Inc. with the amount of the contract to correspond with the cubic yard pricing contained in their proposal. By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for May 2, 2006.

Recyclable Disposal Contract FY 2007: Public Works Director Mike Leonas presented the Request for Proposals received for recyclable collection and disposal services for FY 2007. Mr. Leonas recommended the Board award the contract to Oconee Waste Transport with the amount of the contract to correspond with the cubic yard pricing contained in their proposal. By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for May 2, 2006.

Gravel Procurement and Hauling Contract FY 2007: Design Engineer Brandon Burton presented the bids for gravel procurement and hauling for FY2007. Mr. Burton recommended the Board award the contract to Hanson Aggregates with the amount of the contract to correspond with the pricing contained in their bid. By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for May 2, 2006.

Off-System Safety Project: On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Luke, the Board unanimously approved an Agreement for Off-System Safety Project with GA DOT for safety improvements at 32 locations including 7 locations within the City of Watkinsville. The work that is performed will be initially funded by the County and reimbursed 100% by GA DOT.

Jail and E911/EOC Project: Project Manager Wayne Wilbanks presented a request to allocate one million dollars to the contract with New South Construction for the Jail and E911/EOC Project. Mr. Wilbanks stated increasing the contract allocation would allow New South Construction to make commitments and issue subcontracts and purchase orders to keep the project moving and to protect Oconee County from price increases. Mr. Wilbanks further noted that this request does not increase the project guaranteed maximum price (gmp).

On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Hale, the Board unanimously approved a \$1,000,000 allocation to the contract with New South Construction.

Surplus Vehicles and Equipment: Finance Director Jeff Benko presented a list of surplus vehicles and equipment recommended to be declared surplus and sold during FY 2006. By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for May 2, 2006.

Salary Compensation: The Board discussed in depth the various options for salary classification grade improvements and salary adjustments to address pay equity issues and to update pay ranges. Chairman Davis noted the Board had been presented with several recommendations from staff, constitutional officers, department directors and the consultants.

Following considerable dialogue, Commissioner Luke made a motion to adjust the current classification schedule to provide for a \$2,000 upward shift for the minimum level of each grade with a 1.45 minimum to maximum scale within pay grades; that all grade promotions previously recommended by department directors and elected officials be approved; that each full-time employee be provided a \$2,000 base pay equity adjustment effective with the May 12, 2006 pay date; and, that any full-time employee, after applying the base pay equity adjustment, who is not at the new established minimum be further adjusted to the new minimum. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. Commissioners Luke and Norris voted yes. Commissioners Hale and Horton voted no. Chairman Davis voted yes. The motion was approved.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to provide a 2.5% merit increase within the FY 2007 budget for distribution to full-time employees. Commissioner Luke seconded the motion. Commissioners Luke and Norris voted yes. Commissioners Hale and Horton voted no. Chairman Davis voted yes. The motion was approved.

May 2, 2006 Agenda: The agenda for the May 2, 2006 meeting was read by County Clerk Gina Lindsey.

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

County Clerk

Chairman

Date