

The Agenda Setting Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, June 27, 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
B.R. White, Planning Director
Wayne Provost, Strategic Plan Director
Mike Leonas, Public Works Director
Amy Morrison, Stormwater Coordinator
Brandon Burton, Design Engineer

Media Present:

Vinnie Williams, The Oconee Enterprise

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

Committee Application: On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Hale, the Board voted unanimously to not consider Jeff Campbell's applications to the Oconee County Citizens Advisory Committee on Land Use & Transportation Planning and the Oconee County Planning Commission due to the applications being submitted after the advertised deadline. Mr. Campbell was encouraged to submit his application for future vacancies on Oconee County's citizen committees.

Land Use & Transportation Planning Committee: The Board interviewed Abe Abouhamdan, Bob Isaac, James Morris, Bob Sanders and Frank Watson for appointment to the Oconee County Citizens Advisory Committee on Land Use & Transportation Planning. Six 2-year terms will expire on September 30, 2006. Applicants Sarah L. Howell, John Morrison and Henry Norman were unable to attend. The Board will take action on these appointments at the July 6, 2006 meeting.

Planning Commission: The Board interviewed John Cleaveland, Fritzie Jackson and Dan Matthews, Jr. for appointment to the Oconee County Planning Commission. Two 4-year terms will expire on September 30, 2006. Applicants Travis Marshall and John Morrison were unable to attend. The Board will take action on these appointments at the July 6, 2006 meeting.

Cultural & Recreational Affairs Committee – Recreation Subcommittee: The Board interviewed Mike Streetman for appointment to the Oconee County Cultural & Recreational Affairs Committee – Recreation. Four 2-year terms will expire on September 30, 2006. Applicants Kim Argo, Randall Booth and Ryan House were unable to attend. The Board will take action on these appointments at the July 6, 2006 meeting.

Cultural & Recreational Affairs Committee – Cultural and Tourism Subcommittee: The Board interviewed John Cleaveland for appointment to the Oconee County Cultural & Recreational Affairs Committee – Cultural and Tourism Subcommittee. Three 2-year terms will expire on September 30, 2006. Applicants Vicky Moody and John Morrison were unable to attend. The Board will take action on these appointments at the July 6, 2006 meeting.

Oconee County Animal Control Advisory Board: The Board reviewed the application of John Morrison for appointment to the Oconee County Animal Control Advisory Board to fill an unexpired term, expiring September 30, 2007. Mr. Morrison was unable to attend. The Board will take action on this appointment at the July 6, 2006 meeting.

Stormwater Ordinance: Chairman Davis reported the First Reading of the Oconee County Storm Drainage & Stormwater Management Ordinance has been postponed to July 25, 2006 to allow for a review and recommendation by the Oconee County Planning Commission. The Second Reading and Final Action on the Ordinance will be held on August 1, 2006. Stormwater Coordinator Amy Morrison will advertise the new schedule.

Public Works Director Mike Leonas reported on the timeline and presented an overview of how the Stormwater Ordinance has evolved. Mr. Leonas explained the members of the Planning Commission had the most recent revised Ordinance at their June 19, 2006 meeting, but a computer problem resulted in the public not being able to view it on the county website. The Planning Commission tabled the Stormwater Ordinance until their July 17, 2006 meeting.

The Board opened the discussion for public comment. Charles Baugh and Russ Page said the Ordinance should be applied county-wide and suggested the word “may” be changed to “shall” throughout the Ordinance. Kate McDaniel said the Ordinance should not require expensive mechanisms for a small area to be in compliance. Mr. Leonas and Staff will take the public comments into consideration.

Crime Victim Assistance Office: Finance Director Jeff Benko reported Sheriff Berry has requested the renewal of a lease agreement for FY 2007 at a cost of \$1,250/month for office space to interview victims of crime in a non-threatening environment. The office is located in Oak Hill Office Park Condominiums located on Durham Street and is owned by Hardigree Properties, LLP. By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for July 6, 2006.

Birchmore Hills Water System: Administrative Officer Alan Theriault presented a proposed resolution authorizing an application to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) for a State of Georgia loan to construct water system improvements in Birchmore Hills Subdivision. Birchmore Hills has been established as a Special Tax District to repay the costs associated with the water system construction. By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for July 6, 2006.

Road Striping Contract FY 2007: Design Engineer Brandon Burton presented the bids received for the FY 2007 Road Striping Contract. Mr. Burton recommended the Board award the contract to Parker Traffic Markings, Inc. at a cost of \$29,087.32. By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for July 6, 2006.

Jail Financing – Installment Sale Resolution: Finance Director Jeff Benko presented a Resolution to enter into an Installment Sale Agreement with the Association County Commissioners of Georgia to provide installment sale financing in the amount of \$9,000,000 for the new County Jail. Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Luke seconded the motion. The County Attorney recommended all Board members, including the Chairman, vote in order to provide documentation that all Board members took action on the issue. Commissioners Luke, Norris, Hale, Horton and Chairman Davis voted yes. The motion was approved unanimously.

FY 2006 Budget Amendments and Revisions: Finance Director Jeff Benko explained the need to amend and revise the FY 2006 Budget in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts and the DCA Uniform Chart of Accounts in preparation for the fiscal year closeout and commencement of the County’s comprehensive audit. On motion by Commissioner Luke and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman and the Finance Director to amend and revise the FY 2006 Budget as recommended.

July 6, 2006 Agenda: The agenda for the July 6, 2006 meeting was read by County Clerk Gina Lindsey.

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

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

On motion by Commissioner Luke and second by Commissioner Hale, 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