

The Agenda Setting Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, November 28, 2006, 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 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
Jon Gentry, Parks and Recreation Director
BR White, Planning Director
Gary Dodd, Utility Director
Mike Leonas, Public Works Director
William White, Projects Coordinator

Media Present:

Vinnie Williams, The Oconee Enterprise

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

Parks and Recreation Department Awards: The Board recognized the Oconee County Parks and Recreation Department and staff for receiving awards at the Annual Georgia Recreation and Parks Association Conference. The Agency of the Year, Population 20,000 – 30,000 Award and the Visibility Publication Award was presented to the Parks and Recreation Department. Don Oliver received the Program Section Distinguished Professional of the Year Award and his 30-Year GRPA Service Pin. Lisa Davol was presented with the District 7 Programmer of the Year Award.

Utility Department Award: The Board recognized the Oconee County Utility Department for receiving the Public Education Award from the Georgia Association of Water Professionals. The Distinguished Program Certificate was awarded to the Utility Department in recognition of its exemplary public education program which promotes understanding of the water and wastewater industry and the importance of protecting our water resources.

Annual Forestry Report: Chief Ranger Scott Bryant presented the 2005-2006 Annual Forestry Report for Oconee County.

Rezone Request No. 5225 – Gissendaner and Richards: On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Luke, the Board unanimously approved a request by the applicant to table Rezone Request No. 5225 by Francis R. Gissendaner and Charlene J. Richards, ±264.26 acres, located on Old Barnett Shoals Road, from A-1 to R-1, to the February 8, 2007 Board of Commissioners meeting.

2007 Commission Meeting Schedule: On motion by Commissioner Luke and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously approved the 2007 Commission Meeting Schedule.

Transportation Improvement and Maintenance Plan Amendments: Public Works Director Mike Leonas presented a list of projects to be evaluated as amendments to the FY 2007 Transportation and Improvement and Maintenance (TIM) Plan:

1. Malcom Bridge Road - Full Depth Reclamation and paving, at an estimated cost of \$1,500,000
2. Rocky Branch Road/Jimmy Daniel Road/Mars Hill Road Intersection – Traffic Study to determine if a flashing four-way signal is warranted and installation of this signal, at an estimated cost of \$25,000

3. Butlers Crossing – Addition of a right turn lane from Mars Hill Road onto Hog Mountain Road, at an estimated cost of \$165,000
4. Entrance to Elementary School on Mars Hill Road – Addition of a deceleration lane from Mars Hill Road into the Elementary School entrance, at an estimated cost of \$165,000
5. US 441 and White Oak Drive (Old Macon Highway) – Creation of a dual left turn from southbound White Oak Drive onto southbound US 441, at an estimated cost of \$25,000
6. Traffic Signal Optimization – Traffic studies to determine the current traffic counts and optimize the signal timing of five county traffic signals, at an estimated cost of \$25,000
7. Virgil Langford Road – Repair and resurfacing between Jimmy Daniel Road and SR 316, at an estimated cost of \$95,000.

By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for December 5, 2006.

Board of Education Tax Resolution: On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Norris, the Board unanimously approved a resolution providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax to provide funds for the payment of the principal of and interest on \$24,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of Oconee County School District General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006, to the extent that revenues from the one percent sales and use tax for educational purposes are not sufficient to pay the same. **See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 17.**

Sewer Request - City of Bogart: Utility Director Gary Dodd and Planning Director BR White discussed a request from the City of Bogart to provide sewer capacity to the proposed Bogart Business Park. The Board directed Mr. Dodd and Mr. White to obtain additional information from the City of Bogart and deferred the request to the December 19, 2006 Board of Commissioners meeting.

December 5, 2006 Agenda: The agenda for the December 5, 2006 meeting was reviewed by the County Clerk.

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

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

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

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

County Clerk

Chairman

Date