

The Regular Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., in the Commissioners Meeting Chambers, Oconee County Courthouse.

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

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

Matt Forshee, Planning & Economic Development
Sandy Thursby, Planner
BR White, Planner
Jeff Benko, Finance Director
Gary Dodd, Utility Director
Chris Thomas, Assistant Utility Director
William White, Projects Coordinator
Mike Leonas, Public Works Director
Wayne Provost, Strategic Planner

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.

Minutes: On motion by Commissioner Luke and second by Commissioner Horton, Minutes of the March 1, March 22 and March 29, 2005 meetings were approved as distributed.

Zoning Regulations Amendment – Master Planned Developments: The Board held a public hearing on an amendment to the Oconee County Zoning Regulations regarding Article 14, Master Planned Developments. On motion by Commissioner Luke and second by Commissioner Hale, the Board unanimously approved the amendment to the Zoning Regulations. **See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 15.**

Subdivision Regulations Amendment – Street Design and Location Standards: On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Luke, the Board voted unanimously to postpone action on an amendment to the Subdivision Regulations regarding public and private street design and location standards to extend the period for public comment. Public Works Director Mike Leonas and Strategic and Long Range Planning Director Wayne Provost will schedule a public meeting for citizen input and incorporate any new changes into the amendment. A First Reading will be held at the April 21, 2005 meeting and a second reading and public hearing will be held at the May 3, 2005 meeting.

Conditional Use Permit #4364 – Briarwood Baptist Church: The Board held a public hearing on Conditional Use Permit No. 4364 by Briarwood Baptist Church, ± 8.073 acres, located on Robin Hood Drive, to expand the existing church facilities. On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously approved Conditional Use Permit No. 4364, with conditions. **See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 15.**

Conditional Use Permit #4365 – Hoy: The Board held a public hearing on Conditional Use Permit No. 4365 by Barbara Gail Hoy, ± 95.56 acres, located on Marshall-Wilkes Road, to divide property on an unpaved road. On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Hale, the Board unanimously approved Conditional Use Permit No. 4365, with conditions. **See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 15.**

CDBG Application - City of Bogart: On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously approved a resolution supporting the City of Bogart's Community Development Block Grant application to construct sewer lines in a portion of the city occupied by low and moderate income residents. The Board agreed to allocate 15,000 gpd capacity to the City for the CDBG project. Commissioner Luke recused himself from the discussion and vote. **See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 15.**

Sale of Property: On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously authorized the Chairman to negotiate the sale and conveyance of the following abandoned properties to the adjoining property owners:

Well lot in Chestnut Hill Subdivision to W. Joe Cunningham and Gail B. Cunningham;
Well lot in Windy Creek Subdivision to David Seawright;
0.126 acre tract to the Coleman Norris and Marjorie Norris Estate; and
0.153 acre tract to the Georgia Transmission Corporation.
Commissioner Norris recused himself from the discussion and vote.

Tax Adjustments: On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Norris, the Board voted unanimously to refund the penalties for conservation use covenant breaches for tax parcels B-05-022, C-03-045B, 45G & 45GW, D-02-004L and A-03-017J, as recommended by the Oconee County Board of Tax Assessors.

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

- **Boring Machine for OCUD:** Awarded the bid of \$21,041.00 to Ditch Witch of Georgia for a self-powered boring machine for the Utility Department.
- **Magistrate Judge:** Appointed Michael Coleman as Senior Magistrate Judge for the Oconee County Magistrate Court, to serve when Magistrate Judge Eric Norris is unavailable due to absence or conflict of interest.
- **Jail and E-911/Emergency Operations Center:** Authorized Precision Planning, Inc. to proceed with specifications and document preparation for bidding the Jail and E911/Emergency Operations Center and authorized the Chairman and the Finance Director to proceed with the ACCG lease financing package.

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

County Clerk

Chairman

Date