

A Called Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, April 28, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., in Courtroom #1 of the Oconee County Courthouse

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Administrative Officer Alan Theriault  
County Attorney Daniel Haygood  
Matt Forshee, Planning & Economic Development  
Jeff Benko, Finance Director  
Wayne Provost, Strategic Planning

Media Present:

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

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

**Economic Development Plan Presentation:** Matt Forshee, Director, Planning & Economic Development, introduced Ralph Basile of Basile, Baumann, Prost & Associates, Inc., Annapolis, Maryland. Mr. Basile presented a proposed Economic Development Plan for Oconee County.

Citizen comments were heard after the presentation. Samantha Purcell commented on the road widening. Kate McDaniel asked about plans for retaining the heritage of Oconee County. Russ Page commented about transferable development rights vs. purchase of development rights. Peggy Wilson commented on the arts community and pouring licenses with regards to hotels. Larry Benson commented on a conference center and pouring license. Jim Ivey asked questions regarding schools and recreation.

Closing remarks were made by Chairman Melvin Davis, who thanked our broad cross section of participants in attendance. Final comments were made by Matt Forshee who thanked the steering committee for their efforts.

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

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Administrative Officer

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Chairman

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Date