

The Agenda Setting Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2005, 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 Margaret Hale
Commissioner Chuck Horton

Staff Present:

Administrative Officer Alan Theriault
Attorney Mike Pruitt
County Clerk Gina M. Lindsey

Jeff Benko, Finance Director
Matt Forshee, Planning Director
Amy Morrison, Stormwater Coordinator
Mike Leonas, Public Works Director
Chris Thomas, Asst. Utility Director

Media Present:

Vinnie Williams, The Oconee Enterprise

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

Oconee County Development Authority: The Board interviewed Amrey Harden and Daniel J. Matthews, Jr. for appointment to the Oconee County Development Authority to fill two expiring terms. The new terms will expire on December 31, 2009. Applicants Ed Lord and Chuck Williams were unable to attend. The Board will take action on these appointments at the October 4, 2005 meeting.

Oconee County Board of Elections: The Board interviewed Terrell Jones, Gene Lyon, Daniel J. Matthews, Jr. and Dorothy G. Peltier for appointment to the Oconee County Board of Elections to fill two expiring terms. The new terms will expire on December 31, 2009. Applicant Ed Lord was unable to attend. The Board will take action on these appointments at the October 4, 2005 meeting.

Oconee County Library Advisory Board: The Board interviewed Terrell Jones, Phyllis Luke and Dorothy G. Peltier for appointment to the Oconee County Library Advisory to fill two expiring terms. The new terms will expire on December 31, 2010. Applicant Dale Wetzelberger was unable to attend. The Board will take action on these appointments at the October 4, 2005 meeting.

Oconee County Board of Health: The Board reviewed the application of Dr. William Rigsby for reappointment to the Oconee County Board of Health to fill an expiring term. The new term will expire on December 31, 2010. Dr. Rigsby was unable to attend. The Board will take action on this appointment at the October 4, 2005 meeting.

Oconee County Cultural & Recreational Affairs Committee – Cultural and Tourism Subcommittee: The Board interviewed Elaine R. Brown for appointment to the Oconee County Cultural & Recreational Affairs Committee – Cultural and Tourism Subcommittee to fill an expiring term. The new term will expire on September 30, 2007. The Board will take action on this appointment at the October 4, 2005 meeting.

Sign Regulations Amendment: The Board held the First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Sign Regulations of Oconee County to revise the sign application process and the required distances between principal freestanding signs.

The Board will hold the Second Reading and Public Hearing of the amendment to the Sign Regulations for final action on October 4, 2005.

Stormwater Management Program Update: Amy Morrison, Stormwater and Environmental Coordinator, presented three draft ordinances addressing stormwater issues as required by National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II and the proposed schedule for adoption in December of this year.

Ms. Morrison explained Oconee County's Stormwater Management Plan includes 29 Best Management Practices - activities designed to reduce the amount of pollutants in stormwater. In addition, Oconee County is required to map the storm sewer system and have specific ordinances in place. Draft versions of the ordinances have been developed for internal review:

1. Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection – Prohibits illegal connections and discharge of anything other than stormwater into the storm sewer system.
2. Inspection and Maintenance for Existing Detention/Retention Facilities – Establishes long-term responsibility for and maintenance of detention/retention facilities and requires that drainage easements are maintained in a proper manner.
3. Post-Development Stormwater Management for New Development and Redevelopment – Adopts a design guide for stormwater management and design criteria for the regulation and control of stormwater runoff quantity and quality.

Ms. Morrison plans to have the ordinances finalized for a First Reading by the Board of Commissioners on November 29, 2005.

Staggered Terms: The Board reviewed a Joint Resolution of the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education to request legislation be introduced which would provide that the elected representatives of each Board be elected to staggered terms.

Successors to the members of the current Board of Commissioners would be elected as follows: the Chairman and Post 1 and Post 4 members would be elected for a term of four years and Post 2 and Post 3 members would initially be elected for a term of two years. Thereafter, successors would be elected for terms of four years.

By consensus, this item will be placed on the consent agenda for October 4, 2005.

Cable Franchise Transfer – Galaxy Cable to KLip Interactive: On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Luke, the Board unanimously approved a resolution consenting to the assignment and change of control of Galaxy's Cable Television Franchise to KLip Interactive. ***See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 15.***

Request to Rezone Properties: Planning Director Matt Forshee presented a request from nine property owners asking the Board of Commissioners to initiate the rezone of their properties on Pete Dickens Road and Aiken Road from R-2 to R-1. The owners all have single family homes on their properties which would justify the R-1 zone. Mr. Forshee noted a rezone to R-1 could limit future requests for R-2 zoning in this area of single family homes.

By consensus, this item will be placed on the consent agenda for October 4, 2005.

October 4, 2005 Agenda: The agenda for the September 6, 2005 meeting was reviewed by the County Clerk.

Statements and Remarks from Citizens: Kate McDaniel spoke on the proposed stormwater control ordinances and requested the Board to keep requirements at a minimum.

Executive Session: On motion by Commissioner Luke and second by Commissioner Norris, the Board adjourned into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, potential litigation and future acquisition of real estate. No action was taken.

On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Luke, 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