

A Called Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, August 15, 2007, at 11:30 a.m., in the Grand Jury at the Oconee County Courthouse.

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

County Attorney Daniel Haygood
County Clerk Gina M. Lindsey

Chris Thomas, Utility Director
John Hatcher, Assistant Utility Director
Jeff Benko, Finance Director
Sandy Thursby, Design Services Engineer
Rusty Haygood, Economic Develop Director

Media Present:

Vinnie Williams, The Oconee Enterprise
Chris Butler, Athens Banner Herald

Sewer Use Policy - Continuing Care Facility: County Attorney Daniel Haygood reviewed the current Sewer Use Policy and explained the 50% commercial-50% residential allocation of sewer capacity. Mr. Haygood reported discussion had taken place regarding the sewer use classification of a Continuing Care Retirement Community as a residential or commercial use. He presented a revision to the Sewer Use Policy that would more clearly define residential use and exclude a Continuing Care Retirement Community from the definition of residential.

On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Norris the Board unanimously approved the clarification of a Continuing Care Facility as a commercial sewer classification. The revisions to the Sewer Use Policy were approved as presented. ***See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 17.***

Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Agreement with Walton County: County Attorney Daniel Haygood presented the latest draft of the Intergovernmental Reservoir and Water Supply and Treatment Agreement between Walton County Water and Sewerage Authority, Oconee County and Walton County. The Board reviewed the draft agreement with Mr. Haygood on a page by page basis, asking questions and making suggestions as he highlighted items in the document.

According to the agreement, Walton County Water and Sewerage Authority would have an entitlement share of 71.2% and Oconee County would have an entitlement share of 28.8%. Mr. Haygood explained the general provisions and terms of the agreement, the ownership and operation of the project, the establishment of the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Management Board, the obligations of the Walton County Water and Sewerage Authority, the provisions for transfers and sales of water, the issuance of additional bonds and refunding bonds, and the arbitration mechanism.

Final comments were made by the Board of Commissioners and Chairman Davis noted the proposed Agreement would be placed on the August 28, 2007 agenda for further discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.