

A Called Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Chambers at the Oconee County Courthouse.

Members Present: Chairman Melvin Davis
Commissioner Jim Luke
Commissioner John Daniell
Commissioner Margaret Hale
Commissioner Chuck Horton

Staff Present: Administrative Officer Alan Theriault
County Attorney Daniel Haygood
County Clerk Gina M. Lindsey
Finance Director, Jeff Benko

Wes Geddings, Assistant Finance Director
Donna Norton, Budget Officer
Chris Thomas, Utility Director
Steve Hansford, Code Enforcement Director
Emil Beshara, Public Works Director
B.R. White, Planning Director
Mark Melvin, Emergency Management Director
Austin Marable, Information Technology

Media Present: Blake Giles, The Oconee Enterprise
Erin France, Athens Banner Herald

Approval of the Agenda: On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Daniell, the agenda for the May 18, 2010 meeting was unanimously approved as submitted.

FY 2011 Budget: Finance Director Jeff Benko provided a recap of the May 5, 2010 Budget Work Session. He reported the projected revenue for FY 2011 was \$19,635,720, expenditure requests totaled \$22,067,885, and, after discussions by the Board of Commissioners, the expenditures were reduced by \$1,291,285.

Mr. Benko presented additional adjustments to the FY 2011 Budget that had surfaced subsequent to the May 5, 2010 Budget Work Session. These adjustments netted an additional reduction of \$7,232 in the proposed budget.

Chairman Davis explained the Board will be looking closely at FY 2011 quarterly budget reports and amending the budget as appropriate throughout the year. He suggested capital expenditures should be delayed during the first quarter of the fiscal year.

Administrative Officer noted a spreadsheet had been distributed to the Board showing the average daily use by day for each of the Collection Sites.

The Board discussed the proposal from the May 5, 2010 Budget Work Session to move offices from the Dolvin Property to the Government Annex. Administrative Officer Alan Theriault said until a complete review is done, it is not known if there would be any actual cost savings in FY 2011. He estimated a cost of \$900,000 for architectural services and construction to remodel the Government Annex and said the most complicated aspect would be phase construction. Mr. Theriault noted if the Board plans to go forward with the move of county offices, the USDA and Athens Technical College would need to be informed the County would no longer be renting them office space in the Government Annex. He said the lease on the Dolvin Property ends in October 2011, but could be terminated with a six-month notice. The Board indicated its desire to move forward with a master plan.

Agenda Amendment: On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Daniell, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to allow the District Attorney to speak to the Board on matters concerning his office.

District Attorney – Pre-Trial Diversion Program Fees: District Attorney Ken Mauldin requested the Board authorize the deposit of Pre-Trial Diversion Program fees to the Victim Services Account for the remainder of FY2010 and throughout FY2011 to insure an adequate cash balance to meet the needs of his office in its payment of reimbursements to the State. By consensus, the Board agreed to place this item on the May 25, 2010 agenda for discussion.

District Attorney – Payment for Furlough Days: District Attorney Ken Mauldin requested the Board authorize the County to act as a conduit for payment from his Drug Forfeiture Account to State employees for four furlough days the employees worked in FY2009. By consensus, the Board agreed to place this item on the May 25, 2010 agenda for discussion.

Executive Session: On motion by Commissioner Luke and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. No action was taken in Executive Session.

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

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

County Clerk

Chairman

Date

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