

The Agenda Setting Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, June 29, 2010, at 7:00 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  
  
Jeff Benko, Finance Director  
Brad Callender, Planner  
Emil Beshara, Public Works Director  
Lisa Davol, Interim Parks and Recreation Director  
Steve Hansford, Code Enforcement Director  
Rusty Haygood, Economic Development Director  
Peggy Holcomb, Tourism Director

Media Present: Vinnie Williams, 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 June 29, 2010 meeting was unanimously approved as submitted.

**Commissioners Remarks:** Commissioner Daniell requested a special meeting be coordinated to discuss a potential Ethics Ordinance. Commissioner Hale said she had been approached by members of the county's staff asking to use the work-out equipment at Oconee Veterans Park and requested this be placed on a future agenda. Chairman Davis noted a survey of the wellness programs desired by county staff was recently completed by the Human Resource Department.

**Citizen Remarks:** Bill Mayberry expressed his displeasure in the increased cost of blue bags. Chairman Davis suggested Mr. Mayberry speak with the coordinator of the Blue Bag Program, Amy Morrison.

**Cultural Affairs and Tourism Committee Applicants:** The Board interviewed Emily Givens, Elizabeth Hovell, Ramona Lord and Vicky Moody for appointment to the Cultural Affairs and Tourism Committee for three 2-year terms, expiring September 30, 2012. Applicant Al Cuming was unable to attend.

The Board will take action on the appointments at the July 6, 2010 meeting.

**Land Use and Transportation Committee Applicants:** The Board interviewed Abe Abouhamdan, Emily Givens, Robert Issac, Kyle Martin, James Morris and Bob Sanders for appointment to the Land Use and Transportation Committee for seven 2-year terms, expiring September 30, 2012.

The Board will take action on the appointments at the July 6, 2010 meeting.

**Planning Commission Applicants:** The Board interviewed Maria Caudill, Emily Givens and Dan Webber for appointment to the Planning Commission for two 4-year terms, expiring September 30, 2014. Applicants Travis Marshall and Penny Mills were unable to attend.

The Board will take action on the appointments at the July 6, 2010 meeting.

**Recreational Affairs Committee Applicants:** The Board reviewed the applications from Tony Glenn, Ryan House and Mike Streetman for appointment to the Recreational Affairs Committee for four 2-year terms, expiring September 30, 2012. None of the applicants were able to attend.

The Board will take action on the appointments at the July 6, 2010 meeting.

**Georgia Forestry Commission Annual Report:** District Forester Ken Masten and Chief Ranger Tim Joy presented the Annual Georgia Forestry Report for the Barrow-Clarke-Jackson-N.Gwinnett-Oconee Forestry Unit.

**Georgia Forestry Commission Cooperative Agreement:** Administrative Officer Alan Theriault presented the FY 2011 Georgia Forestry Commission Cooperative Agreement for forest fire protection services. Mr. Theriault explained the GFC recently approved a measure to increase the forestland assessment from 4¢ to 10¢ per acre throughout the state. Funds have been allocated in the FY2011 budget.

By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for July 6, 2010.

**Alcohol License Application – Fox’s Pizza Den:** County Clerk Gina Lindsey presented an application for a 2010 Alcohol License submitted by Fox’s Pizza Den located at the Villages at Franklin Grove on Hwy. 78. Owner/Agent David Walton was present. Ms. Lindsey stated all requirements of the Alcohol Ordinance have been met.

By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for July 6, 2010.

**Georgia Bioscience Joint Development Authority:** Chairman Davis reported the position held by Economic Development Rusty Haygood on the Georgia Bioscience Joint Development Authority expired on May 19, 2010. Mr. Haygood expressed his desire to be reappointed for an additional four-year term.

By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for July 6, 2010.

**Wayne Wilbanks – Project Manager for Government Annex Renovations:** Administrative Officer Alan Theriault presented a proposal by Wayne Wilbanks to serve as Project Manager on the Government Annex Renovations Project. Mr. Theriault noted Mr. Wilbanks is offering his services at the same rate and conditions as when he served as project manager on the Jail/EOC/E911 Project.

By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for July 6, 2010.

**Disc Golf Proposal:** Interim Parks and Recreation Director Lisa Davol presented a proposal recommended by the Recreational Affairs Committee for the addition of an 18-hole competition disc golf course at Oconee Veterans Park. Scott Norris introduced the proposal to the committee with the intention of spearheading a fundraising campaign. Ms. Davol explained the disc golf course would not alter the Master Plan for Oconee Veterans Park and provided a site map showing the potential location of the course.

James Morris and Vicky Moody stated the course would be an economic benefit to the County.

The Board expressed concerns about wetland areas, the proposed picnic area, detention ponds, safety issues and the use of private donations. Ms. Davol was asked to come back to a later meeting with additional information on how the affected areas would be protected and how donations will be handled.

**Oconee Veterans Park Community Center – Hours of Operations:** Administrative Officer Alan Theriault recalled during the FY2011 budget meetings the Parks and Recreation Department was asked to reduce their budget and to determine where the reductions would occur. He reported the staff has recommended the hours of the Oconee Veterans Park Community Center be reduced by 1 hour, Monday through Saturday, and 2 hours on Sunday, effective July 21, 2010. This would reduce the expenditures for staff and utilities by 8 hours per week.

By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for July 6, 2010.

**Collection Sites – Hours of Operations:** Administrative Officer Alan Theriault recalled during the FY2011 budget meetings the Public Works Department was asked to look at a reduction in hours for the Collection Sites. He reported the staff has recommended delaying the opening of all Collection Sites, except Bogart, by 1 hour and opening the Bogart Collection Site only on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The new hours of operations would be effective July 26, 2010.

By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for July 6, 2010.

**Right of Way Abandonment – Old Rockinwood Road and Old Spartan Lane:** County Attorney Daniel Haygood explained when the Macon Highway (US 441) was widened Rockinwood Drive and Spartan Lane were relocated, resulting in abandoned right-of-way. GA DOT has recently quit-claimed the abandoned right-of-way to Oconee County. Because the right-of-way no longer serves as part of the county road system, Mr. Haygood recommended the Board begin the abandonment process by determining the old roadbeds have ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served.

By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for July 6, 2010.

**Lease Agreement – Albert Hale Property:** Administrative Officer Alan Theriault reviewed a revised lease agreement with Albert Hale for a 0.359 acre site to locate the radio tower for the Oconee Areawide Radio System. Mr. Theriault said the county will pay \$2,400 per year for years 1 – 5, with a 4% escalation thereafter, until reaching \$4,000 at year 16.

By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for July 6, 2010.

**FY 2011 Indigent Defense Services Agreement:** Administrative Officer Alan Theriault reviewed the proposed FY2011 Indigent Defense Services Agreement with the Circuit Public Defender's Office of the Western Judicial Circuit. He stated the contract content has not changed and the cost to the county of \$125,237 has been allocated in the FY2011 budget.

By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for July 6, 2010.

**FY2011 Property and Liability Insurance Renewal:** County Clerk Gina Lindsey presented a proposal from ACCG-IRMA for the renewal of the county's property and liability insurance for FY2011. The renewal contribution of \$232,800 represents a decrease of 5.61% from FY2010.

The Board expressed their desire to go through a competitive bid process for the FY2012 property and liability insurance.

By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for July 6, 2010.

**FY2010 Budget Amendments and Revisions:** Finance Director Jeff Benko requested approval to amend and revise the FY 2010 Budget in preparation for the fiscal year closeout and commencement of the County's comprehensive audit.

On motion by Commissioner Luke and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously authorized the Finance Director to amend and revise the FY 2010 Budget as required in accordance with all applicable regulations. Mr. Benko will provide the Board with a detailed listing of amendments and revisions by department when complete.

**July 6, 2010 Agenda:** The agenda for the July 6, 2010 meeting was read by County Clerk Gina Lindsey.

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

On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Luke, the Board adjourned Executive Session. On motion by Commissioner Horton 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 Daniell, the meeting was adjourned.

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County Clerk

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Chairman

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Date