

The Regular Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, July 6, 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 Clerk Gina M. Lindsey
County Attorney Daniel Haygood

BR White, Planning Director
Chris Thomas, Utility Director
Steve Hansford, Code Enforcement Director
Rusty Haygood, Economic Development Director
Peggy Holcomb, Tourism Director
Lisa Davol, Interim Parks and Recreation Director
Emil Beshara, Public Works Director

Media Present: Vinnie Williams, The Oconee Enterprise
Erin France, Athens Banner-Herald

Chairman Davis began the meeting with a moment of silence. Commissioner Luke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda: On motion by Commissioner Daniell and second by Commissioner Horton, the agenda for the July 6, 2010 meeting was unanimously approved as submitted.

Commissioners Remarks: Commissioner Hale expressed her appreciation to Tourism Director Peggy Holcomb and others that assisted in organizing the Fourth of July Celebration at the Eagle Tavern.

Chairman Davis reported copies of Ethics Policies and Ordinances had been gathered from other counties and asked the County Attorney, Administrative Officer and Clerk to request others through their organizations' list serves. He suggested these could be sent to the Board for review prior to discussions at the July 27, 2010 meeting.

Citizen Remarks: None.

Minutes: On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Hale, Minutes of the June 1, June 10 and June 29, 2010 Meetings were approved as presented by the County Clerk.

Cultural Affairs and Tourism Committee: On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously appointed Elizabeth J. Hovell, Ramona Lord and Vicky Moody to the Oconee County Citizens Advisory Committee on Cultural Affairs and Tourism for two-year terms expiring September 30, 2012. Al Cuming was appointed as a non-voting Member Emeritus..

Land Use & Transportation Planning Committee: On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Daniell, the Board unanimously appointed Abe Abouhamdan, Emily Givens, Robert Issac, Kyle Martin, James Morris and Bob Sanders to the Oconee County Citizens Advisory Committee on Land Use & Transportation Planning for two-year terms expiring September 30, 2012.

Planning Commission: On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Hale, the Board unanimously appointed Penny Mills and Dan Webber to the Oconee County Planning Commission for four-year terms expiring September 30, 2014.

Recreational Affairs Committee: On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously appointed Tony Glenn, Ryan House and Mike Streetman to the Oconee County Citizens Advisory Committee on Recreational Affairs for two-year terms expiring September 30, 2012.

Wayne Wilbanks – Project Manager for Government Annex Renovations: On motion by Commissioner Luke and second by Commissioner Daniell, the Board unanimously approved a proposal by Wayne Wilbanks to serve as Project Manager on the Government Annex Renovations Project, to be funded by SPLOST revenues.

Consent Agenda: On motion by Commissioner Luke and second by Commissioner Daniell, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Agenda items:

- **Georgia Forestry Commission Cooperative Agreement:** Approved the FY 2011 Georgia Forestry Commission Cooperative Agreement for forest fire protection services.
- **Alcohol License Application – Fox's Pizza Den:** Approved a 2010 Alcohol License submitted by Fox's Pizza Den located at the Villages at Franklin Grove on Hwy. 78.
- **Oconee Veterans Park Community Center – Hours of Operations:** Approved 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.
- **Collection Sites – Hours of Operations:** Approved 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., effective July 26, 2010.
- **Right of Way Abandonment – Old Rockinwood Road and Old Spartan Lane:** Determined the abandoned right-of-way on old Rockinwood Road and Old Spartan Lane have ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served.
- **Lease Agreement – Albert Hale Property:** Approved a revised lease agreement with Albert Hale for a 0.359 acre site to locate the radio tower for the Oconee Areawide Radio System.
- **FY 2011 Indigent Defense Services Agreement:** Approved the FY2011 Indigent Defense Services Agreement with the Circuit Public Defender's Office of the Western Judicial Circuit.
- **FY2011 Property and Liability Insurance Renewal:** Approved the proposal from ACCG-IRMA for the renewal of the county's property and liability insurance for FY2011 at an annual cost of \$232,800.
- **Georgia Bioscience Joint Development Authority:** Appointed Economic Development Rusty Haygood to the Georgia Bioscience Joint Development Authority for a four-year term.

Announcements: County Attorney Daniel Haygood reported a lawsuit had been filed by an inmate against Sheriff Berry claiming lack of medical attention.

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

County Clerk

Chairman

Date