

The Regular Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Chambers at the Oconee County Courthouse.

Members Present: Chairman John Daniell
Commissioner Mark Thomas
Commissioner Chuck Horton
Commissioner W.E. "Bubber" Wilkes
Commissioner Mark Saxon

Staff Present: Daniel Haygood, County Attorney
Tracye Bailey, Deputy Clerk
Paula Nedza, IT Director
Diane Baggett, Communications Manager
Guy Herring, Planning and Code Enforcement Director
Gabriel Quintas, Planning and Code Enforcement Assistant Director
Grace Tuschak, Planner
C. J. Worden, EMA Director
Crystal Berisko, Animal Services Manager
Jessica Burnley, Animal Services Officer
Sherry Aycock, Animal Services Officer

Chairman John Daniell began the Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. with a moment of silence, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Mark Thomas.

Approval of Agenda:

On motion by Commissioner Wilkes and second by Commissioner Saxon, the Agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

Statements and Remarks from Citizens:

None.

Statements and Remarks from Commissioners:

Chairman Daniell shared with the audience the following:

- April 16th -- Town Hall Meeting at Oconee Veterans Park at 6:00 p.m.
- April 23rd - Public Budget Hearing for the FY20 Budget in the Commission Chambers.
- If approved with the Consent Agenda items, advertising will begin for the Tourism & Visitors Bureau.
- Oconee County received a rebate check in the amount of \$46,231.00 from the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) Workers Compensation.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion by Commissioner Saxon and second by Commissioner Thomas, the minutes of March 5 and March 26, 2019 were approved as submitted.

National Library Week Proclamation:

Commissioner Chuck Horton presented Cara Karnes, Branch Manager Librarian, a Proclamation declaring April 7-13, 2019 as National Library Week. Commissioner Horton encouraged everyone to visit the Bogart Library, which had its Grand Opening of the Expansion Project on March 30, 2019.

Rezone Nos. 7656 – Applicant: Smith Planning Group, LLC / Owner: Magnolia Valley Properties, LLC, Mars Hill Road:

The Board held a Public Hearing on Rezone No. 7656 – Applicant: Smith Planning Group, LLC, Owner: Magnolia Valley Properties, LLC, 1170 Mars Hill Road, ±4.06 Acres to rezone the property from OIP to OIP with modifications to Rezone No. 1813 to allow for an increase in the total square footage of the buildings.

Gabriel Quintas, Assistant Planning & Code Enforcement Director, presented the request and stated that the Planning Commission and staff recommend approval with nine (9) conditions.

Bob Smith, Smith Planning Group, LLC, and owner representative, spoke in favor the request.

Chairman Daniell asked for Public Comment and there was none.

On motion by Commissioner Saxon and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously approved Rezone No. 7656 - Applicant: Smith Planning Group, LLC, Owner: Magnolia Valley Properties, 1170 Mars Hill Road, ±4.06 Acres to rezone the property with nine conditions from OIP to OIP with modifications to Rezone No. 1813. ***See documentation in Ordinances & Resolutions Book No. 22.***

Rezone Nos. 7657 – Applicant: Smith Planning Group, LLC / Owner: Magnolia Valley Properties, LLC, Mars Hill Road:

The Board held a Public Hearing on Rezone No. 7657 – Applicant: Smith Planning Group, LLC, Owner: Magnolia Valley Properties, LLC, 1170 Mars Hill Road, ±0.94 Acres to rezone the property from B-1 to B-1 with modifications to Rezone No. 1814 to allow for an increase in the total square footage of the building on B-1 zoned portion of the parcel.

Gabriel Quintas, Assistant Planning & Code Enforcement Director, presented the request and stated that the Planning Commission and staff recommend approval with nine (9) conditions. He also noted that the property's current zoning is B-1 and not OIP as stated on the agenda.

Bob Smith, Smith Planning Group, LLC, and owner representative, spoke in favor the request.

Chairman Daniell opened the Public Comment period and there was none.

On motion by Commissioner Wilkes and second by Commissioner Saxon, the Board unanimously approved Rezone No. 7657, Smith Planning Group, LLC, Applicant, 1170 Mars Hill Road, ±0.94 Acres, from B-1 to B-1 with modifications to Rezone No. 1814 with nine (9) conditions. **See documentation in Ordinances & Resolutions Book No. 22.**

Special Exception Variance No. 7725 – Applicant: Smith Planning Group, LLC, Owner: Magnolia Valley Properties, LLC:

The Board held a Public Hearing on Special Exception Variance No. 7725 – Applicant: Smith Planning Group, LLC, Owner: Magnolia Valley Properties, LLC, 1170 Mars Hill Road, ±0.94 Acres, to reduce required incompatible-use buffers adjoining single-family and multi-family residential uses.

Gabriel Quintas, Assistant Planning & Code Enforcement Director, presented the request with one condition recommended by staff.

Bob Smith, Smith Planning Group, LLC, and owner representative, spoke in favor the request.

Chairman Daniell opened the Public Comment period and there was none.

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously approved Special Exception Variance No. 7725, Smith Planning Group, LLC, Applicant, Owner: Magnolia Valley Properties, LLC, 1170 Mars Hill Road, ±0.94 Acres, to reduce required incompatible-use buffers adjoining single-family and multi-family residential uses with one (1) condition. **See documentation in Ordinances & Resolutions Book No. 22.**

Rezone No. 7702 – Applicant: JPC Design and Construction, LLC, Owner: William B. Jones:

Gabriel Quintas, Assistant Planning and Code Enforcement, presented a request from JPC Design and Construction, Applicant, to postpone Rezone No. 7702 (32.079 Acres) until the May 5, 2019 Board Meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Saxon and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously approved the request of JPC Design and Construction, LLC, Applicant to postpone the hearing of Rezone No. 7702 until the Board's Regular Meeting on May 5, 2019.

Special Exception Variance No. 7703 – Applicant: Smith Planning Group, LLC, Owner: Katherine Nicole Burgdorf:

The Board held a Public Hearing on Special Exception Variance No. 7703 – Applicant: Smith Planning Group, LLC, Owner: Katherine Nicole Burgdorf, 2440 Union Church Road, 1.00 Acre, A-1, to reduce the side setback from 25 feet to 15 feet for the construction of an attached garage.

Gabriel Quintas, Planning & Code Enforcement Assistant Director, presented the request with one condition recommended by staff.

Bob Smith, Smith Planning Group, LLC, and owner representative spoke in favor of the request.

Chairman Daniell opened the Public Comment period and there was none.

On motion by Commissioner Saxon and second by Commissioner Wilkes, the Board unanimously approved Special Exception Variance No. 7703, Applicant: Smith Planning Group, LLC, Owner: Katherine Nicole Burgdorf, 2440 Union Church Road, 1.00 Acre, A-1, to reduce the side setback from 25 feet to 15 feet for the construction of an attached garage with one condition. **See documentation in Ordinances & Resolutions Book No. 22.**

Animal Control Board Appointment:

On motion by Commissioner Saxon and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously approved the appointments of Audrey Haynes, Marsha Mitchell and Marie Williams to the Animal Services Board for terms to begin July 1, 2019 and expire June 30, 2021.

Family and Children Services Board Appointment:

On motion by Commissioner Wilkes and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Bethany Lambert to the Family and Children Services Board for an unexpired term to begin July 1, 2019 and expire June 30, 2024.

Keep Oconee County Beautiful Commission Appointment:

On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Wilkes, the Board unanimously approved the appointments of Ivette Bledsoe, Angela Dalton, Bethany Hamilton-Jones and Darius Johnson to the Keep Oconee County Beautiful Commission for terms to begin July 1, 2019 and expire June 30, 2022.

Consent Agenda:

Chairman Daniell asked the Board if any items should be removed from the Consent Agenda. No items were removed. On motion by Commissioner Wilkes and second by Commissioner Saxon, the following Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved.

- 1) Approve Easement Agreement from Land Arts, Inc., for a permanent utility easement containing 0.003 acres and a temporary construction easement containing 0.005 acres as shown on a plat entitled, "Oconee County Drought Resiliency Improvements" by Precision Planning, Inc., dated June 25, 2018, and recorded in Deed Book 1458, Pages 631-632 in the Oconee County Clerk of Courts Office.
- 2) Approve Lyman Davidson Dooley, Inc., for Architectural Services for the Animal Services Shelter renovations in an amount not to exceed \$48,700.00.
- 3) Adopt Bylaws of the Oconee County Tourism & Visitors Bureau, Inc. and authorize Staff and County Attorney to file the necessary documents with the Georgia Secretary of State and Internal Revenue Service for creation of the Bureau as a 501(c)(6) Non-Profit.
- 4) Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with the University of North Georgia to proceed with the Bishop Farms Parkway Extension Project.
- 5) Approve Alcohol License Modification for Walmart, Epps Bridge Road, with Marcia Dimarco as the new Registered Agent.

Executive Session:

On motion by Commissioner Wilkes and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss land acquisition.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

On motion by Commissioner Saxon and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board adjourned Executive Session at 6:37 p.m. On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board adjourned back into Regular Session.

There being no further business, on motion by Commissioner Wilkes and second by Commissioner Saxon, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Chairman John Daniell

Kathy Hayes, County Clerk

Date: _____