A Work Session Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, March 20, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the Grand Jury Room at the Oconee County Courthouse.

Members Present: Chairman Melvin Davis

Commissioner Jim Luke

Commissioner Donald H. Norris Commissioner Margaret Hale Commissioner Chuck Horton

Staff Present: Administrative Officer Alan Theriault

County Attorney Daniel Haygood County Clerk Gina M. Lindsey

Rusty Haygood, Econ Development Director

BR White, Planning Director

Media Present: Adam Thompson, Athens Banner Herald

<u>Ordinance Regulating the Sale of Wine and Malt Beverages:</u> County Attorney Daniel Haygood reviewed the draft Ordinance Regulating the Sale of Wine and Malt Beverages in Oconee County and asked for the Board's input on suggestions and comments from the public regarding the Ordinance.

The following items were discussed:

- A food purchase accompanying the sale of an alcoholic beverage in a restaurant;
- A 75% food/25% alcohol ratio;
- License fees:
- Renewal of the Alcohol Training Program;
- Arrest and conviction investigations;
- Supervision of underage persons;
- Visibility of the premises;
- Visibility into the interior of the premises;
- Sales areas and activities;
- Modification of the sales area;
- Live entertainment and the use of sound amplification;
- Separation distances from Churches and Schools;
- The Administrative Hearing Officer;
- Prohibiting service to intoxicated persons; and,
- Locations and defined areas.

By consensus, the Board agreed to an effective date for the ordinance of August 1, 2008.

The Board discussed holding a First Reading of the proposed Ordinance Regulating the Sale of Wine and Malt Beverages in Oconee County on April 1, 2008 with a Second Reading and final action on April 22, 2008.

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

County Clerk	Chairman	
Date		