

The Regular Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 1, 2008, in the Courtroom No. 1 at the Oconee County Courthouse.

Members Present: Chairman Melvin Davis
Commissioner Jim Luke
Commissioner Don Norris
Commissioner Margaret Hale
Commissioner Chuck Horton

Staff Present: Administrative Officer Alan Theriault
County Attorney Daniel Haygood
County Clerk Gina M. Lindsey

BR White, Planning Director
John Hatcher, Utility Director
Emil Beshara, Public Works Director
Jeff Benko, Finance Director
Steve Hansford, Code Enforcement Director
Rusty Haygood, Econ Develop Director
Wayne Provost, Strategic Planning Director

Media Present: Vinnie Williams, The Oconee Enterprise
Blake Giles, The Oconee Enterprise
Adam Thompson, Athens Banner-Herald

Chairman Davis began the meeting with a Moment of Silence. Commissioner Horton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Horton, Minutes of the March 4, March 11, March 18, March 20 and March 25, 2008 were approved as distributed, with modifications to the Minutes of the March 20, 2008 meeting.

Ordinance Regulating the Sale of Wine and Malt Beverages: The Board held the First Reading of an Ordinance Regulating the Sale of Wine and Malt Beverages in Oconee County. County Attorney Daniel Haygood provided an overview of the proposed ordinance.

Tom Leach said he was opposed to allowing restaurants serve wine and malt beverages and asked for a vote by the citizens. Charles Grimes, representing the Oconee County Chamber of Commerce, spoke on the positive effects of diversifying the tax base. Tom Collins commended the timing of the proposed ordinance and said he believed it will bring needed tax revenue to the county.

Sonia Adsit asked who would be responsible for the alcohol training program. Mr. Haygood explained the program would be designated by the county and the cost would be paid by the licensee.

The Board of Commissioners will take final action on the proposed Ordinance Regulating the Sale of Wine and Malt Beverages in Oconee County at a Called Meeting on April 8, 2008.

Animal Control Advisory Board Appointments: On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Norris, the Board unanimously appointed Maria Caudill and Ed Kennedy to the Oconee County Animal Control Advisory Board for two-year terms, expiring June 30, 2010.

Department of Family & Children Services Advisory Board Appointment: On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Luke, the Board unanimously appointed Mary Jo Gerlach to the Oconee County Department of Family & Children Services Advisory Board for a five-year term, expiring June 30, 2013.

Keep Oconee County Beautiful Commission Appointments: On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Luke, the Board unanimously appointed Monica Ali, Mary Mellein, Penny Mills and Esther Porter to the Keep Oconee County Beautiful Commission for three-year terms, expiring June 30, 2011. Susan Harris was appointed to fill an unexpired term, expiring June 30, 2010.

Impact Fees Study Committee Appointments: On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Hale, the Board unanimously appointed Ken Beall, Bob Cain, William "Billy" Crozier, Doug Dickens, Mary Mellein, Penny Mills, Russ Page, Mike Power, Flynn Warren and Jon Williams to the Impact Fees Study Committee. Amrey Harden and Chuck Williams were appointed to serve as ex-officio non-voting members.

Rocky Branch Water Reclamation Facility – Engineering and Technical Support:

Utility Director John Hatcher presented a proposal by Precision Planning, Inc. to provide engineering and technical support services during the design phase of the Rocky Branch Water Reclamation Facility project.

On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously approved the proposal by Precision Planning, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.

Consent Agenda: By consensus, the Board removed the renaming of Jennings Mill Parkway and a section of Hollow Creek Lane from the Consent Agenda and agreed to place this item on the May 6, 2008 agenda.

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

- **Burglar and Fire Alarms Ordinance Amendment:** Approved an amendment to the Ordinance Regulating the Operations and Maintenance of Burglar and Fire Alarms to enact more stringent penalties for false alarms in an effort to reduce calls for service to false alarms. ****See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 18.**
- **Surplus Pumper Truck:** Declared the 1985 Ford C800 Pumper Truck located at Fire Station No. 1 as surplus and authorized its disposal.
- **Oconee Community Complex Change Orders:** Approved Change Order No. 9, in the amount of \$66,103.78, to provide roof drain systems for both the Senior Center and Community Center buildings and Change Order No. 10, in the amount of \$153,193.73, to make changes required by the Fire Marshall regarding occupancy calculations; address structural issues stemming from the designed use of tapered columns to construct the gymnasium; and, miscellaneous steel used in both the Senior Center and Community Center buildings not detailed in the contract drawings. Funding for both Change Orders will come from investment earnings of the General Obligation Bonds.
- **Abandoned Well – Tramlin Acres:** Declared the well lot off Creek Hollow Run (Tramlin Acres) as surplus and authorized its disposal by sealed bids.
- **Rocky Branch Water Reclamation Facility – Construction Manager at Risk:** Approved a proposal for Task #1 by Precision Planning, Inc., to assist with the preparation and administration of a Request for Proposals for Construction Manager at Risk for the Rocky Branch Water Reclamation Facility project.
- **Water Line/Fire Protection – Elder Heights, Laurel Chase, Pleasant Hill Subdivisions:** Authorized advertising for the engineering of fire protection water lines to be extended to Elder Heights, Laurel Chase and Pleasant Hill Subdivisions, as part of the Board of Commissioners' approved policy to extend water lines into areas served by private water systems.

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

County Clerk

Chairman

Date