

The Agenda Setting Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, December 16, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Chambers 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 Clerk Gina M. Lindsey
County Attorney Daniel Haygood

Jeff Benko, Finance Director
BR White, Planning Director
Brad Callender, Planner
Wayne Provost, Strategic/L-R Planning Director
Bruce Thaxton, Fire Chief
Chris Thomas, Utility Director
William White, Project Coordinator
Steve Hansford, Code Enforcement Director
Rusty Haygood, Economic Development Director

Media Present: Vinnie Williams, The Oconee Enterprise

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

Chairman Davis introduced guest Anthony Dove, Chairman-elect of Madison County.

A special tribute was made to Commissioner Don Norris on his last Commission meeting after 20 years of continuous service as an Oconee County Commissioner.

Chairman Davis made the following announcements:

- Oconee County has been approved for its own ambulance service zone.
- Commissioner Jim Luke has been elected 2009 Chairman of the Hard Labor Creek Management Board.

Fire Department Rescue Pumper: Fire Chief Bruce Thaxton reported the Fire Department was approved \$265,000 for a Rescue Pumper in the FY 2009 SPLOST Budget. The bid received for the Rescue Pumper is \$277,253.

On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously approved a line item amendment in the amount of \$12,253 for the purchase of a Rescue Pumper.

Wireless Telecommunications Facilities – Interim Application Process: On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Hale, the Board unanimously approved extending the Interim Application Process for Wireless Telecommunication Facilities in Lieu of a Moratorium, to February 3, 2009.

Conservation Easement – Charles Hillsman Property: On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously approved the appropriation of \$75,000 as the county's portion of the acquisition costs of the Charles R. Hillsman Conservation Easement.

2009 SPLOST - Intergovernmental Agreement: On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Luke, the Board unanimously approved the Intergovernmental Agreement for the use and distribution of proceeds generated by the 2009 SPLOST referendum.

2009 SPLOST – Call for Referendum: On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Hale, the Board unanimously approved a Resolution calling for the 2009 SPLOST referendum to be held on March 17, 2009.

2009 Alcohol License – Clipper Petroleum/Circle M Food Shop: County Clerk Gina Lindsey presented the application for a 2009 Beer and Wine License submitted by Clipper Petroleum/Circle M Food Shop. The applicant's representative, Paul Gittens, explained Clipper Petroleum is purchasing the MJP Food Store and BP Gas Station located at 2041 Experiment Station Road, Watkinsville, GA.

By consensus, this item will be placed on the January 6, 2009 consent agenda.

January 6, 2009 Agenda: The agenda for the January 6, 2009 meeting was read by County Clerk Gina M. Lindsey.

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

On motion by Commissioner Luke and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board adjourned Executive Session. On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board adjourned back into Regular Session.

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

County Clerk

Chairman

Date