

The Regular Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., at the Commissioners Meeting Chambers, Oconee County Courthouse.

Members Present: Chairman Melvin Davis
Commissioner Johnny Pritchett
Commissioner Donald H. Norris
Commissioner Margaret S. Hale
Commissioner William E. Wilkes

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

Wayne Provost, Planning Director
Matt Forshee, Senior Planner
Sandy Thursby, Planner
Mike Leonas, County Engineer
William White, Projects Coordinator

Media Present: Vinnie Williams, The Oconee Enterprise
Michael D'Avria, Athens Banner-Herald

Chairman Davis began the meeting with a Moment of Silence. Captain John Gentry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: On motion by Commissioner Wilkes and second by Commissioner Hale, Minutes of the January 6 and January 27, 2004 meetings were approved as distributed.

Certificate of Appreciation: Captain John Gentry, member of the Georgia Army National Guard and employee of the Oconee County Parks and Recreation Department, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Oconee County Board of Commissioners for their support during his mobilization, validation for combat for Operation Enduring Freedom, change of mission validation and execution of Operation Noble Eagle III, and subsequent release from active duty. Captain Gentry will return to his position at the Parks and Recreation Department on Monday, February 16, 2004.

Sign Regulations Amendment: On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Wilkes, the Board unanimously approved an Amendment to the Oconee County Sign Regulations to provide for the definition of Sign Structure, to provide for external illumination of signs on certain properties and to allow for variation in sign type at project entrances to residential developments. ***See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 13.***

Special Tax Districts: On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Hale, the Board unanimously approved an Ordinance authorizing the creation of Special Tax Districts and the establishment of a Special Tax District Program for the purpose of providing and improving infrastructure within areas of unincorporated Oconee County. Appropriate governmental services include water, sewer, roads, drainage facilities and street lighting. ***See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 13.***

Zoning Regulations Amendment – AR-3 and AR-4 Districts: On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Pritchett, the Board unanimously approved an Amendment to the Oconee County Zoning Regulations to create an agricultural residential 3-acre district (AR-3) and an agricultural residential 4-acre district (AR-4). ***See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 13.***

Zoning Regulations Amendment - Churches: On motion by Commissioner Wilkes and second by Commissioner Hale, the Board unanimously approved an Amendment to the Oconee County Zoning Regulations to allow certain types of churches as permissible uses in certain districts and as conditional uses in certain districts. ***See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 13.***

Zoning Regulations Amendment – Limit Number of Applications: On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Pritchett, the Board unanimously approved an Amendment to the Oconee County Zoning Regulations for the purpose of limiting the number of new rezones, conditional use permits and variances to a maximum of eight new business items (not including plats) placed on any one Planning Commission agenda. The agenda will be set on a “first come/first serve” basis and any accepted

items over the first eight will be delayed until the next available agenda. Planning Director Wayne Provost noted the Zoning Regulations could be amended when Oconee County observes an increase in applications for commercial development. *See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 13.*

Rezone Request #3470 –Jennings Mill Real Estate Company: On motion by Commissioner Wilkes and second by Commissioner Hale, the Board voted unanimously to approve Rezone Request No. 3470 by Jennings Mill Real Estate Company, ±2.917 acres, located on Jennings Mill Road, from A-1 and OIP to OIP, with conditions, for an office complex development (Jennings Mill Office Complex). *See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 13.*

Rezone Request #3539 – P & A Ventures: On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Wilkes, the Board voted unanimously to approve Rezone Request No. 3539 by P & A Ventures, Inc., ± 7.528 acres, located on Malcom Bridge Road, from A-1 to B-1, with conditions, for a neighborhood shopping and service village (The Village at Malcom Bridge). *See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 13.*

Library Advisory Board: On motion by Commissioner Wilkes and second by Commissioner Hale, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Ginger Griffith to the Oconee County Library Advisory Board to fill an unexpired term, expiring December 31, 2004 and Arthur Zimmerman to fill an unexpired term, expiring December 31, 2006.

Board of Tax Assessors: On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Wilkes, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Harvey O. Downs, Jr. and Claire McDougald to the Oconee County Board of Tax Assessors for six-year terms, expiring March 31, 2010.

FY 2005 Budget Meeting Schedule: On motion by Commissioner Wilkes and second by Commissioner Hale, the Board unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Meeting Schedule.

Consent Agenda: On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Pritchett, the Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items:

- **Various County Road Repairs and Resurfacing:** Approved the bid of \$1,026,177.05 by ER Snell Contractor, Inc. for the repair, rehabilitation and resurfacing of 15.8 miles of various county roads.
- **Financial Software:** Approved the purchase of a financial software package from Computer Software Innovations, Inc. (CSI) for a cost not to exceed \$179,000.00

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

County Clerk

Chairman

Date