

The Regular Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of 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:* Justin Kirouac, County Administrator  
Kathy Hayes, County Clerk  
Daniel Haygood, County Attorney  
Mickey Baughcum, Water Resources Assistant Director  
Fran Davis, Board of Elections  
Tracye Bailey, Deputy Clerk

*Others Present:* David Shearon, Mayor, City of Watkinsville

*Media Present:* Michael Prochaska, The Oconee Enterprise

Chairman Daniell began the meeting at 6:01 p.m. with a Moment of Silence. County Administrator Justin Kirouac led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

On motion by Commissioner Wilkes and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Agenda was unanimously approved.

**Citizen Remarks:**

Maria Caudill gave the Board a presentation entitled, "2018 Eagle Tavern Museum Budget Report." Ms. Caudill thanked the Board for providing \$22,000.00 for repairs to the Eagle Tavern during the past year. She asked that the Eagle Tavern become an independent program for the FY2019 fiscal year with a proposed budget of \$5,776.00.

Chairman Daniell thanked Ms. Caudill for her dedication to the Eagle Tavern.

Liz Marchant, 1011 Riverbanks Road, Bishop (Morgan County), stated her concern regarding the Apalachee River being used for water intake of the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir.

**Commissioners Remarks:**

Commissioner Daniell shared the following dates:

- March 13, 2018: Board of Commissioners, Board of Education, Oconee County Industrial Development Authority and Chamber Executive Committee received an invitation to visit the Georgia Power Experience Center.
- March 14, 2018: Joint Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Oconee Veterans Park
- March 22, 2018: Chamber of Commerce Expo at the Oconee Civic Center

Chairman Daniell gave a brief update regarding the Countywide Transportation Study. The Georgia Department of Transportation is gathering GIS information/county data and verifying road rankings.

**Approval of Minutes:**

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Saxon, minutes of the February 6, February 12, February 23 and February 27, 2018 meetings were unanimously approved as submitted.

**Appointment to the Board of Elections and Registrations:**

On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Wilkes, the Board unanimously appointed Fran Davis as Chair of the Board of Elections and Registrations to begin immediately.

**Appointment to the Board of Tax Assessors:**

Commissioner Wilkes made a motion to appoint Charles Baugh to the Board of Tax Assessors for a six-year term beginning April 1, 2018 and expiring March 31, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Commissioners Horton and Saxon voted against the motion. Chairman Daniell voted against the motion. The motion failed.

Commissioner Horton made a motion to appoint Jim Luke to the Board of Tax Assessors for a six-year term beginning April 1, 2018 and expiring March 31, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commission Saxon. Commissioners Thomas and Wilkes voted against the motion. Chairman Daniell voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

**Award Recommendation - ISO Fire Hydrant Flow Testing and Maintenance Program:**

Water Resources Assistant Director Mickey Baughcum presented the results of the Selection Team. The Team interviewed and ranked the top two firms that had submitted proposals in response to the Request for Qualifications/Proposals. The recommendation is DMD Consultants, Inc. with a not-to-exceed budget of \$216,190.00. The contract includes all fire hydrants in the county and, in order to satisfy ISO recommendations, testing and maintenance will be done on an annual basis.

Chairman Daniell asked for Public Comment and there was none.

On motion by Commissioner Saxon and second by Commissioner Wilkes, the Request for Qualifications/Proposals was awarded to DMD Consultants, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$216,190.00 and authorizing Chairman Daniell to sign the contract.

**Consent Agenda:**

Commissioner Thomas asked that "Item 3) 2019-2020 Strategic Plan" be removed from the Consent Agenda and asked that Objective Six be added under Strategic Goal Three to assess county-wide solid waste strategy.

Commissioner Thomas addressed Russ Page (*audience*) that agriculture is included under Strategic Goal Four as "Quality of Life."

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

- 1) Approved Alcohol License Application for Olive Basket, 8851 Macon Highway, Suite 401, Athens, with Charles Edward Hay as the Registered Agent, pending Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service (RASS) Training Certificate.
- 2) Acceptance of Quit Claim Deed from Board of Education for 0.763 Acres at the intersection of Dewey Road and V.M. Osborne Road for new water tower.
- 3) ~~Adopt 2019-2020 Strategic Plan.~~

**2019-2020 Strategic Plan:**

On motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously approved Strategic Goal Three, Objective Six to include "Assess countywide solid waste strategy."

Chairman Daniell asked for Public Comment and there was none.

County Administrator Justin Kirouac thanked Jocelyn Martinez, a University of North Georgia student, for creating the one-page graphic of the 2019-2020 Strategic Plan.

**Executive Session:**

On motion by Commissioner Saxon and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:14 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

On motion by Commissioner Saxon and second by Commissioner Wilkes, the Board adjourned Executive Session at 6:22 p.m. On motion by Commissioner Wilkes 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 Horton, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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County Clerk

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Chairman

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