

The Agenda Setting Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 26, 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
Attorney Mike Pruett

Jeff Benko, Finance Director
BR White, Planning Director
Rusty Haygood, Econ Development Director
John Gentry, Parks and Recreation Director
William White, Project Coordinator
Emil Beshara, Public Works Director
Steve Hansford, Code Enforcement Director
Wayne Provost, Strategic/L-R Planning Director
Chris Thomas, Utility Director
Quinton Still, EMA Director

Media Present:

Vinnie Williams, The Oconee Enterprise
Adam Thompson, Athens Banner Herald

Chairman Davis began the meeting with a Moment of Silence. Boy Scout Cody Ritz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audit Report: CPA Melissa Peppers of Treadwell, Tamplin and Company reported on the completed FY 2007 audit and the current FY 2008 audit for Oconee County. Ms. Peppers reviewed the ratio analysis for the County's General Fund and the Oconee County Utility Department.

Courthouse Security: Sheriff Scott Berry explained the need for security screeners at the Oconee County Courthouse. He noted door screeners are currently in place during normal business hours and recommended screeners at all times the building is open to the public, including all night meetings held in the Courthouse.

Bicycle Ride Application: The Board discussed the application for the Habitat for Humanity Charity Bicycle Ride. Spencer Frye, representing the applicant, explained the background, purpose and route. He reported 50 bikers are expected to participate. This item was placed on the September 2, 2008 agenda to give the applicant the opportunity to obtain approval from the affected municipalities, Georgia DOT and the Oconee County Sheriff's Department.

Georgia Civic Awareness Program for Students (GCAPS): Commissioner Margaret Hale provided an update on the Georgia Civic Awareness Program for Students (GCAPS). The program is beginning its third year in Oconee County and is open to all high school juniors and seniors.

Street Light Tax District – Wildflower Meadows Subdivision: On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously approved the creation of Street Light Tax District No. B-1P-L1 for Wildflower Meadows Subdivision. **See Documentation in Ordinance and Resolution Book No. 18.**

Family Connection FY2009 Contract: On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Hale, the Board unanimously approved administering a contract with the Georgia Department of Human Resources for the FY2009 Family Connection Grant of \$50,000.

Rezone Request #5462 – Fred Gunter Property, LLC: On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board voted unanimously to postpone action on Rezone Request #5462 by Fred Gunter Property, LLC, ±13.43 acres, located on U.S. Hwy. 441, LaVista Road and Chaddwyck Drive to the October 7, 2008 meeting, as recommended by Attorney Mike Pruett.

Veterans Park Change Order: The Board discussed a proposed change order to the contract with F.E. Sims Enterprises in the amount of \$14,631.37 for additional improvements to the Senior Center and Community Center Building at Veterans Park. The change order addresses Fire Marshall issues, HVAC revisions and bathroom exhaust fans. The architects have agreed to reimburse the County \$4,747.00 to offset the cost of the HVAC revisions. By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for September 2, 2008.

City/County Consolidated Emergency Management Agreement: EMA Director Quinton Still presented the City/County Consolidated Emergency Management Agreement Resolution which addresses the responsibilities of various agencies and departments within the local jurisdictions in the event of an emergency or disaster. Mr. Still noted the Agreement Resolution is part of the 4-year update of the Emergency Operations Plan. By consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for September 2, 2008.

2009 SPLOST: Administrative Officer Alan Theriault reported representatives from the County and the Cities of Watkinsville, Bishop, Bogart and North High Shoals met on August 20, 2008 to discuss plans for the new 2009 SPLOST. A timeline was distributed by the County Attorney and initial estimated distribution calculations were provided. Each municipality presented the various projects they wish to be included. Mr. Theriault said it was the group's consensus to finalize the Intergovernmental Agreements by their first meeting in December.

August 5, 2008 Agenda: The agenda for the September 2, 2008 meeting was read by County Clerk Gina M. Lindsey.

Citizen Remarks: Mike Power expressed concern for the plan review fees and building permit fees charged for Prince Avenue Baptist Church and requested a reduction or omission of the review fees for a non-profit Christian organization.

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

On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board adjourned Executive Session.

On motion by Commissioner Hale 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