

The Regular Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, in the Commission Meeting Chambers at the Oconee County Courthouse.

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

Commissioner Margaret Hale was absent.

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

Emil Beshara, Public Works Director
BR White, Planning Director
Brad Callender, Planner
Krista Gridley, Planner
Jason Gantt, Planner
Chris Thomas, Utility Director
William White, Project Coordinator
Jeff Benko, Finance Director
Malinda Smith, Human Resource Director
Steve Hansford, Code Enforcement Director
Rusty Haygood, Econ Develop Director

Media Present: Vinnie Williams, The Oconee Enterprise

Chairman Davis began the meeting with a moment of silence. Commissioner Horton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Luke, Minutes of the October 7 and October 28, 2008 meetings were approved as distributed.

Concept Plan – Bishop Development Properties Rezone No. 081-B: On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Norris, the Board voted unanimously to postpone action on a new concept plan relating to rezoning condition #3 of Rezone #081-B by Bishop Development Properties, located on the southwest corner of the SR 53/Loch Lomond Circle intersection, to the December 2, 2008 meeting, as recommended by Planning Director B.R. White.

Rezone Request No. 5397 – Lance and Anglin: Commissioner Horton requested Rezone Request No. 5397 by Delores N. Lance and Dorothy N. Anglin be postponed to the December 2, 2008 meeting to allow for the Public Works Department to prepare a concept plan for the Daniells Bridge Road Corridor improvement project. Public Works Director Emil Beshara indicated the concept plan could be prepared by the November 25, 2008 Board of Commissioners meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Luke, the Board voted unanimously to postpone the public hearing on Rezone Request No. 5397 by Delores N. Lance and Dorothy N. Anglin, ±9.102 acres, located on Daniells Bridge Road and Loop SR 10, from AR-1 to OBP, to December 2, 2008.

Variance Request No. 5774 – Collins (Market Center, Phase II): The Board held a public hearing on Hardship Variance Request No. 5774 by Thomas R. Collins, Sr. and Margaret F. Collins, ±10.75 acres, located on SR 53, to increase the number of lots allowed on a private access drive.

Planner Brad Callender presented the staff report.

Jon Williams, representing the applicant, said the variance is being requested for Phase II of the Market Center commercial retail center. The property is accessed by a private drive that currently serves Phase I of the development.

Mr. Williams explained current economic market conditions and changes to the banking industry advocate the development of this parcel as fee simple ownership rather than condominium ownership. He stated repair and maintenance of the private access drive falls directly on the property owners association and not on the county tax payers.

No one spoke in opposition to the variance request.

On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Luke, the Board unanimously approved Hardship Variance Request No. 5774 by Thomas R. Collins, Sr. and Margaret F. Collins, ±10.75 acres, located on SR 53, to increase the number of lots allowed on a private access drive, with one condition. **See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 18.**

Zoning Maps: On motion by Commissioner Luke and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously adopted the Official Zoning Maps of Oconee County (Maps B-04, B-05 and C-01) as presented by Planning Director B.R. White.

Administrative Structure - County Government: County Attorney Daniel Haygood presented a proposal from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government for an evaluation of the legislative and executive functions in Oconee County involving operations, communications and organization.

On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Norris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposal at a cost not to exceed \$9,500 and authorized the Chairman to execute the contract.

Citizen Remarks: Lee Becker expressed his frustration and disappointment that a group had been organized to speak on Rezone Request No. 5397 only to have the Board postpone the Public Hearing. Ralph Johnson spoke on the safety of Daniells Bridge Road and said a significant engineering analysis of the roadway was needed. Jake Hayes indicated he had a signed petition regarding Rezone Request No. 5397 that he would present to the Board of Commissioners at the December 2, 2008 meeting.

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

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

On motion by Commissioner Luke 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 Luke the meeting was adjourned.

County Clerk

Chairman

Date