

The Regular Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., in the Commissioners Meeting Chambers, Oconee County Courthouse.

Members Present:

Chairman Melvin Davis
Commissioner Jim Luke
Commissioner Donald H. Norris
Commissioner Margaret S. Hale
Commissioner Chuck Horton

Staff Present:

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

Director

John Hatcher, Utility Director
BR White, Planning Director
Brad Callender, Planner
Jeff Benko, Finance Director
John Gentry, Parks and Recreation

Director

Emil Beshara, Public Works Director
Rusty Haygood, Economic Develop

Media Present:

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

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

Minutes: On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Horton, Minutes of the November 6 and November 27, 2007 meetings were approved as distributed.

Variance Request #5601 - Cynthia Bodie: The Board held a Public Hearing on Variance Request No. 5601 by Cynthia Bodie, ±9.558 acres, located on Plantation Drive, to subdivide a lot on an unpaved road.

Planning Director B.R. White presented the staff report. No one spoke in favor or opposition to the Variance Request.

On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously approved Variance Request No. 5601 by Cynthia Bodie, ±9.558 acres, located on Plantation Drive, with conditions, to subdivide a lot on an unpaved road. **See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 17.**

Property Purchase for Dark Corner Fire Station: On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Luke, the Board voted unanimously to enter into a contract for the purchase of 2.532 acres located on Hog Mountain Road (GA Hwy. 53), to allow for the expansion of the Dark Corner Fire Station. The purchase price of \$62,034 will be funded with SPLOST funds.

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

- **Film Policy:** Approved the Commercial Media Productions Policy for Oconee County facilities. **See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 17.**
- **Budget Amendment to Retro-fit Toilets & Urinals:** Approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$25,000 from Fund Balance to retro-fit high flow toilets and urinals in older county facilities to reduce the flow required.

Citizen Remarks: Lee Becker, representing Friends of Barber Creek, requested action by the Board of Commissioners to approve a resolution drafted by the Georgia Water Coalition relating to the Statewide Water Management Plan and interbasin transfers. Mr.

Becker said although the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia makes several arguments against this

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resolution, they have commended the Water Coalition for calling for a comprehensive statewide water management plan. Mr. Becker noted the resolution does not call for a ban on interbasin transfers, but for stronger laws governing when and where interbasin transfers are permitted in the state. He urged the Board to adopt the resolution to protect the Oconee River Basin. No action was taken.

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

County Clerk

Chairman

Date