

The Agenda Setting Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 29, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners 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 Attorney Daniel Haygood
County Clerk Gina M. Lindsey

Jeff Benko, Finance Director
John Gentry, Parks and Recreation Director
Don Oliver, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
Mike Leonas, Public Works Director
Wayne Provost, Strategic Planning Director
B.R. White, Planning Director
Gary Dodd, Utility Director
Chris Thomas, Assistant Utility Director
William White, Project Coordinator

Media Present: Vinnie Williams, The Oconee Enterprise
Merritt Melancon, Athens Banner-Herald

Chairman Davis began the meeting with a Moment of Silence. Parks and Recreation Director John Gentry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elizabeth Bradberry: The Board recognized Elizabeth “Liz” Bradberry, RN, on her thirty years of service as Lead Nurse/Nurse Manager of the Oconee County Health Department. In appreciation of the contributions Ms. Bradberry has made to Oconee County and its citizens, the Board proclaimed September 2006 as “Elizabeth Bradberry Month”.

Board of Tax Assessors: The Board interviewed David Carter and Ed Lord for appointment to the Oconee County Board of Tax Assessors to fill an unexpired term expiring March 31, 2012. The Board will take action on this appointment at the September 5, 2006 meeting.

Clean and Beautiful Commission: The Board interviewed Helene Hendon for appointment to the Oconee County Clean and Beautiful Commission to fill an unexpired term expiring June 30, 2007. The Board will take action on this appointment at the September 5, 2006 meeting.

Magistrate Court: Chief Magistrate Eric Norris introduced Laurie Lunsford, Magistrate Court Prosecutor, and Rob McNiff, Magistrate Court Defense Attorney. The two new positions for Magistrate Court were approved in the FY 2007 Budget.

EPD Permit Update – Rocky Branch Water Reclamation Facility: Utility Director Gary Dodd and Assistant Utility Director Chris Thomas reported the Georgia Environmental Protection Division issued a Draft NPDES Permit on August 14, 2006 to discharge treated wastewater from the Rocky Branch Water Reclamation Facility. Mr. Dodd noted Oconee County is required to publish a public notice in the local newspaper and post the public notice for a period of 30 days at the Board of Commissioners Office. At the end of the 30-day public notice comment period, EPD will make a final determination on the issuance of the NPDES Permit. Mr. Thomas reported the total project timeline is 3+ years.

Oconee Community Complex – Change Order: On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously approved Change Order No. 4 to the contract with F.E. Sims Enterprises, Inc. to provide a trench drain at the Oconee Community Complex at a cost of \$37,000.

September 5, 2006 Agenda: The agenda for the September 5, 2006 meeting was reviewed by the County Clerk.

Citizen Remarks: Kate McDaniel stated she was proud of the Oconee County Utility Department and its commitment to leading-edge technology. She said she hopes in the near future reuse water can be distributed over the entire county.

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

On motion by Commissioner Luke and second by Commissioner Horton, 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 Norris, the meeting was adjourned.

County Clerk

Chairman

Date