

The Regular Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 4, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., at 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:

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

Matt Forshee, Planning & Economic Development
Sandy Thursby, Planner
Jeff Benko, Finance Director
Gary Dodd, Utility Director
William White, Projects Coordinator
John Gentry, Parks & Recreation Director

Media Present:

Vinnie Williams, The Oconee Enterprise

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

Chairman Davis welcomed Commissioners Luke and Horton and expressed assurance that they will serve the citizens well during their term of office.

Minutes: On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Hale, Minutes of the December 7, December 14, and December 21, 2004 meetings were approved as distributed. Commissioners Luke and Horton abstained.

Commissioners Resolutions: On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Hale, the Board unanimously approved two resolutions commending Commissioner William E. "Bubber" Wilkes and Commissioner Johnny Pritchett for their public service as members of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners. A framed original of the individual resolutions will be presented to Mr. Wilkes and Mr. Pritchett at the January 16, 2005 reception as a token of the county's appreciation for their service. ***See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 15.***

School District Bonds: On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously approved a Resolution authorizing the levy of taxes for the refunding of the 1993 Oconee County School District Bonds. ***See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 15.***

Annual Borrowing Resolution: On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Norris, the Board unanimously approved the Annual Borrowing Resolution for calendar year 2005. ***See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 15.***

E-911 Resolution: On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Luke, the Board unanimously approved a resolution reaffirming the need for E-911 service in Oconee County. ***See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 15.***

Rezone Request #4198 and Rezone Request #4206: Chairman Davis reported the public notice signage placed by the applicant on the properties for Rezone Request No. 4198 (Flat Rock Road) and Rezone Request No. 4206 (Daniels Bridge Road) were reversed. County Attorney Daniel Haygood stated the public notification is void and, therefore, the signage must be corrected at the property sites and the newspaper advertisement must continue. The public hearings for Rezone Request No. 4198 and Rezone Request No. 4206 will be held at the February 1, 2005 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Street Light Tax District – Boulder Springs: On motion by Commissioner Luke and second by Commissioner Hale, the Board unanimously approved the creation of Street Light Tax District No. A-6E-L1 for Boulder Springs Subdivision. ***See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 15.***

Rezone Request #4196 – Mars Hill Investment Group: The Board held a public hearing on Rezone Request No. 4196 by Mars Hill Investment Group, ± 1.643 acres, located on Cliff Dawson Road and Mars Hill Road, from OIP to B-1.

Commissioner Horton made a motion to deny Rezone Request No. 4196 from OIP to B-1. Commissioner Hale seconded the motion. Commissioners Norris and Luke voted no. Commissioners Horton and Hale voted yes. Chairman Davis voted no. The motion failed.

Commissioner Luke made a motion to approve Rezone Request No. 4196 from OIP to B-1, with conditions. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. Commissioners Horton and Hale voted no. Commissioners Luke and

Norris voted yes. Chairman Davis voted yes. The motion passed to approve Rezone Request No. 4196 by Mars Hill Investment Group, ± 1.643 acres, located on Cliff Dawson Road and Mars Hill Road, from OIP to B-1, with conditions, for an office-business building. **See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 15.**

Rezone Request #4197 – Mars Hill Investment Group: The Board held a public hearing on Rezone Request No. 4197 by Mars Hill Investment Group, ± 1.2746 acres, located on Mars Hill Road, from AR-1 to OIP. On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Norris, the Board voted unanimously to approve Rezone Request No. 4197, with conditions, for an office-institutional-professional building. **See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 15.**

Rezone Request #4199 – Irwin and John: The Board held a public hearing on Rezone Request No. 4199 by Wesley Irwin and JoJo John, ± 2.045 acres, located on U.S. Hwy. 29, from A-1 to B-1.

Commissioner Luke made a motion to approve Rezone Request No. 4199 from A-1 to B-1, with conditions. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. Commissioners Horton and Hale voted no. Commissioners Luke and Norris voted yes. Chairman Davis voted no. The motion failed.

Commissioner Hale made a motion to deny Rezone Request No. 4199 from A-1 to B-1. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. Commissioners Norris and Luke voted no. Commissioners Horton and Hale voted yes. Chairman Davis voted yes. The motion passed to deny Rezone Request No. 4199 by Wesley Irwin and JoJo John, ± 2.045 acres, located on U.S. Hwy. 29, from A-1 to B-1. **See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 15.**

Rezone Request #4211 – Glades Commercial Properties: The Board held a public hearing on Rezone Request No. 4211 by Glades Commercial Properties, LLC, ± 1.457 acres, located on Daniels Bridge Road, from B-1 PUD to OBP. On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board voted unanimously to approve Rezone Request No. 4211, with conditions, to be incorporated into the University Parkway Office & Technology Park. **See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 15.**

Vice-Chairman: On motion by Commissioner Luke and second by Commissioner Hale, the Board voted unanimously to appoint the Vice-Chairman to the Board of Commissioners on an annual rotating basis by Post: Year 2005, Post 2, Commissioner Norris; Year 2006, Post 3, Commissioner Hale; Year 2007, Post 4, Commissioner Horton; and, Year 2008, Post 1, Commissioner Luke

North GA Water Systems – Trust Deed: On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Hale, the Board unanimously approved a Trust Deed between Oconee County and North Georgia Water Systems to assure the continuity of maintenance and operation of the private water system at Bridlegate Subdivision.

2005 Commission Meeting Schedule: On motion by Commissioner Luke and second by Commissioner Hale, the Board unanimously approved the 2005 Commission Meeting Schedule.

Senior Center Floor Plan: On motion by Commissioner Horton and second by Commissioner Norris, the Board unanimously approved the 11,981 sq. ft. floor plan for the proposed Senior Center building. This is the last “Special Condition” that must be met before the Department of Community Affairs can issue a release of funds for construction of the CDBG project.

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

County Clerk

Chairman

Date