

The Agenda Setting Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, November 29, 2005, 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 Attorney Daniel Haygood
County Clerk Gina M. Lindsey

Jeff Benko, Finance Director
Matt Forshee, Planning Director
Chris Thomas, Asst. Utility Director
Wayne Provost, Strategic Plan Director

Media Present:

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

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

Street Light Tax District – Lakewood Manor: On motion by Commissioner Hale and second by Commissioner Luke, the Board unanimously approved the creation of Street Light Tax District No. C-2AF-L1 for Lakewood Manor Subdivision. ***See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 16.***

Special Tax District – Birchmore Hills: On motion by Commissioner Norris and second by Commissioner Horton, the Board unanimously approved the creation of Special Tax District No. B-04C-W1 for Birchmore Hills Subdivision and Tax Parcel No. B-04-30B for the installation of a county water supply and distribution system. ***See Documentation in Ordinances and Resolutions Book No. 16.***

Ordinance Violation Citations Resolution: The Board reviewed a resolution authorizing certain county personnel to issue citations for county ordinance violations. By consensus, this item will be placed on the consent agenda for December 6, 2005.

Workers Compensation Resolution: The Board reviewed a resolution authorizing county volunteers and elected officials to be covered by workers' compensation. By consensus, this item will be placed on the consent agenda for December 6, 2005.

Deferred Compensation Plan Amendment: The Board reviewed an amendment to the ACCG 457 Deferred Compensation Plan to reflect recent changes in IRS requirements. By consensus, this item will be placed on the consent agenda for December 6, 2005.

New Jail Construction: Keith Leach of Peter Brown Construction and Project Manager Wayne Wilbanks reported the subcontractor pricing bids received on November 17, 2005 for the new jail construction were unsatisfactory due to modest participation. By consensus, the Board agreed that Peter Brown Construction resolicit the bids to be received in January 2006.

Jennings Mill Parkway Extension Project – ROW Contract: The Board reviewed the County-GA DOT Contract for acquisition of right-of-way for the Jennings Mill Parkway Extension project. By consensus, this item will be placed on the consent agenda for December 6, 2005.

ROW Abandonment – Treadwell Bridge Road: The Board reviewed a request to abandon county road right-of-way on Treadwell Bridge Road within the Apalachee Run Subdivision. County Attorney Daniel Haygood explained the process for abandoning county road right-of-way and stated the Board must first declare that the right-of-way on Treadwell Bridge Road serves no substantial public purpose. By consensus, this item will be placed on the consent agenda for December 6, 2005.

December 6, 2005 Agenda: The agenda for the December 6, 2005 meeting was read by the County Clerk.

Statements and Remarks from Citizens: Russ Page gave a presentation and submitted a proposal for a River Walk along the Apalachee River. Mr. Page stated the Georgia Land Conservation Program has funds set aside for such projects. Kate McDaniel expressed her endorsement for the proposal, but recommended keeping the River Walk in a natural state.

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

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

On motion by Commissioner Luke and second by Commissioner Norris, 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