

**Board of Commissioners Agenda Meeting
Courthouse Commission Chambers
March 30, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Minutes**

Members Present:

Chairman John Daniell
Commissioner Mark Thomas
Commissioner Chuck Horton
Commissioner Amrey Harden
Commissioner Mark Saxon

Staff Present:

Daniel Haygood, County Attorney
Justin Kirouac, County Administrator
Kathy Hayes, County Clerk
Diane Baggett, Communications Manager
Alex Newell, Internal Services Director
Wes Geddings, Finance Director
Jody Woodall, Public Works Director

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Chairman John Daniell called the meeting to order and stated that participants using Zoom may comment by using the raised-hand feature.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Commissioner Mark Thomas led the Pledge after a moment of silence.

Approval of Agenda:

ACTION:

Motion:	Chuck Horton motioned to approve the March 30, 2021 Agenda.
Second:	Mark Saxon
Voted in Favor of Motion:	Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion:	None.
Final Action:	Motion Passed.

Statements and Remarks from Citizens:

None.

Statements and Remarks from Commissioners:

Chairman Daniell shared there are openings for the following Boards/Committees: Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases Planning Board, Region 2, one appointment; Animal Services Board, three appointments; Keep Oconee County Beautiful Commission, four appointments; Family and Children Services, one appointment; Tourism and Visitors Bureau, four appointments.

Chairman Daniell stated that new flood hazard maps for Oconee County have been revised and are ready for review. For more information regarding the maps and virtual and in-person meetings, there is a link provided on the County's website.

Economic Development Strategy Update:

Presented by:	Courtney Bernardi, President, Oconee County Chamber of Commerce, and Chair of the Economic Development Task Force
Discussion:	Mr. Bernardi presented a review of the Economic Development Strategy during 2020, including the challenges of the Covid Pandemic, and presented to the Board the Economic Development Strategy for 2021. On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agent at the April 6, 2021 Regular Meeting.

TMFT Lot Investments, LLC (Grantor) to Oconee County (Grantee) – Right-of-Way Deed for Autumn Glen, Phase 2:

Presented by:	Daniel Haygood, County Attorney
Discussion:	Grantor requests that the County accept the following rights-of-way in the Autumn Glen Subdivision, Phase 2: Ironwood Drive, Tea Olive Way, Linden Tree Trail and Shagbark Way on a plat dated June 9, 2020 prepared by Northeast Land Surveying, LLC. On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agent at the April 6, 2021 Regular Meeting.

*The Public Comment Period was opened and there was no Public Comment.
Chairman Daniell asked if there were “raised hands” via Zoom and there were none.*

Westminster Presbyterian Homes (Grantor) to Oconee County (Grantee) – Sanitary Sewer Easement

Presented by: Daniel Haygood, County Attorney
Discussion: Grantor requests that Oconee County accept “easement #2” on the Sanitary Sewer Easement for Westminster Presbyterian Homes, Inc., dated March 2, 2021, prepared by W&A Engineering and attached to the easement as Exhibit A. On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agent at the April 6, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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Interdepartmental Transfer of Public Works’ Tractor to Water Resources:

Presented by: Justin Kirouac, County Administrator
Discussion: It is recommended that the Board authorize a transfer of \$25,500 from the Enterprise Fund to the General Fund in exchange for the Public Works’ Grass Tractor. It is also recommended that the Board allocate \$25,500 into the appropriate line item within the Public Works’ budget to complete additional road striping. The requested Board action is to include an asset transfer, fund transfer and fund appropriation ready for expenditure. On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agent at the April 6, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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Bid Award – Epps Bridge Parkway Improvement Project:

Presented by: Jody Woodall, Public Works Director
Discussion: Bids have been received for the Epps Bridge Parkway Improvement Project for an area that has been consistently problematic at the intersection of State Route Ten with cars exiting onto Epps Bridge Parkway. Three bids were received with the lowest responsible/responsive bidder being Pittman Construction with a bid of \$382,335.70. It is requested that the Board award the bid to Pittman Construction and authorize a budget transfer from Fund Balance to fund the project. On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for the April 6, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) 2021 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant Safety Action Plan:

Presented by: Jody Woodall, Public Works Director
Discussion: Roads have been identified through GDOT’s Traffic Management Center for safety improvements (striping, raised pavement markers, signage, etc.). Public Works recommends approving GDOT will provide \$115,000.00 for Oconee County to use for roads identified by GDOT’s Traffic Management Center and will require a 30% match (\$50,422.00). Striping and raised pavement markers are scheduled for the following roads:

- Oconee Connector from SR 316 to Epps Bridge Parkway (2.08 miles)
- Mars Hill Road from US 78 to the Oconee Connector (3.01 miles)
- Virgil Langford Road from the Oconee Connector to SR 316 (0.38 mile)
- Barnett Shoals Road from SR 15 to the Clarks County Line (5.91 miles)
- New High Shoals Road from US 441/SR 24 to SR 186 (5.13 miles)
- White Oak Drive from US 441 to the Clarke County Line (0.25 mile)
- Hodges Mill Road from SR 53 to Mars Hill Road (3.54 miles)

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for the April 6, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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FY22 Budget Submittal Plan Amendment:

Presented by: Wes Geddings, Finance Director
Discussion: The FY22 Budget Submittal Plan was approved by the Board on January 26, 2021, and included the date of May 18, 2021 for the 1st Public Hearing. Since the Board of Commissioners meets on May 25, 2021 for its Agenda Setting Meeting, it was requested that the 1st Public Hearing for the Budget be held on May 25, 2021 prior to the Board’s Agenda Setting meeting. On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for the April 6, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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Executive Session:

Motion: Mark Saxon motioned to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel, land acquisition and potential litigation.
Second: Chuck Horton
Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion: None.
Action/Motion: **Motion Passed.**
Adjourn into Executive Session: 6:32 p.m.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Executive Session Adjourned: 7:59 p.m.

Regular Session:

Motion: Mark Saxon motioned to adjourn back into Regular Session.
Second: Amrey Harden
Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion: None.
Action/Motion: **Motion Passed.**
Adjourned into Regular Session: 8:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion: Mark Saxon motioned to adjourn the meeting.
Second: Chuck Horton
Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion: None.
Action/Motion: **Motion Passed.**
Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

Chairman John Daniell

Kathy Hayes, County Clerk

Date