Board of Commissioners Agenda Meeting
Courthouse Commission Chambers
April 6, 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
Kathy Hayes, County Clerk
Wes Geddings, Finance Director
Diane Baggett, Communications Manager (via Zoom)
Alex Newell, Internal Services Director
Guy Herring, Planning & Code Enforcement Director
Grace Tuschak, Senior Planner
Bobby Chestnut, Finance

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 Chuck Horton led the Pledge after a moment of silence.

Approval of Agenda:
ACTION:

Motion:	Chuck Horton motioned to approve the March 2, 2021 Agenda.
Second:	Mark Thomas
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:
Ms. Helen Haynes – 1170 Chaddwyck Drive – spoke against the decisions by the Board at the March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting regarding The Stone Store and Oconee Mercantile rezone/variance.

Statements and Remarks from Commissioners:
Chairman Daniell stated April 4-10 is National Library Week. A mass COVID Vaccine Clinic will be held at the Civic Center on April 17. Citizens may visit the County's website for a link to register.

Approval of Minutes:
Commissioner Chuck Horton requested that the March 2 Regular Meeting Minutes be amended to show that he did not take part in the vote regarding Special Exception Variance No. P21-0006.

ACTION:

Motion:	Mark Saxon motioned to approve the minutes of the March 2 Regular Meeting, March 24 Town Hall Meeting and March 30 Agenda Setting Meeting with an amendment to the March 2 minutes.
Second:	Chuck Horton
Voted in Favor of Motion:	Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion:	None.
Final Action:	**Motion Passed**.

Rezone No. P21-0007:

Owner:	Diane Holley Downs
Applicant:	Carter Engineering Consultants
Location:	1521 Cole Springs Road
Acreage:	7.22
Zoning Request:	AG (Agricultural District) to AR (Agricultural Residential District)

Presented by:	Guy Herring, Planning & Code Enforcement Director
Discussion:	Mr. Herring briefed the Board regarding the request for the property, which is currently zoned AG (Agricultural District), Country Estates. Applicant requests a rezone to AR (Agricultural Residential District) to subdivide the parcel into two lots and bring the property into compliance with UDC Section 106.06.a. Staff recommends approval with one condition. The Planning Commission recommended approval subject to the Staff's condition.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Trey Downs spoke in favor of the request.

There were no further comments in favor of the request and no comments against the request.
Chairman Daniell asked if there were "raised hands" via Zoom and there were none.
The Public Hearing was closed.

ACTION:

Motion:	Chuck Horton motioned to approve Rezone No. P21-0007, Diane Holley Downs (Owner), Carter Engineering (Applicant), 1521 Cole Springs Road, AG to AR, 7.22 acres, with one condition.
Second:	Mark Saxon

Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion: None.
Final Action: **Motion Passed to approve Rezone No. P21-0007 with one condition**.
(See documentation in Ordinance and Resolutions Book No. 22.)

Variance No. P21-0027:

Owner/Applicant:	Kyle Beaghan, III, and Laura Beaghan
Location:	4169 Whitlow Ridge Drive
Acreage:	0.70
Zoning:	AR (Agricultural Residential)
Request:	Reduce side setback of property for an accessory building for a proposed detached garage.

Presented by: Guy Herring, Planning & Code Enforcement Director
Discussion: Mr. Herring briefed the Board regarding the request for the property, which is currently AR (Agricultural Residential), Country Estates Character Area. Owner/Applicant requests a variance to reduce the side setback from 15 to eight feet for an accessory building greater than 144 square feet in size. Staff recommends conditional approval with one condition.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Kyle Beaghan spoke in favor of the request.

There were no further comments in favor of the request and no comments against the request. Chairman Daniell asked if there were "raised hands" via Zoom and there were none.
The Public Hearing was closed.

ACTION:
Motion: Mark Saxon motioned to approve Variance No. P21-0027, Kyle Beaghan, III, and Laura Beaghan (Owner/Applicant), 4169 Whitlow Ridge Drive, 0.70 Acre, to reduce the side setback from 15 feet to eight feet to allow for an accessory building of less than 144 square feet in size with one condition.
Second: Chuck Horton
Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Mark Saxon Amrey Harden, Chuck Horton
Voted Against Motion: none
Final Action: **Motion Passed to approve Variance No. P21-0027 with one condition.**
(See documentation in Ordinance and Resolutions Book No. 22.)

Planning Commission – Appointment:
ACTION:
Motion: Mark Thomas motioned to appoint Courtney M. (Matt) Elder for an unexpired term to begin immediately and expire September 30,2023.
Second: Chuck Horton
Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion: None.
Final Action: **Motion Passed**.

Settlement Agreement - Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Developers Surety and Indemnity Company and Liberty Mutual Insurance Company:
Presented by: Daniel Haygood, County Attorney
Discussion: Mr. Haygood requested that Chairman Daniell execute the settlement agreement, which will allow Attorney Henry Parkman to pursue settlement for infrastructure bonds on the Westland subdivision property. The Maintenance Bonds will be renewed.

ACTION:
Motion: Mark Saxon motioned to approve the Settlement Agreement between Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Developers Surety and Indemnity Company and Liberty Mutual Insurance Company as presented by County Attorney Daniel Haygood.
Second: Chuck Horton
Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion: None.
Final Action: **Motion Passed**.

Budget Amendment – Coroner's Office and Parks & Recreation Department:
Presented by: Wes Geddings, Finance Director
Discussion: *Coroner's Office* – FY21 Professional Services were budgeted at $13,220.00. Additional funding of $5,000.00 is needed to complete the FY21 Budget Year.
Parks & Recreation – The Clarke-Oconee Tennis Association contributed $1,057.70 for the purchase of a picnic table in memory of Cyndie McKee, which will require a budget amendment for the purchase of the table.
ACTION:
Motion: Chuck Horton
Second: Mark Thomas
Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion: None.
Final Action: **Motion Passed**.

Consent Agenda:
There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

1) Approve acceptance of Right-of-Way deed from TMFT Lot Investments, LLC to Oconee County for Autumn Glen, Phase 2, as shown on a plat dated June 9, 2020 prepared by Northeast Land Surveying, LLC.

2) Approve acceptance of Sanitary Sewer Easement and Assignment of Easement as shown on the Sanitary Sewer Easement as "Easement #2" for Westminster Presbyterian Homes dated March 2, 2021 and prepared by W&A Engineering and attached to the easement as Exhibit A.

3) Authorize transfer of $25,500.00 from the Water Resources Enterprise Fund to the General Fund in exchange for the Public Works' Grass Tractor. Public Works will receive an allocation of $25,500.00 into the appropriate line item to complete its Striping Project. FY21 Budget Amendments are authorized for the applicable revenue and expenditure accounts required to transact the exchange.

4) Approve Bid Award for the Epps Bridge Parkway Improvement Project to Pitman Construction in an amount not to exceed $382,335.70. The FY21 Budget is amended to allow for the usage of Fund Balance.

5) Approve the Georgia Department of Transportation 2021 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant Safety Action Plan with funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation in the amount of $115,000.00 and a 30% match from Oconee County in the amount of $50,422.00 from the General Fund.

6) Approve amendment to the FY22 Budget Submittal Plan to change the first Public Hearing originally approved for May 18, 2021 to May 25, 2021 prior to the Board's Agenda Setting Meeting.

7) Approve the 2021 Oconee County Economic Development Strategy as presented at the Board's Agenda Setting Meeting on March 30, 2021, by Courtney Bernardi, President, Oconee County Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Economic Development Task Force.

ACTION:

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

Executive Session:
There was no Executive Session.

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:	6:20 p.m.

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Chairman John Daniell Kathy Hayes, County Clerk Date