

**Oconee County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Commission Chambers
July 6, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Minutes**

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Justin Kirouac, County Administrator
Daniel Haygood, County Attorney
Holly Stephenson, County Clerk
Wes Geddings, Finance Director
Alex Newell, Internal Services Director
Guy Herring, Planning & Code Enforcement Director
Grace Tuschak, Senior Planner
Tracye Bailey, Deputy Clerk

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. He asked that all remember the Sheila Hicks family, a county employee who passed away this week.

Pledge of Allegiance:

County Clerk Holly Stephenson led the Pledge after a moment of silence.

Approval of Agenda:

ACTION:

Motion:	Chuck Horton motioned to approve the July 6, 2021 Agenda.
Second:	Mark Thomas
Voted in Favor of Motion:	Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden
Voted Against Motion:	None
Final Action:	Motion Passed.

Statements and Remarks from Citizens:

Tom Schmaltz, 1160 Millstone Run, stated concern over being quoted \$10 for mattress and other trash disposal at the Solid Waste Facility in Farmington, then a few weeks later the price had increased to \$25. His concern is the high percentage of increase and no advertisement of the price increase. Chairman Daniell stated that during the budget adoption process the proposed fees were posted and several hearings held.

Chairman Daniell asked if there were “raised hands” via Zoom and there were none.

Statements and Remarks from Commissioners:

Chairman Daniell announced the Senior Center Expansion Groundbreaking Ceremony on Tuesday, July 27th at 10am. Also, the Planning Commission and the Recreational Advisory Committee are accepting applications for the term of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023. Deadline for applications will be Tuesday, August 10th at noon.

Approval of Minutes:**Minutes of June 1, 2021 and June 16, 2021:**

Motion: Chuck Horton motioned to approve the minutes of the June 1 Regular Meeting and June 16 Town Hall Meeting.
Second: Mark Thomas
Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden
Voted Against Motion: None
Final Action: **Motion Passed.**

Minutes of June 29, 2021:

Motion: Mark Thomas motioned to approve the minutes of the June 29 Agenda Meeting.
Second: Amrey Harden
Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden
Voted Against Motion: None
Final Action: **Motion Passed.**

Special Use Approval No. P21-0075:

Owner:	Kirk and Miriam Shook
Applicant:	Miriam Shook
Location:	1210 Fernwood Drive
Acreage:	±0.70
Zoning:	R-1 (Single-Family District)
Request:	Special Use Approval for a bakery home business.

Presented by: Guy Herring, Planning & Code Enforcement Director

Discussion: Mr. Herring briefed the Board regarding the request for the property, which is currently zoned R-1, Suburban Neighborhood Character Area. Owner/Applicant requests a special use approval for a bakery home business. No changes to the property itself. Staff and Planning Commission recommend approval with one condition.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Miriam Shook, Fernwood Drive, plans to apply with the Georgia Department of Agriculture for a cottage license and expand her baking capabilities. There will be no changes to her property nor any additions to her kitchen.

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 Special Use No. P21-0075, Kirk and Miriam Shook (Owners), Miriam Shook (Applicant), 1210 Fernwood Drive, 0.70 Acres, to allow for a bakery home business with one condition.
Second: Mark Thomas
Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden
Voted Against Motion: None
Final Action: **Motion Passed to approve Special Use No. P21-0075 with one condition.**
(See documentation in Ordinance and Resolutions Book No. 22.)

Variance No. P21-0089:

Owner/Applicant:	Marian Villanueva and Marco A. Charles
Location:	1171 Hollow Creek Lane
Acreage:	±1.17
Zoning:	AR (Agricultural Residential)
Request:	Reduce rear setback for an accessory building greater than 144 square feet.

Presented by: Guy Herring, Planning & Code Enforcement Director

Discussion: Mr. Herring briefed the Board regarding the request for the property, which is currently zoned AR (Agricultural Residential). Owner/Applicant requests a Variance from UDC Sec. 410.01.c(2) and UDC Table 4.1 to reduce the setback from 15 feet to 7 feet for an existing attached garage which has been permitted by the county in 2015. Staff recommends approval with two conditions, side set back reduced to 7 feet only for area of encroachment and additional fencing of 6 feet for additional screening at the rear of the attached garage.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Marian Villanueva, 1171 Hollow Creek Lane, requests the variance for their garage for their vehicles and their son's workout equipment.

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 Variance No. P21-0089, Mariam Villanueva and Marco A. Charles (Owner/Applicant), 1171 Hollow Creek Lane, 1.17 Acre, to reduce the side setback for an accessory building greater than 144 square feet from 15 feet to 7 feet with two conditions.

Second: Mark Thomas

Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden

Voted Against Motion: None

Final Action: **Motion Passed to approve Variance P21-0089 with two conditions.**

(See documentation in Ordinance and Resolutions Book No. 22.)

Consent Agenda:

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

ACTION

Motion: Mark Thomas motioned to approve all items as presented on the Consent Agenda.

Second: Chuck Horton

Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden

Voted Against Motion: None

Final Action: **Motion Passed.**

- 1) Approval of FY21 Merit Adjustment declaring a one-time \$40,000 funding for merit increases plus taxes and benefits, and authorizing the required budget amendments and transfers out of FY21 General Fund.

- 2) Approval to enter into an Agreement for Court Collection Services between i3 Verticals and Oconee County Probate Court.
- 3) Approve the FY22 Family Connection Contract for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- 4) Approve the FY22 Public Defender Indigent Defense Services Agreement for period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.
- 5) Approve the annual renewal of the Georgia Department of Transportation Local Administered Project (LAP) Certification and Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement.
- 6) Approve the annual renewal of the FY22 Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) Interlocal Risk Management Agency (IRMA) Property and Liability Insurance Renewal.
- 7) Approve the Alcohol License Application for The Cracker Barrel, 1913 Epps Bridge Parkway, Athens, with James Barber as the Registered Agent.
- 8) Approval for the County Attorney to vote in favor of the proposed Purdue Pharma L.P. bankruptcy plan.

Executive Session:

There was no Executive Session.

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion:	Mark Thomas motioned to adjourn the meeting.
Second:	Amrey Harden
Voted in Favor of Motion:	Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden
Voted Against Motion:	None
Action/Motion:	Motion Passed.
Meeting Adjourned:	6:23 p.m.

Chairman John Daniell

Holly Stephenson, County Clerk

Date