

**Board of Commissioners Agenda Meeting
Courthouse Commission Chambers
August 31, 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
Holly Stephenson, County Clerk
Wes Geddings, Finance Director
Tim Durham, Waters Resources Director
Diane Baggett, Communications Manager
Alex Newell, Internal Services 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:

County Administrator Chuck Horton led the Pledge after a moment of silence.

Approval of Agenda:

ACTION:

Motion:	Mark Thomas motioned to approve the August 31, 2021 Agenda.
Second:	Chuck Horton
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 reminded citizens that Simonton Bridge Road work is underway with the road being detoured through September 2, 2021.

A specialized survey for the condition of county roadways began this week also.

The next Town Hall Meeting will be September 14th at the Oconee County Civic Center at 6pm. The Town Hall Meetings provide an opportunity to speak with Commissioners either virtually or in person. There will be a special focus on TSPLOST at this meeting.

Rezone #P21-0136 – 1370 Ridgeway Road, Bogart, GA 30622 Withdrawal Request:

Presented by: John Daniell, Chairman

Discussion: Withdrawal request presented by Bret Thurmond of Armentrout Matheny Thurmond, P.C. for owner Kyle Scott for 1370 Ridgeway Road in Bogart.

ACTION:

Motion: Chuck Horton motioned to approve withdrawal of Rezone Request #P21-0136, 1370 Ridgeway Road, Bogart, GA 30622.
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 withdrawal of Rezone Request #P21-0136.**

FY21 Mid-Year Budget Amendments:

Presented by: Wes Geddings, Finance Director
Discussion: Wes Geddings, Finance Director, requests authorization of Budget Amendments based on FY21 approved projects that crossed fiscal years, and now require funding in the current FY22 budget for completion. The remaining funds for these projects not completed in FY21 were placed in fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. The money now needs to be moved back out of fund balance into the FY22 budget to finish funding the projects longer timelines that cross over fiscal years.
These previously approved projects include:
Two Roundabouts that are under construction;
Mars Hill Widening project;
Epps Bridge and SR10 Lane Improvements;
Safety Grant Improvements with Mid State Striping;
Macon Highway Landfill Site Improvements;
Historic Property Improvements of the Eagle Tavern and Central School House;
Design Services for the Administrative Building;
Water Resources Calls Creek Upgrades;
Public Safety EMA Generator through a grant;
Senior Center Improvements through a grant;
and the Coroner's Accreditation through a grant.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agent at the September 7, 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.*

Pre-Construction Services for Calls Creek WWTP Upgrade to 3.0 MGD:

Presented by: Tim Durham, Water Resources Director
Discussion: Request to enter into a pre-construction services contract for \$110,638 with Crowder Construction for constructability consulting and value engineering of the design through the 60% design document process. The benefit allows the county to have contractor perspective early in the process to provide cost estimates, constructability reviews, life cycle cost analysis and value engineering which will identify opportunities for savings and help reduce overall costs.

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Purchase Card Program Implementation Discussion:

Presented by: Wes Geddings, Finance Director

Discussion: Request to approve the implementation of a Purchasing Card Program for Oconee County to streamline accounts payable and administrative processes. The County would enter into resolution with Bank of America, the State contract holder, where there would be rewards and other benefits but no annual fees. The recommendation is to authorize the Chairman to execute all necessary applications and resolutions to proceed with a P-Card Policy and to amend the County's Fiscal Policy to include the Purchasing Card Program. Commissioner Harden asked questions about approvals, limits and who would be issued these cards.

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Discussion of Disposal of Real Property:

Presented by: John Daniell, Chairman

Discussion: The Ward Building and Elections Office will be available for re-assignment after the Administrative Building is completed.

Daniel Haygood gave information on the two options to dispose of real property. The Board could authorize that an ad be run and sealed bids with stipulations be accepted, or auction the property on the Courthouse steps. County attorney recommends sealed bids where a minimum can be set and there is no obligation to accept any offer.

Commissioner Harden asked questions about covenants and zoning.

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Summerfield Construction, LLC (Grantor) to Oconee County (Grantee) – Right-of-Way Deed for Summerfield Subdivision:

Presented by: Daniel Haygood, County Attorney

Discussion: Grantor requests that the County accept the following rights-of-way in the Summerfield Subdivision on a plat dated August 17, 2021 prepared by Summerfield Construction, LLC.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agent at the September 7, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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Executive Session:

Motion: Chuck Horton motioned to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Second: Amrey Harden

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: 6:20 p.m.

No action was taken in Executive Session.
Executive Session Adjourned: 6:47 p.m.

Regular Session:

Motion: Chuck Horton motioned to adjourn back into Regular Session.
Second: Mark Thomas
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: 6:48 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: 6:49 p.m.



John Daniell, Chairman

9-7-21
Date



Holly Stephenson, County Clerk

9-7-21
Date