Board of Commissioners Agenda Meeting
Courthouse Commission Chambers
November 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
Holly Stephenson, County Clerk
Wes Geddings, Finance Director
Jody Woodall, Public Works Director
Cindy Pritchard, KOCBC Director
Alex Newell, Internal Services Director
Diane Baggett, Communications Manager
Tracye Bailey, Deputy Clerk
Crystal Berisko, Animal Services Manager

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:	Mark Thomas made a motion to approve the November 30, 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 a broadband interest sign-up sheet is currently available on the website. Citizens who are interested should enter their information to have their address verified for possible inclusion with Charter project.

Animal Services Citizen Advisory Board By-Laws Revisions:
Presented by: Crystal Berisko, Animal Services Manager

Discussion: Crystal Berisko, Animal Services Manager, requests consideration of proposed revisions to the Animal Services Citizen Advisory Board By-Laws. These revisions include making all previous By-Laws null and void and clearly defining terms, roles and meeting schedules on one document.
Commissioner Harden questioned how terms would be affected.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agent at the December 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.

Discussion of the Board of Commissioner's Meeting Schedule for 2022:

Presented by: John Daniell, Chairman

Discussion: Chairman Daniell requests approval of the proposed 2022 meeting schedule to include Town Hall Meetings.
Commissioner Horton questioned the July 5th meeting due to the July 4th holiday and recommended changing it to the following week. The proposed schedule will be amended to list July 12, 2022 in place of July 5, 2022.

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

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Discussion of the Board of Commissioner's Vice-Chairman Schedule for 2022-2025:

Presented by: John Daniell, Chairman

Discussion: Chairman Daniell requests approval of the proposed Vice-Chairman schedule for 2022-2025.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agent at the December 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.

Presentation on Pay as You Throw Bag Program Changes:

Presented by: Jody Woodall, Public Works Director

Discussion: Jody Woodall, Public Works Director, presented proposed changes to the Pay as You Throw Bag Program which allows residents to buy special bags at the collection sites which help offset the cost of solid waste collection. Supply issues have caused a shortage of bags for the county. Request is to amend the fee schedule to include $2.50 for medium size bags (33 gallons) that are now available. Once the small bags sell out, these will be the only size bag offered.
Commissioner Saxon questioned the logo cost on the bags and number of stores selling the bags. New bags will be stamped with "Official Bag" which will help with production and cost.
Commissioner Harden questioned the effect on the budget with this change and was answered that the budget impacts would be negligible.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agent at the December 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.

Discuss 2022 Resurfacing and LMIG Application:

Presented by: Jody Woodall, Public Works Director

Discussion: Jody Woodall, Public Works Director, requests approval of the annual LMIG grant through GDOT to provids funding for the FY22 resurfacing program, authorizing the FY22 LMIG submittal to GDOT, and authorizing the Chairman to sign necessary documents. The grant does require a 30% match of resurfacing funds received. Planned projects include shoulder widening for Rocky Branch Road, Simonton Bridge Road and Joie Drive. The funding is $1.6 million annually from SPLOST, $665,800 from LMIG, and $244,793 from capital funding in the FY22 budget.

Commissioner Horton questioned the mileage of paving change since TSPLOST did not past. Justin Kirouac, County Administrator, responded that paving would have been 18 to 20 miles with TSPLOST funds.

Commissioner Thomas questioned LMIG match which is a flat rate each year and shoulder widening on Simonton Bridge.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agent at the December 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.

Discuss Amendments to the Solid Waste Management Ordinance and Sanitation Operational Change:

Presented by: Jody Woodall, Public Works Director

Discussion: Jody Woodall, Public Works Director, requests approval of the Solid Waste Management Ordinance amendments to clarify that Oconee County residents are the only ones able to utilize facilities by address verification. It will prohibit commercial vehicles from using the sanitation facilities. They will no longer accept propane tanks and electronics which were pass-through items. They will be referred to the CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials) facility in Athens.

Commissioner Harden questioned the accessibility of nearby landfills and the date of implementation of changes, which will be January 1, 2022 to allow time to advertise changes. Cindy Pritchard, KOCBC Director, clarified EPD funded days for recycling of specific items. Commissioner Saxon questioned how county citizen verification would be completed. Verification by license, tag or issuing stickers for frequent users are being considered.

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

The Public Comment Period was opened and there was no Public Comment.
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Alcohol License Renewal Applications for 2022:

Presented by: Holly Stephenson, County Clerk

Discussion: Alcohol License Renewals received for 2022 include seventeen for grocery and convenience stores; twenty renewals for restaurants; and two renewals for wholesale sales for a total of 39 renewals. Applications for all are complete, RASS training is up to date, and fees have been submitted. Request for approval to issue 2022 Alcohol Licenses to these businesses.

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

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Executive Session:

Motion:	Mark Saxon made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel 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:	6:33 p.m.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Executive Session Adjourned: 7:08 p.m.

Regular Session:

Motion:	Mark Thomas made a motion to adjourn back into Regular Session.
Second:	Mark Saxon
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:	7:09 p.m.

Opioid Litigation:

Presented by: Daniel Haygood, County Attorney

Discussion: Daniel Haygood, County Attorney, presented a proposed settlement on two portions of the opioid litigation. This will be the first of many settlement agreements in this matter and is based on the number of parties who agree to the settlement. The recommendation is to approve the resolution agreeing to be bound by the Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Georgia and certain local government entities involved concerning the National Distributor and J&J Settlement and directing the execution of documents by the Chairman.

ACTION:

Motion:	Mark Saxon made a motion to approve the resolution and execute the documents.
Second:	Chuck Horton
Voted in Favor of Motion:	Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion:	None
Final Action:	**Motion Passed.**

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion:	Mark Saxon made a motion 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:	7:12 p.m.

John Daniell 12-7-21 Holly Stephenson 12-7-21

John Daniell, Chairman — Date — Holly Stephenson, County Clerk — Date