

**Board of Commissioners Agenda Meeting
Courthouse Commission Chambers
February 28, 2023 – 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
Alex Newell, Internal Services Director
Holly Stephenson, County Clerk
Diane Baggett, Communications Manager
Melissa Braswell, Finance Director
Jody Woodall, Public Works Director

Call to Order:

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 Justin Kirouac led the Pledge after a moment of silence.

Approval of Agenda:

ACTION:

Motion:	Chuck Horton made a motion to approve the February 28, 2023 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:

Mark Campbell, 2551 Oliver Bridge Road, speaking on behalf of the Oconee County Library Board of Trustees and the Athens Regional Library System, thanked the Commissioners for their continued support of the library.

Statements and Remarks from Commissioners:

Chairman Daniell announced the first Town Hall Meeting of the year will be Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at the Civic Center with a focus on the master plans for Parks and Recreation.

Discuss OVP Gym HVAC – Operations SPLOST Project Change Order:

Presented by:	Justin Kirouac, County Administrator
Discussion:	The recently approved contract for the OVP Gym HVAC system replacement did not include replacement of the two outside supply ducts which are fifteen years old. The recommendation is to approve a change order of \$23,924 for replacing these supply ducts, along with a budget amendment for the life of the project up to the total contract amount.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the March 7, 2023 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 Malcom Bridge Road Improvements:

Presented by: Jody Woodall, Public Works Director

Discussion: Public Works solicited bids for the Malcom Bridge Road Median U-turn project. Five bidders attended the pre-bid meeting, but only one bid was submitted. The recommendation is to award the project to Peach State Construction, the lowest bidder, for \$1,253,472 and authorize the Chairman to sign the necessary documents. The request also includes approving all future budget amendments up to the contract amount for the life of the project.

Chairman Daniell commented on the summer timeline of the project based on the schools, safety aspects and construction in the area.

Commissioner Thomas questioned the scope of the work and why only one bid was submitted. He commented on the high cost of the project based on the scope of work.

Mr. Woodall responded how the recent rain and the tight summer timeline for this project affected those available to give bids. The concrete work and piping were discussed.

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Discuss 4-H Memorandum of Understanding:

Presented by: John Daniell, Chairman

Discussion: Chairman Daniell explained that each year a Memorandum with 4-H is discussed where Oconee County has funded one position and supplemented others. The 4-H staff would like for UGA to fund all positions which enables education through UGA. The commitment for the county would be the same, but reallocating allows supplements and a full time Family and Consumer Sciences person. The change would be effective March 1, 2023 and would require a budget amendment.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the March 7, 2023 Regular Meeting.

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Discuss Clarification of Mars Hill Road on No Through Truck Ordinance:

Presented by: John Daniell, Chairman

Discussion: Chairman Daniell explained Mars Hill is split into segments, but each segment was not listed on the list of No Through Truck Roads. The minutes reflected all sections should have been listed. The request is to add the two unlisted segments to the road list so the entire section of Mars Hill Road is listed based on the discussion minutes.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agent at the March 7, 2023 Regular Meeting.

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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:	6:13 p.m.



John Daniell, Chairman

Date



Holly Stephenson, County Clerk

3-7-23

Date