

**Board of Commissioners Agenda Meeting
Courthouse Commission Chambers
March 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
Merry Howard, Senior Center Director
Jody Woodall, Public Works Director
C.J. Worden, EMA 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 Commissioner Mark Thomas led the Pledge after a moment of silence.

Approval of Agenda:

ACTION:

Motion:	Mark Saxon made a motion to approve the March 28, 2023 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 announced the State Route 15 at Summit Grove traffic shift occurred today for construction of the new roundabout so delays are expected.
The Board of Tax Assessors has appointed Wayne Patrick as Chief Appraiser to replace Alan Skinner.
The Comprehensive Plan Update Open House is tomorrow, March 29, from 3-7 pm at OVP for citizens to provide feedback on the plan.

Discuss Tax Commissioner Agreement:

Presented by: John Daniell, Chairman

Discussion: Chairman Daniell announced the Tax Commissioner has agreed to all the conditions the Commission outlined in the final agreement.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the April 4, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Discuss FY23 Aging Services Contract with the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission:

Presented by: Merry Howard, Senior Center Director

Discussion: The SFY2023 American Rescue Plan contract for Oconee County will provide state funding to aid seniors with Home Delivered Meals, Congregate, and Senior Recreation Support Services. The contract period is January 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024. Senior Center Director, Merry Howard, requests approval of the contract.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the April 4, 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 the SR53 at Rays Church/Malcom Bridge Road Right-of-Way Contract:

Presented by: Jody Woodall, Public Works Director

Discussion: Public Works requests approval of the contract with GDOT for right-of-way acquisition for the SR53 at Rays Church Road roundabout project. The non-reimbursable contract details the acquisition process, and the County will be responsible for all administrative costs and real property costs for the acquisition. The request includes authorizing the Chairman to execute the necessary documents.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the April 4, 2023 Regular Meeting.

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Discuss Acceptance of the Sanitary Sewer Easements, Assignment of Easements, and Right-of-Way Deeds to Oconee County:

Presented by: County Attorney Daniel Haygood

Discussion: County Attorney Daniel Haygood presented a standard Right-of-Way Deed for acceptance by the Board.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the April 4, 2023 Regular Meeting.

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Discuss a Change Order for Station 1 Air Truck:

Presented by: Melissa Braswell, Finance Director

Discussion: Finance Director Melissa Braswell requests approval of a change order due to supply chain issues for the Air Truck for Station 1. The total revised contract amount will be \$269,811. The

request includes approval of budget amendments as necessary up to the contract amount for the life of the project.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the April 4, 2023 Regular Meeting.

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Discuss a Budget Amendment to Fund Sheriff's Office Vehicles and Related Equipment:

Presented by: Melissa Braswell, Finance Director

Discussion: The Sheriff's Office has requested to fund FY24 law enforcement vehicles in FY23 due to supply chain issues. The request is for a budget amendment in FY23, for the life of the contract, in the amount of \$415,000 to fund eight vehicles and related equipment.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the April 4, 2023 Regular Meeting.

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Consider a Memorandum of Understanding with SANE:

Presented by: C.J. Worden, EMA Director

Discussion: The request is to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between SANE and Oconee County to establish relationship between all parties to further the efforts of SANE, Oconee County EMA, Oconee County Fire Rescue, and Oconee County Animal Services to provide direct service to those exposed to trauma, to partner and support training and technical assistance efforts, and to assist each other respond to traumas both related, and unrelated to abuse and neglect.

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Executive Session:

Motion: Mark Saxon made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition and personnel and real estate.

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: 6:10 p.m.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Executive Session Adjourned: 6:34 p.m.

Regular Session:

Motion: Mark Saxon made a motion to adjourn back into Regular Session.

Second: Chuck Horton

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

Voted Against Motion: None

Action/Motion:
Adjourned into Regular Session:

Motion Passed.
6:35 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion:
Second:
Voted in Favor of Motion:
Voted Against Motion:
Action/Motion:
Meeting Adjourned:

Mark Saxon made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Mark Thomas
Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
None
Motion Passed.
6:35 p.m.



John Danell, Chairman

4-4-23
Date



Holly Stephenson, County Clerk

4-4-23
Date