

**Board of Commissioners Agenda Meeting
Administrative Building Commission Chambers
February 27, 2024 – 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
Diane Baggett, Communications Officer
Justin Milligan, IT Director
Bruce Thaxton, Fire Chief
Cliff Threadgill, Fire Rescue Admin Coordinator
Jody Woodall, Public Works Director
Tracye Bailey, Deputy County Clerk
Amanda Shelton, Interim Chief Appraiser
Donna Norton, Budget Officer

Call to Order:

Chairman John Daniell called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Commissioner Mark Saxon led the Pledge after a moment of silence.

Approval of Agenda:

ACTION:

Motion:	Mark Saxon made a motion to approve the February 27, 2024 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 encouraged citizens to use the See, Click, Fix application on the website or phones to report problems and keep Oconee County looking great.

Recognition of Oconee County Fire Rescue Explorers:

Presented by:	Bruce Thaxton, Oconee County Fire Rescue Chief
Discussion:	Fire Chief Bruce Thaxton and Captain Braden Newton explained the Fire Explorers, a program that began in 2021 for Oconee County youth ages 14 to 18 to encourage the youth to become volunteer fire fighters for Oconee County in the future. The group recently competed in Explorer Competition in Gatlinburg, Tennessee against 38 teams, with Team 1 placing first place and Team 2 placing third place in advanced trauma management. Captain Newton presented the current Explorers and thanked the advisors of the program that make it possible.

Discuss Update to Broadband Contract with Charter Spectrum:

Presented by: Justin Kirouac, County Administrator

Discussion: Oconee County entered into a grant agreement with Charter Spectrum in 2022 to build out broadband service to the unserved and underserved areas in the county. Over the course of the build, additional addresses have been identified bringing the total to 1,716 addresses for Phase 1 and an additional 211 addresses for Phase 2. The request is for approval of the total subsidy of Phase 1 of \$1,716,000 and Phase 2 of \$527,500 for a total of \$2,243,500. This will be paid from Assigned Fund Balance to include all budget amendments for the life of the project.

Commissioner Harden questioned additional subsidy in the future and whether other providers were also currently expanding in the county.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the March 5, 2024 Regular Meeting.

The Public Comment Period was opened and there was no Public Comment.

Discuss the 2024 Speed Detection Device Permit Updates:

Presented by: Jody Woodall, Public Works Director

Discussion: Public Works Director Jody Woodall requests approval of a correction of one item approved on January 2, 2024. GDOT indicated by phone that a portion of SR 53 would lower to 50 mph, but the Engineering Traffic Investigation recommended 45 mph on SR53 for Dove Creek Elementary and Middle Schools.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the March 5, 2024 Regular Meeting.

The Public Comment Period was opened and there was no Public Comment.

Discuss Additional FY24 Resurfacing:

Presented by: Jody Woodall, Public Works Director

Discussion: Public Works Director Jody Woodall requests approval of additional widening and patching on Colham Ferry Road if funds become available from the approved FY24 Resurfacing Contract and authorizing use of TSPLOST.

Commissioner Harden clarified that if funds did not come available this fiscal year, the Colham Ferry resurfacing project is planned for next fiscal year. He also reminded citizens that TSPLOST makes many of these paving projects possible.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the March 5, 2024 Regular Meeting.

The Public Comment Period was opened and there was no Public Comment.

Discuss Adoption of New Social Media Policy:

Presented by: Diane Baggett, Communications Manager

Discussion: Communications Manager, Diane Baggett, requests approval of the New Social Media Policy to cover internal and external users and is being updated to align with current best practices in the field.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the March 5, 2024 Regular Meeting.

The Public Comment Period was opened and there was no Public Comment.

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.

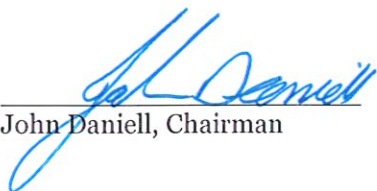
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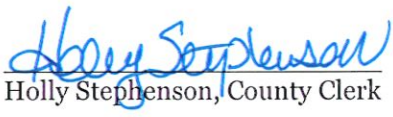
None

Motion Passed.

6:19 p.m.


John Daniell, Chairman

03-05-2024
Date


Holly Stephenson, County Clerk

3-5-24
Date