

**Oconee County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Administrative Building Commission Chambers
March 5, 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 Manager
Guy Herring, Planning and Code Enforcement Director
Kyle Stephens, Planner
Ethan Perry, Planner
Cindy Pritchard, KOCBC Director
Donna Norton, Budget Officer
Tristen Thomas, Management Analyst
Todd Gabriel, OCSO

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Chairman John Daniell called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance:

County Clerk Holly Stephenson led the Pledge after a moment of silence.

Approval of Agenda:

ACTION:

Motion:	Mark Saxon made a motion to approve the March 5, 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 announced the upcoming State of the County meeting on March 13, 2024. More information and registration is through the Chamber of Commerce website.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of February 6, 2024 Regular Meeting, and February 27, 2024 Agenda Meeting:

ACTION:

Motion:	Mark Thomas made a motion to approve the February 6, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes and February 27, 2024 Agenda Meeting minutes.
Second:	Chuck Horton
Voted in Favor of Motion:	Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon

Voted Against Motion: None
Final Action: **Motion Passed.**

Proclamation Recognizing KOCBC Volunteer Gene Stoltz:

Presented by: John Daniell, Chairman
Commissioner Horton presented a proclamation to Gene Stoltz, KOCBC Volunteer, for his numerous hours of litter cleanup and community beautification efforts since retirement in 2021.

Rezone No. P23-0286:

Applicants:	Pittman & Greer Engineering, PC
Owners:	Rancho Tesoros, LLC
Location:	Old Barnett Shoals Rd
Acreage:	±68.34
Zoning:	AR (Agricultural Residential District)
Request:	AG (Agricultural District)

Presented by: Guy Herring, Planning & Code Enforcement Director
Discussion: Mr. Herring briefed the Board regarding the request for the property, which is currently zoned AR (Agricultural Residential District) in the Agricultural Preservation Character Area. The applicants/owners request a rezone to AG (Agricultural District). The Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval of the request with one condition.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Justin Greer, Pittman & Greer Engineering, requests approval for a portion of a 197-lot subdivision previously zone AR to be rezoned AG for five lots for the owner and his family.

*There were no further comments in favor of the request and no comments against the request.
The Public Hearing was closed.*

Commissioner Horton asked Mr. Herring to explain the conditions of the original rezone of the 68 acres. Mr. Herring explained the original conditions would go away. Commissioner Harden asked whether the road will require upgrades which it will not.

ACTION:

Motion: Chuck Horton made a motion to approve Rezone No. P23-0286 for Rancho Tesoros, LLC, AR to AG, ±68.34 acres, Old Barnett Shoals Road, with one condition.
Second: Mark Thomas
Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion: None
Final Action: **Motion Passed to approve Rezone #P23-0286 with one condition.**
(See documentation in Ordinance and Resolutions Book No. 24.)

Variance No. P23-0184:

Applicants:	Lori Kemp
Owners:	Lori Kemp
Location:	1312 Union Church Road
Acreage:	±1.23
Zoning:	AG (Agricultural District)
Request:	Setback variance reduction from 25 feet to 6 feet

Presented by: Guy Herring, Planning & Code Enforcement Director

Discussion: Mr. Herring briefed the Board regarding the request for the property, which is currently zoned AG (Agricultural District) in the Suburban Neighborhood Character Area. The applicants/owners request a special exception variance from UDC Sec. 410.01.c(2) and Table 4.1 to reduce the minimum required rear and side setbacks from 25 feet to 6 feet to construct a 240 square foot storage structure. Staff recommends approval of the request with three conditions.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Lori Kemp, 1312 Union Church Road, owner, was present for questions.

*There were no further comments in favor of the request and no comments against the request.
The Public Hearing was closed.*

ACTION:

Motion: Mark Saxon made a motion to approve Variance No. P23-0184 for Lori Kemp, reduction in the required setback from 25 feet to 6 feet, ±1.23 acres, 1312 Union Church Road, with three conditions.
Second: Amrey Harden
Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion: None
Final Action: **Motion Passed to approve Variance #P23-0184 with three conditions.**
(See documentation in Ordinance and Resolutions Book No. 24.)

Consent Agenda:

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

ACTION

Motion: Chuck Horton made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Second: Mark Thomas
Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion: None
Final Action: **Motion Passed.**

- 1) Approval to Update Broadband Contract with Charter Spectrum.
- 2) Approval of the 2024 Speed Detection Device Permit Updates.
- 3) Approval of Additional FY24 Resurfacing.
- 4) Approval of the Adoption of New Social Media Policy.

Executive Session:

Motion: Mark Saxon made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel.
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: 6:13 p.m.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Executive Session Adjourned: 7:07 p.m.

Regular Session:

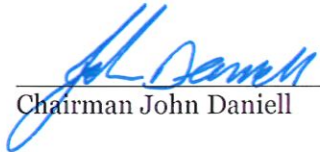
Motion:
Second:
Voted in Favor of Motion:
Voted Against Motion:
Action/Motion:
Adjourned into Regular Session:

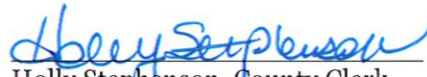
Mark Thomas made a motion to adjourn back into Regular Session.
Chuck Horton
Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
None
Motion Passed.
7:08 p.m.

Adjourned:

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

Mark Saxon made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Amrey Harden
Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
None
Motion Passed.
7:08 p.m.


Chairman John Daniell


Holly Stephenson, County Clerk

4-2-24
Date