

**Oconee County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Administrative Building Commission Chambers
June 4, 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
Melissa Braswell, Finance Director
Kari Giddens, Assistant Finance Director
Donna Norton, Budget Officer
Guy Herring, Planning and Code Enforcement Director
Kyle Stephens, Planner

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

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:	Chuck Horton made a motion to approve the June 4, 2024 Agenda.
Second:	Mark Saxon
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:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of May 7, 2024 Regular Meeting and May 21, 2024 Agenda Meeting:

ACTION:

Motion:	Mark Saxon made a motion to approve the May 7, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes and the May 21, 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.

Rezone No. P24-0056:

Applicants:	Pittman & Greer Engineering, P.C.
Owners:	Richard F. Grayson
Location:	1021 Moreland Way & Veterans Memorial Parkway
Acreage:	±3.38
Zoning:	M-H (Mobile Home District) and AR (Agricultural Residential District)
Request:	R-2 (Two-Family Residential 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 M-H (Mobile Home District) and AR (agricultural Residential District) in the Community Village Character Area. The applicant/owner requests a rezone to R-2 (Two-Family Residential District) to allow for two lots each with a duplex. Staff recommends denial, but if approved, Staff recommends three conditions. The Planning Commission recommended approval with four conditions.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Justin Greer, Pittman & Greer Engineering, representing the owner, gave a history of Mr. Grayson's purchase of the property and desire to divide the property into buildable lots. The owner prefers to build two structures as opposed to adding more mobile homes. Mr. Greer explained how the request meets the character area.

There were no further comments in favor of the request and no comments against the request.

The Public Hearing was closed.

ACTION:

Motion: Chuck Horton made a motion to approve Rezone No. P24-0056 for Richard F. Grayson, ±3.38 acres, 1021 Moreland Way & Veterans Parkway with four conditions.

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 #P24-0056 with four conditions.**

(See documentation in Ordinance and Resolutions Book No. 24.)

Variance No. P24-0054:

Applicants:	Jessica Mobley
Owners:	Mary Christine Pippin
Location:	3294 Colham Ferry Road
Acreage:	±3.112
Zoning:	AG (Agricultural District)
Request:	Special Exception Variance to allow a manufactured home with 3:12 roof pitch.

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 Agricultural Preservation Character Area. The owner requests a variance from UDC Sec. 329.06.b.6 which requires all manufactured homes to have a pitched roof with a slope of at least 4:12. Staff recommends approval of this request with one condition.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Jessica Mobley, owner with her mother, requests approval for her home.

Janet Castro, neighbor of the property, spoke in favor of the request.

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

ACTION:

Motion: Mark Thomas made a motion to approve Variance No. P24-0054 for Mary Pippin, ±3.112 acres, 3294 Colham Ferry Road with one condition.
Second: Chuck Horton
Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion: None
Final Action: **Motion Passed to approve Rezone #P24-0054 with one condition.**
(See documentation in Ordinance and Resolutions Book No. 24.)

Oconee County Animal Services Advisory Board Appointments:

ACTION:

Motion: Mark Saxon made a motion to appoint Theresa Ruffen, Fran Leathers, and Nancy Baumann to two-year terms beginning July 1, 2024 and expiring June 30, 2026.
Second: Chuck Horton
Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion: None
Final Action: **Motion Passed.**

Keep Oconee County Beautiful Commission Appointments:

ACTION:

Motion: Chuck Horton made a motion to appoint Tommy Malcom, Rodney Maurico, Karen Fambrough, Lona Panter, and Kelly Dolvin to two-year terms beginning July 1, 2024 and expiring June 30, 2026.
Second: Amrey Harden
Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion: None
Final Action: **Motion Passed.**

Oconee County Family and Children's Services Board Appointment:

ACTION:

Motion: Chuck Horton made a motion to appoint Patricia Winning to a five-year term to begin July 1, 2024 and expire June 30, 2029.
Second: Mark Thomas
Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion: None
Final Action: **Motion Passed.**

Oconee County Tourism and Visitors Bureau Appointments:

ACTION:

Motion: Mark Saxon made a motion to appoint Dean Bright, Greg Wilson, and T.J. Stephens to two-year terms beginning July 1, 2024 and expiring June 30, 2026.
Second: Amrey Harden
Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion: None
Final Action: **Motion Passed.**

Discussion of FY25 Equity and Merit Adjustments:

Presented by: Chairman John Daniell

Discussion: The county has approved equity and merit adjustments for employees for the past three years. Chairman Daniell explained the specific requests for FY25 will be discussed at the next meeting on June 25, 2024.

Discuss and Consider the Oconee County Probation Contract:

Presented by: John Daniell, Chairman

Discussion: Chairman John Daniell explained updates to the proposed contract that addresses questions posed by Superior Court. A kick-off meeting with all judges would be held if approved. Chairman Daniell recommends and requests approval of this contract for probation services.

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

ACTION:

Motion: Mark Thomas made a motion to approve the contract for probation services in Oconee County with modifications discussed.

Second: Chuck Horton

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

Voted Against Motion: None

Final Action: **Motion Passed.**

Discuss and Consider Adoption of the Proposed FY25 Budget:

Presented by: Melissa Braswell, Finance Director

Discussion: Finance Director Melissa Braswell stated the proposed FY25 General Fund Budget is \$40,736,394, with a proposed total budget of \$76,634,635. She requests adoption of the presented budget for the General Fund, the Total Budget, and the fee schedule.

Chairman Daniell announced he anticipates a full roll back of the millage rate again this year. Commissioner Harden thanked the staff for their hard work on the budget process.

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

ACTION:

Motion: Chuck Horton made a motion to approve the FY25 Budget as presented for the General Fund of \$40,736,394, total budget including the General Fund of \$76,634,635 and the FY25 Fee Schedule.

Second: Mark Saxon

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

Voted Against Motion: None

Final Action: **Motion Passed.**

3rd Quarter Financial Update:

Presented by: Melissa Braswell, Finance Director

Discussion: Finance Director Melissa Braswell presented the financial update for the 3rd quarter of FY24 which is through March 31, 2024:

- General Fund revenues and expenditures as compared to budget
- General Fund Capital Projects expenditures update
- LOST, SPLOST, and TSPLOST distributions as compared to prior fiscal year

Water Resource Department revenues and expenses as compared to budget

Consent Agenda:

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

ACTION

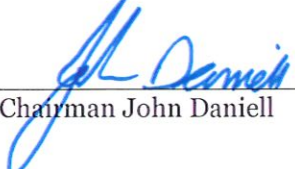
Motion: Mark Saxon made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Second: Mark Thomas
Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion: None
Final Action: **Motion Passed.**

- 1) Approval of an Ordinance to Amend the Human Resources Policies and Procedures of Oconee County.
- 2) Approval of a Change Order for Phase II Construction of Calls Creek WRF Upgrade to 3 MGD.
- 3) Approval of Oconee County Parks and Recreation Department Insurance proceeds for Damaged Property.
- 4) Approval of OCPRD/Senior Center Custodial Services Contract.
- 5) Approval of the FY25 ACCG-IRMA Property and Liability Insurance Renewal.

Commissioner Harden requested an update of how the new Homestead Exemptions changes will be implemented at a future 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: 6:40 p.m.


Chairman John Daniell


Holly Stephenson, County Clerk

7-9-24
Date