

**Oconee County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Administrative Building Commission Chambers
August 6, 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
Donna Norton, Budget Officer
Guy Herring, Planning and Code Enforcement Director
Kyle Stephens, Planner
Ethan Perry, Planner

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Chairman John Daniell called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Commissioner Amrey Harden led the Pledge after a moment of silence.

Approval of Agenda:

ACTION:

Motion:	Mark Saxon made a motion to approve the August 6, 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 thanked GDOT Commissioner Russell McMurray and Governor Brian Kemp for additional funding for the right of way and engineering of the Highway 15 by-pass of Watkinsville.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of July 9, 2024 Regular Meeting and July 30, 2024 Agenda Meeting:

ACTION:

Motion:	Mark Thomas made a motion to approve the July 9, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes and the July 30, 2024 Agenda Meeting minutes.
Second:	Mark Saxon
Voted in Favor of Motion:	Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion:	None
Final Action:	Motion Passed.

Rezone No. P24-0100:

Applicants:	Beall & Company, LLC
Owners:	Burgess Jennings Mill Land, LLC & J.G. Griffeth Investments, LLC
Location:	1181 Jennings Mill Road
Acreage:	±23.92
Zoning:	B-2 (Highway Business District)
Request:	Change of Conditions of Previous Zoning P22-0319

Presented by: Guy Herring, Planning & Code Enforcement Director

Discussion: Mr. Herring briefed the Board regarding the request for the property, which is currently zoned B-2 (Highway Business District) in the Regional Center Character Area. The applicant/owners request a change of conditions of previous zoning P22-0319 to remove "daycare center" and "private schools: kindergarten" use from the "TABLE OF DISALLOWED USES" and require buildings fronting Paul Brown Parkway to be a minimum 80% brick or stone veneer, while all other buildings be constructed of a minimum 50% brick or stone veneer. Staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval with nine conditions.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Ken Beall, Beall & Company, representing the owner, requests the modification based on potential use for a daycare and agrees to the conditions suggested by the Staff. Additionally, the exterior facade change request is based on matching the other developments across the road.

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. P24-0100 for Burgess Jennings Mill Land, LLC & J.G. Griffeth Investments, LLC, modify conditions of previous zoning P22-0319, ±23.92 acres, 1181 Jennings Mill Road, with nine conditions.

Second: Mark Saxon

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

Voted Against Motion: None

Final Action: **Motion Passed to approve Rezone #P24-0100 with nine conditions.**

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

Public Hearing for the Abandonment of Rights-of-Way of Hodges Mill Road:

Presented by: Daniel Haygood, County Attorney

Discussion: County Attorney Daniel Haygood explained the two county-owned right of way tracts were recently declared to no longer benefit the public, and advertisements have been run for abandonment. The request is to approve the right of way abandonment of these tracts.

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

ACTION:

Motion: Mark Saxon made a motion to approve the abandonment of right of way on Hodges Mill Road.

Second: Mark Thomas

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

Voted Against Motion: None

Final Action: **Motion Passed.**

Consent Agenda:

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

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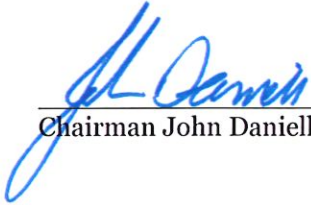
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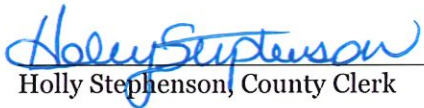
Motion: Chuck Horton made a motion to approve all items as presented on the Consent Agenda.
Second: Mark Thomas
Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion: None
Final Action: **Motion Passed.**

- 1) Approval of the Dawson Park Phase 1 Design Services Recommendation.
- 2) Approval of the Hog Mountain Road Multi-Use Path Bid Award.
- 3) Approval of a Budget Amendment for Thermal Imagers for the Fire Department.
- 4) Approval of a Budget Amendment to Replace the Courthouse Fire Pump System.
- 5) Approval of a FEMA Matching Grant Opportunity for Traffic Message Boards.
- 6) Approval of a New Alcohol License for La Laguna Express, LLC.
- 7) Approval of the 2025 Resurfacing and LMIG Application.
- 8) Approval of the Colham Ferry Road Shoulder Widening and Patching Project.
- 9) Approval of a GEFA Loan Modification for the Calls Creek WWTP Upgrade.

Adjourned:

Motion: Mark Saxon made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Second: Mark Thomas
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.


Chairman John Daniell


Holly Stephenson, County Clerk

9-10-24
Date