

**Oconee County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Administrative Building Commission Chambers
September 24, 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
Holly Stephenson, County Clerk
Diane Baggett, Communications Manager
Melissa Braswell, Finance Director
Donna Norton, Budget Officer
Adam Layfield, Water Resources Director
Justin Milligan, IT Director

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Chairman John Daniell called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance:

County Attorney Daniel Haygood led the Pledge after a moment of silence.

Approval of Agenda:

ACTION:

Motion:	Mark Thomas made a motion to approve the September 24, 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 last Town Hall Meeting of the year will be October 8, 2024 at 6pm at the Oconee County Administrative Building.

Discuss a Resolution for Alternate Courthouses:

Presented by: John Daniell, Chairman

Discussion: Chairman Daniell explained the need for use of an alternate courthouse by Athens-Clarke County while two elevators are no longer in service and only one elevator remains operable. The Resolution will allow ACC to utilize the Oconee County Courthouse if necessary for criminal trials.

Commissioner Harden asked when the elevators should be repaired.
Chairman Daniell stated it may take twelve months for all upgrades and repairs.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the October 1, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Discuss a Change Order for the Bear Creek Water Treatment Plant Expansion Design

Services:

Presented by: Adam Layfield, Water Resources Director
Discussion: Then Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority has proceeded with the upgrade of the Bear Creek Treatment facility from 21 MGD to 42MGD. Design services were awarded to Jacobs. In May 2024, the total contract increased from \$2,298,279 to \$2,786,779, of which Oconee County portion is 23.810%. Water Resources requests approval of a change order in the amount of \$116,311.85 for a total contract of \$663,532.08 with the necessary budget amendments up to the new contract amount for the life of the project.

Commissioner Horton asked for Mr. Layfield to explain the benefit to the county.
Mr. Layfield explained it will double the capacity for future water needs.
Chairman Daniell explained the UOBWA is currently researching the bond process for financing.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the October 1, 2024 Regular Meeting.

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

Discuss a Budget Amendment for the 441 Scale Replacement:

Presented by: Justin Kirouac, County Administrator
Discussion: The 441 Collection Site scale is no longer working. The recommendation is for a Fairbanks Scale replacement of \$95,209 to include necessary budget amendments to the contract amount for the life of the project.

Commissioner Harden asked about lead time for replacement.
Mr. Kirouac explained the 60-foot scale would be available within a month.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the October 1, 2024 Regular Meeting.

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

Discuss Acceptance of Right-of-Way Deeds to Oconee County:

Presented by: Holly Stephenson, County Clerk
Discussion: County Clerk Holly Stephenson requests approval of a right-of-way deed from Moore's Ford River Revival to Oconee County that was recorded on February 14, 2024.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the October 1, 2024 Regular Meeting.

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

Executive Session:

Motion: Mark Thomas made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.
Second: Mark Saxon
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.

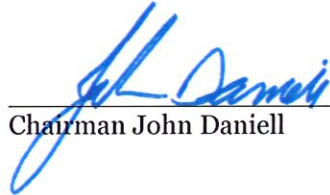
Executive Session Adjourned: 6:37 p.m.

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: **Motion Passed.**
Adjourned into Regular Session: 6:38 p.m.

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: 6:38 p.m.


Chairman John Daniell


Holly Stephenson, County Clerk

10-1-24
Date