Oconee County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Administrative Building Commission Chambers
November 26, 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
Diane Baggett, Communications Manager
Melissa Braswell, Finance Director
Donna Norton, Budget Officer
Lisa Davol, Parks and Recreation Director
Anna Leigh Hardigree, IT Support Specialist

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:	Chuck Horton made a motion to approve the November 26, 2024 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.**

Statements and Remarks from Citizens:
None.

Statements and Remarks from Commissioners:
Chairman Daniell announced that the Oconee County Government Offices will be closed on November 28 and November 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

First Reading and Public Hearing of the Proposed Updated to the Alcohol Ordinance:

Presented by:	Daniell Haygood, County Attorney
Discussion:	County Attorney Daniel Haygood reviewed again the proposed revisions to the Oconee County Alcohol Policy and Service Map to include moving licensing from the Clerk to the Planning Department, eliminating the fee schedule from the Ordinance, allowing defined brew pubs, a new movie theater provision, wholesaler application clarification, adopting more objective language, excise tax on brew pub production, and new requirements on monthly reports. Commissioner Harden asked about Sunday sales. Mr. Haygood stated Sunday sales will begin at 11am if passed.

The Public Hearing was opened and there was no Public Comment.
The Public Hearing was Closed.

Discuss the BSC Quad Protective Netting Project:

Presented by: Lisa Davol, Parks and Recreation Director

Discussion: Parks and Recreation is requesting a new horizontal netting system for the Bogart Sports Complex. The request is to award the bid to Riley Contracting, Inc for $144,000 with contingency of $15,000, not to exceed $159,000 and include any budget amendments for the life of the project.
Commissioner Harden asked the expected life of this system.
Lisa Davol responded there is a 15-20-year-old life expectancy typically.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the December 3, 2024 Regular Meeting.

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

Discuss the 2025 Employee Health Insurance Plan Renewal:

Presented by: John Daniell, Chairman

Discussion: Chairman Daniell explained the County will renew the fully insured employee health insurance coverage with Cigna at the same price of $4.6million. Dental, Vision, long-term disability, and life insurance rates went down with the renewal.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the December 3, 2024 Regular Meeting.

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

Discuss the ACCG-IRMA Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Coverages from 2025:

Presented by: John Daniell, Chairman

Discussion: Chairman Daniell explained the new State requirement to provide PTSD coverage first responders. The Sheriff's Association and Chief's Association through GMA and ACCG developed a supplemental coverage to meet the qualifications of State law. The request is to agree to the premiums and coverages.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the December 3, 2024 Regular Meeting.

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

Discuss and Consider a New Alcohol License for PGPM RCH, LLC for Jennings Mill Country Club and Lane Creek Country Club:

Presented by: Justin Kirouac, County Administrator

Discussion: The Planning Department requests approval of a new alcohol license for PGPM RCH, LLC who has purchased the Jennings Mill Country Club at 1150 Chambers Court, Watkinsville. The registered agent, Mr. John Fields, has completed the RASS Training and the application is complete.
The Planning Department requests approval of a new alcohol license for PGPM RCH, LLC who has purchased the Lane Creek Country Club at 1201 Club Drive, Bishop. The registered agent, Mr. John Bennavans, has completed the RASS Training and the application is complete.

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

ACTION:

Motion:	Mark Thomas made a motion to approve a new alcohol license for PGPM RCH, LLC for Jennings Mill Country Club.
Second:	Chuck Horton
Voted in Favor of Motion:	Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion:	None
Final Action:	**Motion Passed.**

ACTION:

Motion:	Mark Saxon made a motion to approve a new alcohol license for PGPM RCH, LLC for Lane Creek Country Club.
Second:	Amrey Harden
Voted in Favor of Motion:	Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion:	None
Final Action:	**Motion Passed.**

Discuss and Consider a New Alcohol License for Maxwell MC Dinings and Hospitality, LLC:

Presented by: Justin Kirouac, County Administrator

Discussion: The Planning Department requests approval of a new alcohol license for Maxwell MC Dinings and Hospitality, LLC who has purchased Amici at the Falls, located at 8851 Macon Highway. The registered agent, Mr. John Bennavans, has completed the RASS Training and the application is complete.

ACTION:

Motion:	Mark Saxon made a motion to approve a new alcohol license for Maxwell Mc Dinings and Hospitality, LLC.
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 the 2025 Alcohol License Renewal Applications:

Presented by: Justin Kirouac, County Administrator

Discussion: The request is for approval to issue 2025 Alcohol Licenses to the stores and restaurants who have completed their applications and paid the applicable fees. The request included renewal of the three licenses discussed and approved earlier in the meeting.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the December 3, 2024 Regular Meeting.

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

Discuss the Annual Flyover 3 Year Agreement:

Presented by: Justin Kirouac, County Administrator

Discussion: The request is to approve another 36-month agreement to lock in pricing with NearMap US, Inc for annual GIS aerial flyover in the total amount of $133,500.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the December 3, 2024 Regular Meeting.

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

Discuss the Oconee County Water Resources Collection Services Agreement:

Presented by: Justin Kirouac, County Administrator

Discussion: The request is to approve a new collections services agreement with Credit Bureau Associates of Georgia for outstanding utility debt collection at a 29% fee, or 40% if attorneys are involved.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the December 3, 2024 Regular Meeting.

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

Discuss the FY25 Coordinated Transportation Agreement Amendment:

Presented by:	Justin Kirouac, County Administrator
Discussion:	The request is for an amendment of the transportation agreement with NEGRC for additional statements in the Payment and Non-Availability of Funds sections, authorizing Chairman Daniell to sign the contract on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. There is no change in funding or costs.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the December 3, 2024 Regular Meeting.

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

Discuss the Board of Commissioner's Meeting Schedule for 2025:

Presented by:	John Daniel, Chairman
Discussion:	Chairman Daniell requests approval of the proposed 2025 meeting schedule to include the State of the County and Town Hall Meetings.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agent at the December 3, 2024 Regular Meeting.

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

Discussion of the Board of Commissioner's Vice-Chairman Schedule for 2025-2028:

Presented by:	John Daniell, Chairman
Discussion:	Chairman Daniell requests approval of the proposed Vice-Chairman schedule for 2025-2028.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agent at the December 3, 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:	Chuck Horton
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:	6:17 p.m.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Executive Session Adjourned: 6:55 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:	6:57 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:	6:57 p.m.

John Daniell
Chairman John Daniell

Holly Stephenson
Holly Stephenson, County Clerk

12.3.24
Date