

**Oconee County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Administrative Building Commission Chambers
January 28, 2025 – 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
Melissa Braswell, Finance Director
Kari Giddens, Assistant Finance Director
Donna Norton, Budget Officer
Jody Woodall, Public Works 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 Saxon made a motion to approve the January 28, 2025 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 Strategic Planning Meeting starting at 9am on Wednesday, January 29, followed by the Joint Meeting with the Board of Education at 6pm, and the Town Hall Meeting at 6:30pm.

Discuss Text Amendments to UDC Code:

Presented by: Guy Herring, Planning and Code Enforcement Director
Discussion: The Planning Department reviewed 38 proposed amendments to Articles 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the Unified Development Code.

There was further discussion on Item 23 in regards to pool covers, Item 3 in regard to fiber hut screening, and Item 7 in regard to farm tenant dwellings.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the February 4, 2025 Regular Meeting.

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

2nd Quarter FY25 Financial Update:

Presented by: Melissa Braswell, Finance Director

Discussion: Finance Director Melissa Braswell presented the financial update for the 2nd quarter of FY25 which is through December 31, 2024.

- General Fund revenues and expenditures as compared to budget
- LOST, SPLOST and TSPLOST distributions as compared to prior fiscal year
- Capital and SPLOST budgeted expenditures update
- Water Resource Department revenues and expenses as compared to budget

Discuss FY25 Mid-Year Budget Amendment Request:

Presented by: Melissa Braswell, Finance Director

Discussion: Finance Director Melissa Braswell requests authority for a mid-year budget amendment to adjust revenue and expenditures in order to meet the emerging needs for government operations in the period ending June 30, 2025. She listed the budget amendments, revenue neutral amendments, and transfers for the General Fund and other funds.

Commissioner Harden asked about the Tax Commissioner Kiosk fees.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the February 4, 2025 Regular Meeting.

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

Discuss a Budget Amendment for the FY 2025 Resurfacing Project:

Presented by: Jody Woodall, Public Works Director

Discussion: Public Works Director Jody Woodall requests a budget amendment for \$300,000 for shoulder widening on Dials Mill Road as part of the FY 2025 Resurfacing project, bringing the total contract of the FY 2025 Resurfacing Project to \$9,056,310.42. The request includes authorizing the Chairman to execute necessary documents and approving all future budget amendments up to the contract amount for the life of the project.

Commissioner Horton confirmed that most of these projects would not be possible without TSPLOST dollars.

Commissioner Harden asked if GDOT has discussed widening Dials Mill Road.

Mr. Woodall has not heard anything from GDOT requesting that widening.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the February 4, 2025 Regular Meeting.

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

Snows Mill at Lane Creek Road Roundabout Project Update:

Presented by: Jody Woodall, Public Works Director

Discussion: Public Works Director Jody Woodall gave an update on the Roundabout Project at Snows Mill and Lane Creek Roads. The project is currently out for bid with bids due January 30, 2025. If a bid is chosen within budget, the item will be on the February 4, 2025 Agenda for consideration.

Discuss Acceptance of Deeds and Easements to Oconee County:

Presented by: Daniel Haygood, County Attorney

Discussion: County Attorney Daniel Haygood requests approval for acceptance of easements and right-of-way deeds to include:

- Sanitary Sewer Easement from Burgess Jennings Mill Land, LLC and J.G. Griffeth Investments, LLC dated October 31, 2024;
- Waterline Easement from Burgess Jennings Mill Land, LLC and J.G. Griffeth Investments, LLC dated October 31, 2024;
- Corrective Sanitary Sewer Easement from SPHF Oconee, LLC for the benefit of Claudia Conn Hammett, as Trustee of the Donald Dean Hammett Trust, dated August 28, 2024;
- Right of Way Deed from Burgess Jennings Mill Land, LLC and J.G. Griffeth Investments, LLC dated October 31, 2024;
- Partial Release Quit Claim Deed from Burgess Jennings Mill Land, LLC and J.G. Griffeth Investments, LLC dated October 31, 2024;
- Quit Claim Deed from Burgess Jennings Mill Land, LLC and J.G. Griffeth Investments, LLC dated October 31, 2024.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the February 4, 2025 Regular Meeting.

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

Executive Session:

Motion: Mark Saxon made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition and personnel matters.
Second: Mark Thomas
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: 6:41 p.m.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

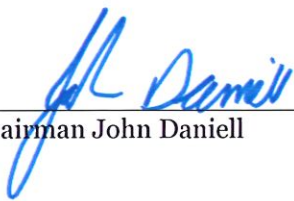
Executive Session Adjourned: 7:04 p.m.

Regular Session:

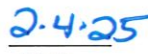
Motion: Mark Saxon made a motion to adjourn back into Regular Session.
Second: Chuck Horton
Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion: None
Action/Motion: **Motion Passed.**
Adjourned into Regular Session: 7:05 p.m.

Adjourned:

Motion: Mark Saxon made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Second: Amrey Harden
Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon
Voted Against Motion: None
Action/Motion: **Motion Passed.**
Meeting Adjourned: 7:05 p.m.


Chairman John Daniell


Holly Stephenson, County Clerk


Date