

**Oconee County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Administrative Building Commission Chambers
February 4, 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
Melissa Braswell, Finance Director
Donna Norton, Budget Officer
Jody Woodall, Public Works Director
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:

County Administrator Justin Kirouac led the Pledge after a moment of silence.

Approval of Agenda:

ACTION:

Motion:	Chuck Horton made a motion to approve the February 4, 2025 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:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of January 7, 2025 Regular Meeting, January 28, 2025 Agenda Meeting, January 29, 2025 Strategic Planning Meeting, January 29, 2025 Joint Meeting with BOE, and January 29, 2025 Town Hall Meeting:

ACTION:

Motion:	Mark Saxon made a motion to approve the January 7, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes, January 28, 2025 Agenda Meeting minutes, January 29, 2025 Strategic Planning Meeting minutes, January 29, 2025 Joint Meeting with BOE minutes, and January 29, 2025 Town Hall Meeting minutes.
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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 the Bid Award for the Snows Mill and Lane Creek Road Roundabout:

Presented by: Jody Woodall, Public Works Director
Discussion: In response to bid request ITB 25-12-007 for the construction of the Snows Mill Road at Lane Creek Road roundabout, twelve bids were received. Public Works recommends approving the bid award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Sol Construction, LLC, with a not to exceed price of \$457,841. The request includes authoring the Chairman to execute necessary documents and approving any future budget amendments up to the contract amount for the life of the project. The funding would be through TSPLOST.

Commissioner Harden asked about the timeline. Mr. Woodall stated the contractor should complete the project in under six months once a Notice to Proceed is given.

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

ACTION:

Motion: Mark Thomas made a motion to approve the bid award for the Snows Mill at Lane Creek Roundabout to Sol Construction, 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 and Consider the Design Services Contract for Courthouse Capital Improvement Project:

Presented by: John Daniell, Chairman
Discussion: Chairman John Daniell explained the Courthouse renovation project is ready to proceed with the goal of turning the building into a complete judicial center. The request is to authorize Precision Planning, Inc. to be the design firm, with contract not to exceed \$283,000, and include budget amendments up to the contract amount not to exceed \$283,000 for the life of the contract. The breakdown includes \$195,000 for design and construction documents, plus \$88,000 for construction administration.

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

ACTION:

Motion: Mark Saxon made a motion to approve the design services contract for the Courthouse Capital Improvement Project.
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 Sale of Abandoned Right-of-Way of Hodges Mill Road:

Presented by: County Attorney Daniel Haygood
Discussion: County Attorney Daniel Haygood requested approval to dispose of abandoned county right-of-way as this piece of property cannot be developed other than by adjoining owners. The request is to sell the property to WC Land Holdings for the appraised value of \$115,000,

maintain existing utility easements, and the second property owner assign their rights to WC Land Holdings. The property will have the zoning of the properties that it adjoins.

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

ACTION:

Motion: Chuck Horton made a motion to approve the sale of abandoned right-of-way on Hodges Mill Road at Mars Hill 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.**

Discuss and Consider Leasing Parking Spaces on the Health Department Property:

Presented by: County Attorney Daniel Haygood
Discussion: County Attorney Daniel Haygood presented an agreement for shared use of 22 parking spaces between the Health Department and the old Library property. The owner of the old Library has agreed to \$175 per month for shared use of the spaces and to handle maintenance of the spaces. The request also includes a small sign easement.

Commissioner Harden verified that the spaces would be shared for both buildings.

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

ACTION:

Motion: Mark Saxon made a motion to approve the lease of parking spaces on the Health Department Property.
Second: Amrey Harden
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.

ACTION

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 Text Amendments to the UDC Code by Resolution.
- 2) Approval of the FY25 Mid-Year Budget Amendment Request.
- 3) Approval of a Budget Amendment for FY2025 Resurfacing Project.
- 4) Approval of Acceptance of Deeds and Easements to Oconee County.

Adjourned:

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

Voted in Favor of Motion:

Voted Against Motion:

Action/Motion:

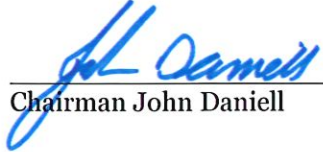
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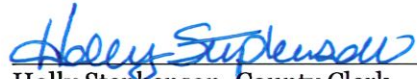
Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon

None

Motion Passed.

6:10 p.m.


Chairman John Daniell


Holly Stephenson, County Clerk

3-4-25
Date