



OCONEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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OCONEE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES February 12, 2025

Members Present: Dr. Jason Branch, Mark Thomas, Susanna Rains Moriarty, Dr. Ronald Brett Atchley, Amy Mistretta, Michael Martin.

Staff Present: Dr. Stephen Goggans, Emily Eisenman, Sarah Peck, Keli Hinson, Apryl Singer, Miranda Bieber, Kathleen Wiltse, Brian Switzer, Laura Strickland

Guests Present: Justin Greer, Richard Grayson

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Health was held Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was in person at the Oconee County Health Department with the option for virtual presence via Microsoft Teams.

Item: Oath of Office

Action: Dr. Branch welcomed the new members to the Oconee County Board of Health. After introductions Amy Mistretta and Michael Martin recited the Oath of Office.

Item: Environmental Health - Variance Request Keli Hinson

Info: Dr. Branch requested that Keli Hinson introduce the variance request. Keli explained that the request was submitted December 27, 2024, by Richard Grayson. The request is due to new lots being created that do not have 51,000 square feet of usable soil area which is required with the lot current lot size ordinance for a duplex. Justin Greer explained the potential plans for development and the zoning requirements for the property. There was a property pin that was missed by the surveyor and there was not the acreage that the owner thought they were purchasing. The variance/waiver request is to request the approval of two two-bedroom duplexes be allowed on the lots. The first lot has 48,051 square feet of usable soil area and the second lot had 49,425 square feet of usable soil area. Mark Thomas asked several questions pertaining to the request. Dr. Branch asked questions regarding the UDC requirements. After discussion, Dr. Branch asked for a motion to approve or deny the request. Mark Thomas made a motion to approve the request, Amy Mistretta seconded the motion, the board voted to approve the lots for duplex development with two two-bedroom duplexes to be allowed on the lots. The first lot has 48,051 square feet of usable soil area and the second lot had 49,425 square feet of usable soil area. The lots must meet all the requirements of having the area with a primary septic system, a full repair, and all other requirements to issue an on-site sewage management system permit.

Item: Approval of Minutes, November

Action: Dr. Jason Branch called for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Atchley motioned to approve the minutes as presented Susanna Rains Moriarty seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by all present.

Item: Old Business

Info: Dr. Goggans explained to the board that the variance request for 1591 Lane Creek Drive that was previously denied by the Board of Health was also denied by the state's general council and that sapphire properties indicated that they are taking the appeal to the Superior Court level.

Item: Election of Officers

Action: Mark Thomas nominated Dr. Branch to continue serving as the Chair for the of the Board of Health, Dr. Atchley seconded the motion and was approved by all present. Dr. Branch nominated Mark Thomas to continue serving as Vice chair for the Board of Health and Dr. Atchley seconded the motion and was approved by all present. Dr. Atchley nominated Amy Mistretta to serve as the secretary of the Board of Health, Susanna Rains Moriarty seconded the motion and was approved by all present.

Item: FY2026 Budget Proposal

Action: Emily Eisenman presented the proposed budget for FY26 (Attached). She explained to the Board what our general revenue amounts consist of and what is to be expected. Dr. Branch called for a motion to approve the FY26 budget as presented. Dr. Atchley motioned to approve the FY26 Budget as presented. Michael Martin Seconded the motion and the budget as presented was approved by those present.

Item: Oral Health presentation by Laura Strickland RDH, BSDH Dental Hygienist

Info: Laura Strickland presented to the Board oral health education that is provided to the schools in the district and the programs that the Health Departments offer. (attached).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Mistretta, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Amy Mistretta".