

**Oconee County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Administrative Building Commission Chambers
June 24, 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
Adam Layfield, Water Resources Director
Anna Leigh Hardigree, IT Specialist

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Chairman John Daniell called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Commissioner Chuck Horton led the Pledge after a moment of silence.

Approval of Agenda:

ACTION:

Motion:	Mark Saxon made a motion to approve the June 24, 2025 Agenda.
Second:	Amrey Harden
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.

Discuss and Consider Merit and Equity Adjustments:

Presented by: John Daniell, Chairman

Discussion: With additional funds from the FY25 budget, there is a recommendation for \$50,000 to be divided among employees who received an "Excel" rating on their yearly performance evaluation. Also, an equity adjustment of \$1,000.00 for all full-time employees and \$500.00 for part-time employees which will require a budget amendment of \$250,500 plus payroll taxes is requested. The proposed payout date is July 18, 2025 if approved.

Commissioner Harden asked if this as in addition to a cost of living increase.

Chairman Daniell explained this is in addition to a step increase effective July 1, 2025.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the July 8, 2025 Regular Meeting.

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Discuss Road Abandonment for Bishop Pointe Preserve Subdivision:

Presented by: Daniel Haygood, County Attorney

Discussion: County Attorney Daniel Haygood explained the subdivision owner would like to make the roads in the subdivision private roads. The request is to deem these roads no longer a benefit to the public, and then authorize advertisement as a road abandonment.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the July 8, 2025 Regular Meeting.

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

Discuss and Consider the FY26 Family Connection Contract:

Presented by: Melissa Braswell, Finance Director

Discussion: Finance Director Melissa Braswell requests approval of the FY26 Family Connection Contract to continue support for families and children of Oconee County through the Oconee Area Resource Council (OARC) for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The request is for approval of the contract and to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the July 8, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Discuss and Consider the Public Defender FY26 Indigent Defense Services Agreement for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026:

Presented by: Holly Stephenson, County Clerk

Discussion: The Contract for Indigent Defense Services under Public Defender John Donnelly is an annual contract that is up for renewal effective July 1, 2025. The recommendation is for the approval of the contract for the July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 term with is in the FY26 budget.

ACTION:

Motion: Mark Thomas made a motion to approve the Public Defender FY26 Indigent Services Agreement for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

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 Award of the Sludge Disposal Contract:

Presented by: Adam Layfield, Water Resources Director

Discussion: Water Resources would like to have a contract in place for the sludge disposal and municipal solid waste collection at the Calls Creek Wastewater Treatment facility. Oconee County issued ITB #256-04-017 and received two bids. The recommendation is to award the contract to the low bidder, Roll-Off Systems, for a not to exceed price of \$270,000 for FY26. The request includes all necessary budget amendments up to the contract amount for this life of the project.

On consensus, this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the July 8, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Executive Session:

Motion: Mark Thomas made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition and litigation.

Second: Mark Saxon

Voted in Favor of Motion: Mark Thomas, Chuck Horton, Amrey Harden, Mark Saxon

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Voted Against Motion: None
Action/Motion: **Motion Passed.**
Adjourn into Executive Session: 6:08 p.m.

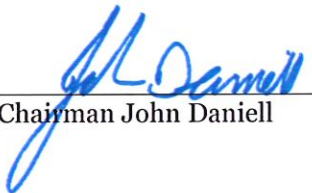
No action was taken in Executive Session.
Executive Session Adjourned: 7:10 p.m.

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: 7:11 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: 7:11 p.m.



Chairman John Daniell

 7-8-25

Holly Stephenson, County Clerk Date