

OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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6:00 PM, Thursday January 11, 2018

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

Members Present:

Mr. Kisker

Mr. Johnson

Mr. Vassey

Mr. Pearson

Mrs. McPhail

Mr. Gramling

Mrs. Lyles

Staff Present: David Root, County Attorney

Adam Chapman, Planner I – Community Development

Media Present: None

1. Call to Order

Mr. Root called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Invocation by County Council Chaplain

Mr. Root gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Minutes

a. December 18, 2017, with corrections

Mrs. McPhail – Motion

Mr. Pearson – Second

5. Public Comment for Agenda and Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes)

No comments

6. Staff Updates

Mr. Chapman noted several of the large projects that are forthcoming in the County for 2018 and that he will keep the Commission up to date on any upcoming projects.

7. Vote for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Mr. Root stated that the election can be done by verbal nomination or by ballot. The Planning Commission agreed upon the nomination method. Mr. Gramling nominated Mr. Kisker for

Chairperson, Mr. Johnson nominated Mr. Pearson for Chairperson. Mr. Root stated that Mr. Kisker was nominated first and if he received the majority for the votes he will be nominated, if Mr. Pearson receives the majority of the vote than he will be chairman. Mr. Gamling, Mrs. Lyles and Mr. Kisker raised hands and by "I" in favor of Mr. Kisker. Mr. Vassey, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. McPhail and Mr. Pearson voted for Mr. Pearson by a show of hands and by "I" in favor of Mr. Pearson as chairperson for 2018. Mr. Pearson led the meeting after being elected Chairman. Mr. Pearson asked for nominations for vice-chair, Mr. Johnson nominated Mr. Kisker for Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Kisker was elected as vice-chariman, 7-0 .

8. Discussion on Comprehensive Plan Review

Staff noted that the the Land Use Element, was originally completed by a consultant and that any updates possible were completed by the Planning department. Staff noted that the 2020 update of the Land Use Element could be done by a consultant or may be possible by staff. The Priority Investment Element will be brought back for discussion at a later date.

9. Discussion on priority items for 2018

Staff stated that there are two Items for this discussion in the backup material provided: Chapter 32.4 of the Oconee County Code of Ordinances which is the Planning Commission section of the ordinance and the Goals Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Kisker stated that Oconne County did away with the Capitol Projects Plan Advisory Board last year. Mrs. McPhail stated that the the Goals Element of the Comprehensive Plan should be brought back for further discussion by the Planning Comission.

10. Discussion on staff Traffic Research

Staff stated that information obtained from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that rural areas make up 19% of the population, but account for 49% of the traffic fatalities, nationally. Mr. Chapman also noted several other statistics about collisionsin in the state and county.

11. Old Business

None

12. New Business

None

13. Adjourn

Mrs. McPhail made a motion to adjourn at 6:36 pm