

Minutes

6:00 PM, Monday, December 12, 2022

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

Members Present

Christopher Talley

Rex Blanton

Kim Alexander

Debbie Sewell

Ashley Townsend

Tessa Moxley

Staff Present

James Coley

Media Present

None

1. **Call to order-** Ms. Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.
2. **Moment of silence**
3. **Invocation**
4. **Pledge of allegiance**
5. **Approval of minutes-** November 14, 2022. Ms. Townsend made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Mr. Blanton. Ms. Alexander called for a vote. The motion passed 5/0.
6. **Public Comment Session** *[3 minutes per person] If you are not able to attend in person and you have a comment, you may submit it by contacting the Planning Department at planninginfo@oconeesc.com or 864-638-4218, so that we may receive your comment and read it into the record*
7. **Presentation-**
8. **Discussions** [to include vote and/or action on matters brought up in discussion if required]
 - o Comprehensive Plan update
 - i. Ms. Alexander asked Mr. Coley if there is a way to obtain a list of all active farms in Oconee County
 - ii. Ms. Alexander asked for a budget that can cover printing and mailing educational and resource materials
 1. Mr. Blanton - Agriculture needs to be a line item on the proposed budget
 - iii. Ms Alexander - Grassroots coalition in each district to host public meetings with farmers in order to communicate about current

- issues in agriculture and coordinate around these issues
- iv. Mr. Talley suggests sending a speaker to already established organizations, such as the Cattlemen's Association.
 - v. Mr. Coley requested that the Ag board submit a budget proposal with line items in January of 2023.
 - vi. Ms. Sewell expressed concern over the dismissal of the Proposed Development Standards at the County Council level.
 - 1. Discussion about the role of the Agriculture Advisory Board in development standards ensued, the general consensus being that the role of the Agriculture Advisory Board is to advise on matters strictly related to agriculture.
- NRCS
 - i. Mr. Fischer was not in attendance.

Adjourn: Mr. Blanton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Townsend and approved 5/0.