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MINUTES PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 2007

The Oconee County Planning Commission held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 12, 2007 in the Council Chambers of the Oconee County Administrative Building at 415 S. Pine St., Walhalla, SC 29691.

Members Present: Tommy Abbott, (Chairman)
Randy Abbott
Ryan Honea
Howard Moore
Rex Ramsay
Bill Nelson
Bill Evatt

Aaron Gadsby (Secretary)

Item 1: Chairman Abbott called the meeting to order.

Item 2: Mr. Evatt made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2007 meeting. Mr. Abbott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3: Consideration of Emergency Response Equipment Access Ordinance—Mr. Gadsby informed the Commission that is ordinance was requested by Rural Fire and that it has been reviewed by the County Administrator and Emergency Personnel. The County Attorney is currently working on adding the penalty section to this ordinance. Mr. Moore asked whether or not the ordinance would be enforced county wide or by request only. Mr. Gadsby informed the Commission that the ordinance would be enforced county wide and enforcement would not have to be requested. Mr. Honea expressed concern over unmarked fire lanes and how the county would enforce such situations. Mr. Ramsay likewise expressed concern for enforcement of the ordinance in rural areas where many of the dry hydrants are unmarked. Mr. Ramsay made a motion to approve the ordinance, pending the addition of the penalty section and clarification about unidentified fire lanes and hydrants. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson and approved 7-0. Mr. Gadsby informed the Commission that a final draft, with the mentioned changes would be ready for the next Commission meeting.

Item 4: Consideration of Draft Amendments to Subdivision Regulations: Private Roads—Mr. Gadsby updated the Commission on the current draft of the private roads section of the subdivision ordinance and highlighted the changes that were made. Concerns were raised by the Commission about property lines extending to the centerline of the road and making sure that the right of way is properly handled. The Commission said that they would contact the Planning Department with any concerns after further consideration of the changes mentioned by Mr. Gadsby. Chairman Abbott tabled the issue until the next meeting.

Item 5: Road Naming and Addressing Policy—Mr. Gadsby informed the Commission that the road naming and addressing policy had been reviewed by the County Administrator, Emergency Personnel, and the County Attorney and no substantial changes were suggested and that the Planning Department considered this a final draft. The Commission decided to hold the policy until the E/911 ordinance was ready to send forward and vote on them together. Mr. Gadsby informed the Commission that the first draft of the E/911 ordinance should be ready for the next meeting.

Item 6: Old Business—Mr. Gadsby updated the Commission on the progress of the Sign Ordinance. Mr. Moore requested that the Planning Department look into the possibility of color coding the various nuclear evacuation routes on the road signs.

Item 7: New Business—Mr. Gadsby informed the commission that Council had directed the Planning Department to develop the process and procedures for variance hearings and that a draft would be available at the next meeting.

Item 8: Public Comment

Ms. Linda Lovely commented on issues surrounding property lines going to the center of the road and the definition of right of way may influence ordinance 2006-7. She also expressed that the procedures for variances should include notice in the newspaper.

Mr. John Adams spoke to the Commission regarding the Seneca Library.

Mr. B.J. Littleton spoke to the Commission regarding issues surrounding Duke Power and the definition of right-of-way.

Item 9: Adjourn