

# OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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## Minutes

6:00 pm, Monday, May 06, 2019

Council Chambers - Oconee County administrative complex

## Members Present

Gwen McPhail

Mike Johnson

Frankie Pearson

Mike Smith

Andrew Gramling

Alex Vassey

## Staff Present

Adam Chapman, Planning Director

## Media Present

Caitlin Harrington - The Journal

1. **Call to Order - Mr. Pearson called the meeting to order at 6PM**
2. **Invocation by Gwen McPhail**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes per person)**
  - Tom Markovich added comments about last meeting:
    - 1) USDA info when it comes to development. Mr. Markovich looked up the definition of soil. Building on certain types of soil is a misnomer, when he builds he goes down to subsoil.
    - 2) Mr. Markovich questioned the use of statistics in regards to the Comprehensive Plan. If only one person responds to a survey, then there is 100% input for the survey.
5. **Approval of minutes from 04152019**

Mrs. McPhail made a motion to approve, Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The vote was 6-0 in favor to approve.
6. **Comprehensive Plan 2030**
  - a. **Public Comment** - none
  - b. **Public Outreach** - Mr. Chapman explained that we have had three meeting so far and two more in the next few weeks with more to be added. The meetings have been well attended and we have received great feedback.
  - c. **Population and Housing Results**- Mr. Chapman said approximately 300 people responded with their thoughts and opinions. As this is not a scientific method of gathering information, it is a method for gathering information. Mr. Chapman presented the results of the recent survey and explained each graph.

#### **d. Executive Summary**

##### **i) Discussion/Vote**

Mr. Smith made a motion to craft an Executive Summary, seconded by Mr. Pearson. Mr. Smith explained that an Executive Summary is advertising for the County. The motion was approved 6:0.

Mr. Smith made a motion to create a sub-committee to format the Executive Summary. Seconded by Ms. McPhail. Mr. Johnson requested that the committee have 3 or less members to avoid a quorum. Mr. Smith also explained that the committee will bring their findings to the commission. The commission will have the final say. This is a more time efficient way to speed up the time frame. Vote 5:1 in favor, with Mr. Vassey being the “no” vote.

Meetings will be 30 or 40 minutes before the Planning Commission meetings with Mr. Chapman as the secretary. Mr. Smith and Ms. McPhail volunteered to be on the committee. Mr. Smith made a motion to have himself and Mrs. McPhail on the committee, Mr. Pearson seconded, voted 6:0 in favor.

The first meeting will be 5/20/2019 in the conference room at 5:30pm.

**9. Old Business** – Mr. Pearson reminded everyone about the class that is coming up on May 14, 2019. This class will fulfill the 3-hour yearly requirement. Mr. Chapman told them that they are all signed up if they can make it.

**10. New Business - None**

**11. Adjourn-** Mr. McPhail made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Smith seconded. Approved by all.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments to the Planning Commission can send their comments to the Planning Department by mail or by emailing them to the email address below. Please Note: If you would like to receive a copy of the agenda via email please contact our office, or email us at [achapman@oconeesc.com](mailto:achapman@oconeesc.com).