

OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Minutes

6:00 pm, Monday, June 03, 2019

Council Chambers - Oconee County administrative complex

Members Present

Gwen McPhail

Mike Johnson

Frankie Pearson

Mike Smith

Staff Present

Adam Chapman

Vivian Kompier

Media Present

Caitlin Harrington - The Journal

1. **Call to Order** - Mr. Pearson called the meeting to order at 5:58pm
2. **Invocation** by Mike Smith
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes per person)** - none
5. **Approval of minutes from 06032019**

Mr. Chapman informed commission that the comments from Mr. Markovich were not in the minutes, but will be and highlighted.

Ms. McPhail made a motion to approve, Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 in favor to approve with the addition of Mr. Markovich's comments.

6. **Comprehensive Plan 2030**

- a. **Public Comment** – Mr. Barnett is disappointed with the public turnout, and is concerned about people giving up their property rights. Also, Mr. Barnett sees personal agendas have been imposed in regards to the Comprehensive Plan.

- b. **Public Outreach** – Mr. Chapman mentioned that we have had five outreach meetings with decent turnout. Over 600 responses from the newspaper surveys. We will be scheduling more for Oakway/FairPlay, Westminster, Salem, and Mountain Rest communities.

- c. **Executive Summary** – Mr. Smith said the committee is working on a general topic outline and on a vision statement. They want to be sure they know who is accountable to periodically look at the Comp Plan and see how the county is doing. The next meeting will be 6/17/2019 in the conference room at 5:30pm.

- d. **Transportation element** – There was a lengthy discussion about the Transportation element and that this section needs to be more specific. The people of the county are

concerned and it is an important element. The consultants need to name specific items and have some true goals with completion dates.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson to direct staff to work with the consultants to thoroughly break down the information coming in from the county, in regards to the transportation element, and to be more specific with our goals with dates of accomplishment. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Ms. McPhail expressed that 9.3.1.3 is not a county issue unless it is to charge the CATbus. Same as 9.3.3.5 not county, but for private enterprise.

Ms. McPhail mentioned that 9.3.3.2, 9.3.3.3, 9.3.3.4 could all be combined.

Ms. McPhail also mentioned that the airport is county and we need to know where we stand. Have we relocated the roads? Have we purchased the homes? Also needs a list of things to be done and deadlines.

Mr. Chapman recapped with the things we need to do:

- 1) Fine point the objectives.
- 2) Add language to give a brief narrative as to the input from the outreach meetings.
- 3) Meet with the airport director to find out what has been done.

9. Old Business – None

10. New Business – Mr. Chapman had two items.

1) Administration has asked staff to provide a mid-year report of the Boards & Commissions and how they are doing. Staff will be asking for some information from them.

2) In respect to the 123 Corridor Study we have a draft. We can present the draft to you, or do you prefer that we have the answers from Alta and Duke about the process of turning their greenways into pedestrian facilities. All members prefer to wait until all information has been obtained.

11. Adjourn- The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

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