

OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Minutes

6:00 pm, Monday, August 5, 2019

Council Chambers - Oconee County administrative complex

Members Present

Alex Vassey

Mike Johnson

Frankie Pearson

Mike Smith

Andrew Gramling

Stacy Lyles

Staff Present

Adam Chapman

Vivian Kompier

Media Present

Caitlin Harrington - The Journal

1. **Call to Order - Mr. Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm**
2. **Invocation by Ms. Lyles**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes per person)**

Mr. Brad Kisker would like to see a smaller Comprehensive Plan. Duke Energy pays approximately 1/3 of the taxes and we need to know if they have a long range plan of staying in Oconee County. Mr. Kisker would like to see higher paying jobs to support middle class housing.

5. **Approval of minutes from 07152019 and 07252019**

Mr. Vassey made a motion to approve the minutes of 07152019, seconded by Mr. Gramling and approved 6/0.

Ms. Lyles made a motion to approve the minutes of 07252019, seconded by Mr. Smith and approved 6/0.

Joint Planning Commission meeting – Mr. Chapman brought up a plan to have a meeting of the all the Planning Commissions. It was well received and a motion was made by Mr. Vassey, seconded by Mr. Pearson and approved 6/0 to schedule the meeting.

6. **Highway 123 Corridor Plan -**

- a. **Public Comment (3 minutes per person)**

Mr. Brad Kisker made point that no matter what we do we still need to get through Clemson so we need a long range plan to reroute traffic around Clemson.

Mr. Devoe Blackstone mentioned that Highway 123 has a 100-foot Right of Way and the State has jurisdiction over Oconee County. He also mentioned respecting people's property rights.

Mr. Tom Markovich states that the Highway 123 Corridor Plan doesn't reroute traffic and the County cannot override State law. He goes on to mention that we need a bypass and it needs to be a higher priority.

- b. Presentation by Alta Planning & Design** – Kat Maines presented and answered questions about the Highway 123 Corridor Plan. Ms. Maines explained that this is a project plan and a further feasibility study is needed.
 - c. Discussion/Vote** – Mr. Vassey made a motion to send the Highway 123 Corridor Plan to County Council for their feedback and prioritizing, seconded by Mr. Smith and approved 6/0.
- 8. Old Business** – None
 - 9. New Business** – None
 - 10. Adjourn**- The meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm.

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.