



**OCONEE COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

415 S. Pine St. Room 212 | Walhalla, SC 29691  
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**COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Mike Johnson, Chairman, At-Large  
Teresa Spicer, District 1 - Absent  
Joshua Owens, District 4  
Mickey Haney, At-Large

David Nix, Vice Chair, District 2  
Brit Adams, District 3  
Gary Gaulin, District 5

**STAFF**

James Coley  
Elise Dunaway

**MINUTES**

6:00 pm, Monday, May 20, 2024  
Council Chambers - Oconee County 415 S. Pine St, Walhalla SC  
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1. Call to Order – Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.
2. Invocation was led by Mr. Nix.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Haney.
4. Approval of minutes from May 6, 2024 – Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the minutes; Seconded by Mr. Haney. Approved unanimously.
5. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items (4 minutes per person):  
Barb Leonard from Keowee Key expressed her concerns regarding the proposed development on Hwy 130.
6. Commission Member Comments  
Mr. Haney requested the commission schedule a discussion on Chapter 26 of the Oconee County Code of Ordinances, specifically Section 2 regarding road standards and regulation, including right-of-way  
  
Mr. Gaulin asked about revisiting the public comment list that was compiled.
7. Staff Comments  
Mr. Coley notified the members of the ACOG Training on Thursday, July 18, 2024, with time to be determined.
8. Discussion regarding the chairman's request to discuss Chapter 38 ordinance changes with County Council at their next meeting.

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- a. Public Comment: None
  - b. Discussion/ vote:  
Mr. Gaulin made a motion for Mr. Johnson to speak to Council at their next meeting to explain what is being proposed; Seconded by Mr. Adams. Approved Unanimously.
9. Discussion regarding state and county required traffic study for "major road" developments.
- a. Public Comment:  
Tom Markovich expressed his concerns regarding traffic studies by third parties working for the County

Will Hall voiced his concerns regarding the proposed development on Hwy 130.

Jan Barnett expressed her concerns regarding the proposed development on Hwy 130.

Mark Torres shared his concerns regarding the proposed development on Hwy 130.

A letter from Gary Owens was read by Mr. Johnson supporting additional traffic study requirements

  - b. Discussion/ vote:  
Mr. Nix made a motion to allow each individual in the audience that raised their hand one minute each to express their concern at the podium; Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Approved Unanimously.

Tom Markovich expressed his knowledge regarding county and state roads.

Barb Leonard asked if there is a way to widen Hwy 130.

Karen Whitmire expressed her concern regarding the growth in the county. She mentions being from York County and seeing how the growth has impacted the roads.

\*Mr. Johnson made a motion to determine areas of weakness within our public roads system in regard to traffic studies and are their other counties doing things that would be implemented in Oconee County; Seconded by Mr. Gaulin. Approved unanimously.

Mr. Nix made a motion that staff obtain a copy of York County's ordinance standards for subdivisions and road standards; Seconded by Mr. Haney. Motion

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passed. 5/1. Mr. Gaulin opposed.

10. Adjourn – The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:58 PM.