



OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mike Johnson, Chairman, At-Large
Teresa Spicer, District 1
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

MEDIA

Lauren Pierce

MINUTES

6:00 pm, Monday, November 4, 2024
Council Chambers - Oconee County 415 S. Pine St, Walhalla SC 29691

1. Call to Order – Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. Invocation was led by Mr. Nix.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Gaulin.
4. Approval of minutes from October 7, 2024 – Mr. Gaulin made a motion to approve the minutes; Seconded by Mr. Nix.
Mr. Johnson made a motion to amend the minutes to include in item 8 to specify Count Council directed the commission to review the ordinance, as well as, who pays for the traffic study, who selects the engineer, and whether the county has the potential of being stuck with the bill in seconded by Mr. Nix. Approved unanimously.
Mr. Gaulin made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Mr. Johnson seconded. Approved unanimously.
5. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items (4 minutes per person):
Ms. Sarina Richardson expressed her concern regarding increased growth and the road and right-of-way standards.
6. Commission Member Comments:
Mr. Gaulin made a comment regarding feeling good about Oconee County.
7. Staff Comments:
Mr. Coley reminded the members that if their term is up to complete the application for reappointment and turn it into the Clerk of Council.
Mr. Coley also reminded the members to please respond to the email about a FIOA request.
Mr. Coley notified the members he will be out of the office for the December 16, 2024 meeting.

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Mr. Nix made a motion to remove the December 16, 2024 from the schedule. Seconded by Mr. Owens. Approved Unanimously.

8. Discussion regarding County Emergency Services with Director Scott Krein.
 - a. Public comment NA
 - b. Discussion/ vote
Mr. Krein discussed disaster remediation and future planning as a result of Hurricane Helene.

9. Discussion regarding Scenic Highway Proposal, HWY 130 sponsor KOBA.
 - a. Public Comment
Mr. Perry Smith expressed his opinion regarding the proposed scenic highway, growth, and property rights.

 - b. Discussion/ vote
Mr. Phil Soper addressed the members regarding the scenic highway proposal. Mr. Soper discussed the changes that were made to the application.

Mr. Gaulin made a motion that the public input is not read into the record because it is already in the backup material. Seconded by Mrs. Spicer. Motion withdrawn.

Mr. Coley read the citizen comments received via email.

Mr. Gaulin made a motion to recommend approval of the KOBA scenic highway designation to County Council. Seconded by Mrs. Spicer. Motion failed. 1/6 Mr. Johnson, Mr. Haney, Mr. Owens, Mrs. Spicer, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Nix opposed.

10. Adjourn – the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.