

# OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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## Minutes

6:00 pm, Monday, May 20, 2019

Council Chambers - Oconee County administrative complex

## Members Present

Gwen McPhail

Mike Johnson

Frankie Pearson

Mike Smith

Alex Vassey

## Staff Present

Bill Huggins

Vivian Kompier

## Media Present

None

1. **Call to Order - Mr. Pearson called the meeting to order at 6PM**
2. **Invocation by Stacy Lyles**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes per person) - none**
5. **Approval of minutes from 05062019**  
Ms. Lyles 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** - Tom Markovich added comments about the cultural resources element:
    - 1) In the Historical Preservation portion the old courthouse is not listed as a historic site.
    - 2) Tax credits are not up to date. Federal tax credits have been changed, and there are abandoned building tax credits that are not in there.
  - b. **Public Outreach** – Mr. Huggins reminded them that the next outreach meeting is this Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at Ravenel Elementary School in Seneca. Westminster has expressed interest in having one there. Mr. Huggins explained that we are gathering the information and categorizing it. Mr. Johnson questioned where it will go in the Comprehensive Plan, and asked that we please make a recommendation as to where it will go in the Comprehensive Plan.
  - c. **Executive Summary** – Mr. Smith expressed that everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. They are looking for a format and will come up with questions for Janet Hartman

and work from there. The next meeting will be 6/3/2019 in the conference room at 5:30pm.

**d. Cultural Resources element** – Mr. Johnson suggested we get the comments from Mr. Markovich had over to the consultants and double check all their information.

- Mr. Smith refers to 5-17 #6, would like to add in charitable intuitions/nonprofits or give it a separate paragraph. Mr. Smith will get with Mr. Chapman and come back with suggestions.
- Mr. Smith refers to 5-17 #8, how much did the county actually get?
- 6.1.1 – Ms. McPhail made a motion that 6.1.1.3 and 6.1.1.4 be combined, seconded by Mr. Smith and approved by all.
- 6.1.2 – Mr. Johnson asked if there was a brochure of tax incentives. Mr. Malkovich explained that we need to be cautious about making a list, use a consultant. Mr. Malkovich recommends using the Bailey Bill that the state has. Oconee county currently dos not use it, according to Mr. Markovich, although as stated in the draft element, the Bailey Bill was passed by the State legislature to allow cities and counties to provide property tax incentives for improvements to historic structures. Mr. Johnson suggests the staff to look into the Bailey Bill or something like it.
- 6.2.1.2 – Ms. Lyles made a motion to strike out the words “and active participation” seconded by Mr. Johnson and approved by all.
- 6.3.1.4 – strike the word “and” before Native American.
- 6.3.2.3 – Ms. Lyles made a motion to add Oconee Alliance to the Accountable Agencies, Mr. smith seconded and approved by all.

**9. Old Business – None**

**10. New Business - None**

**11. Adjourn-** The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

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