

OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Minutes

6:00 pm- Monday, September 16th- 2019

Council Chambers - Oconee County administrative complex

Members Present

Mike Johnson

Frankie Pearson

Mike Smith

Andrew Gramling

Gwen McPhail

Alex Vassey

Stacey 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. Jerry Barnett stated that times have changed and he finds the 123 Corridor Plan disturbing.
5. **Approval of minutes from 09/05/2019** – Mr. Gramling made a motion to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded and approved 7/0.
6. **Comprehensive Plan - Agricultural Element**
 - a. **Public Comment** – Mr. Jerry Barnett finds adding another County employee disturbing, we do not need another person at the County level.
 - b. **Guest Speaker - Rex Blanton, Chairman of the Agricultural Advisory Board** – Mr. Blanton presented the Agricultural Element to the Planning Commission for review.
 - c. **Discussion / Vote** – A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve, seconded by Mr. Vassey. After Ms. McPhail recommended changes (below), Mr. Smith amended his motion to approve with the changes, seconded by Mr. Gramling. Approved 7/0.

PG 8-17 – Separate individuals lacking

Take out duplicate “as”

Change map to data

8.1.1.5 – Add Legislative Delegation to Accountable Agencies.

8.1.1.8 - Add Legislative Delegation to Accountable Agencies.

- 8.1.1.10 – spelling error “agricultural”.
 - 8.1.2.1 - Add OEA and Oconee County Chamber of Commerce to Accountable Agencies.
 - 8.1.2.3 – Add Planning Commission to Accountable Agencies.
 - 8.1.2.4 – Add Oconee County Schools to Accountable Agencies.
 - 8.1.2.5 – Add OEA to Accountable Agencies.
 - 8.1.2.7 – Add FARM Center to Accountable Agencies.
 - 8.1.2.8 – Add Planning Commission to Accountable Agencies.
 - 8.1.2.9 – Add FARM Center to Accountable Agencies.
7. **Discussion regarding future public hearing related to road renaming.**
Mr. Chapman explained that we have a public hearing coming up in regards to renaming of Osheal Dr. Since the responses from the property owners were not 100% it will be up to the Planning Commission to hear the case and decide if it will be renamed.
- a. **Public Comment** - None
 - b. **Discussion / Vote** - None
8. **Discussion regarding Entry Corridors**
Mr. Chapman explained using Appalachian Rustic Elegance is controversial. We need to come up with a different name.
- a. **Public Comment** - None
 - b. **Discussion / Vote** – After much discussion a motion was made by Ms. McPhail and seconded by Mr. Vassey to call them Design Standards. Motion was approved 7/0.
9. **Unfinished Business** - None
10. **New Business** - None
11. **Adjourn** – meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:00pm.

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.