

# OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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## Minutes

5:00 pm- Thursday, January 5, 2022

Council Chambers - Oconee County Administrative Complex

### Members

Gary Gaulin  
Frankie Pearson  
Mike Johnson  
Pat Williams

Teresa Spicer  
David Nix

### Staff Present

James Coley, Planning Director  
Elise Dunaway, Assistant to Planning & Codes

1. Call to order – Mr. Coley called meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
2. Invocation was led by Mr. Nix.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Johnson.
4. Approval of minutes from December 5, 2022 – Mr. Pearson moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Nix. Approved unanimously 6/0
5. Election of Officers  
Mrs. Spicer nominated Mr. Pearson for Chairman of the Planning Commission; seconded by Mr. Nix. Approved unanimously 6/0.  
  
Mr. Pearson nominated Mr. Johnson for Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission; seconded by Mr. Nix. Approved unanimously 6/0.  
  
Mr. Pearson nominated Mr. Coley as the secretary; seconded by Mr. Nix. Approved unanimously 6/0.
6. Approval of meeting calendar  
Mr. Pearson moved to remove the meetings on 7/3/23 & 12/18/23 from the calendar, as well as add 1/4/2024 to the calendar. Seconded by Mr. Gaulin. Approved unanimously 6/0.
7. Public comment (non-agenda items):  
None

8. Commission member comments:  
Mr. Johnson commented he is looking forward to a productive year.

Mr. Gaulin commented on his interest in the Agricultural Task Force as well as advanced technology in the county – specifically drones. Mr. Gaulin affirmed his support for quality development in the county.. Mr. Gaulin read the Planning Commission purpose statement to the members which reads, “It is the function and duty of the county planning commission to undertake a continuing planning program for the physical, social, and economic growth, development, and redevelopment of the county. The plans and programs must be designed to promote public health, safety, morals, convenience, prosperity, or the general welfare as well as the efficiency and economy of the county.” Mr. Gaulin affirmed his support for the Sewer South project, an interest in staff from the OJRSA presenting to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Williams thanks Mr. Coley and Mr. Johnson for their assistance in the Christmas dinner for the Cattlemen’s association.

9. Staff comments:  
Mr. Coley reminded the members to submit their paperwork to the Clerk to Council.  
Mr. Root indicated he will attend the next meeting to review the Junkyard Ordinance that was sent to him. Mr. Coley reviewed the Model Rules of Parliamentary Procedures for South Carolina Counties.
10. Adjourn – The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 5:23 PM.