A Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Oglethorpe County Board of Commissioners were held on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., in the Commissioner’s Office in Lexington, Georgia.

Members Present: Chairman Billy Pittard Commissioner George Gabriel Commissioner Andy Saxon Commissioner John Meyer Commissioner David Clark

MembersAbsent: Commissioner Phil Sanders

Staff Present: Josh Hawkins, County Administrator Amy Forrester, County Clerk

Minutes: Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the November 7, 2016 Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Meyer and unanimously approved by the Board.

ConditionalUse: Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the application submitted by Sempra U.S. Gas & Power, agent Josh Teigiser, for a conditional use of tax map 185 parcel 005, located at the end of Goose Pond Road, classification zoning site is General Agricultural (A2) proposed use for a solar farm. Seconded by Commissioner Saxon and unanimously approved by the Board.

Alcohol License: Commissioner Meyer made a motion to approve the application submitted by Armanda Perez Elias for an Application for License to Serve Wine and Malt Beverages by the Drink for On Premises Consumption at a restaurant located at 777 Athens Road, Lexington, Georgia. Seconded by Commissioner Gabriel and approved with a 3-1 vote with Commissioner Saxon approving and Commissioner Clark opposing.

Alcohol License: Commissioner Gabriel made a motion to approve the application submitted by American Legion #123 for an Application for License to Serve Wine and Malt Beverages by the Drink for Consumption at a Nonprofit Club, located at 106 Comer Road, Lexington, Georgia. Seconded by Commissioner Meyer and approved with a 3-1 vote with Commissioner Saxon approving and Commissioner Clark opposing.

ZoningBoard: Commissioner Meyer made a motion to appoint Jeff Sharp to the Zoning Board. Seconded by Commissioner Saxon and unanimously approved by the Board. The unanimously agreed to a joint meeting with the Zoning Board with the objective to discuss structural changes and modification to the Board.

Board of Elections: Chairman Pittard announced a vacancy on the Board of Elections. Applications will be accepted for an appointment in January 2017.

Ordinance: Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the Ordinance to Create A Business Registration Requirement for Oglethorpe County. Seconded by Commissioner Saxon and unanimously approved by the Board.

Radio Tower: Commissioner Saxon made a motion to approve the purchase of 1.20 acres with radio tower situated thereon, located on Community Drive, Union Point, Georgia, for a purchase price of $3,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Gabriel and unanimously approved by the Board.

Text Amendment: Commissioner Clark made a motion to eliminate section 700.4.4.2 from the Ordinance to Amend Text of the Zoning Ordinance as adopted by the Board of Commissioners on September 8, 2015. Seconded by Commissioner Gabriel and unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no further business at 7:40 p.m., the meeting was adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on January 2, 2017 unless sooner convened because of an emergency.

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Billy Pittard, Chairman                     Andy Saxon, Commissioner

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David Clark, Commissioner                   George Gabriel, Commissioner

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Phil Sanders, Commissioner                   John Meyer, Commissioner

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County Clerk