

Oconee County Board of Commissioners Meeting 1-3-08

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Horton:

I certainly believe there needs to be local representation on those committees, otherwise the state is left to pass down any kind of mandate to local government. I'm a little bit reluctant to say I want to vote tonight because I haven't seen the initial part of what I think probably will happen in Atlanta. I am just reluctant to say to go on record and say this is it and then we would be in for something. We may even know more next week. I don't think it is just going to be that simple. I might be wrong but I don't think so. It is too big an issue for them to legislate (UNINTELLIGIBLE). I don't think there is anybody sitting here who isn't concerned about the state passing an unfunded mandate or the fact that local councilmen and commissioners need to be a part of that. But I don't know if it is the right thing to vote early before we see anything and the other thing that I am concerned with is we have to rely on one state representative and one senator to do our bidding in the Gold Dome. I'd like to see them set the ground rules before we pass something and then they try to help us and somebody says, What about this? I may support this and come back next meeting and say let's do something real quick if I thought. But as much as I support the...Just from having dealt with the people over in the Gold Dome and not having seen anything.

Davis:

We are not sure what the final plan is going to be presented at this point in time to the legislature and of course they...isn't that the 14th, the 11th?

Norris:

The 14th.

Davis:

The 14th.

Horton:

Yea, that is my concern. Again, I'm for it I just don't want to do something that UNINTELLIGIBLE our trying to do something. Again, my colleagues may differ.

Luke:

Well, one colleague does not disagree with you. I might be prepared to pass the strongest of these resolutions. But with the information I have I am not prepared to vote for any of them before I

see more about what is going to happen at the state level. As you say, we might desire to pass a resolution for it. Right now, I need to see where this whole process is going. UNINTELLIGIBLE. I am not in favor of it at this time.

Norris:

Mr. Chairman, I have a view based on what has been made available. At this time, there is entirely too much uncertainty as to what could take place, has taken place and might well happen. The report UNINTELLIGIBLE that the 14 natural watersheds is only an attempt UNINTELLIGIBLE to create UNINTELLIGIBLE watersheds, but the existing surface delivery regions, which reverts back to the RDCs. RDCs did not fill the whole watershed. It is entirely too much uncertainty to proceed at this time and make UNINTELLIGIBLE decisions. Thank you, Sir.

Hale:

I agree. It is nice to have the resolutions in front of us that have been worked on. But I think we are all in agreement that it is just too early. We need to wait and see what the state is going to do. I propose that we delay this, delay a vote on this.

Davis:

It looks as if we have considerable unanimity. I think if there is a motion it would be in effect to delay. UNINTELLIGIBLE entirely sure that each of the comments that the Board has made at this particular point in time.

So, I'll ask, what is the pleasure or the Board? Hearing no motion,

Horton:

Do you need a motion?

Davis:

No, No. I think we can count it with no action. I think the attorney will tell me if there is anything different with that. But hearing no motion, that is in effect at this point in time delaying action on this until a later date or when the desire of the Board is. Should the issues that arise in Atlanta indicate that we need to take, as you indicated earlier, Chuck, a called meeting or something of this nature if we have to do that. Or perhaps, if the situation may be, I know that each of us will be in contact with our own legislators and others UNINTELLIGIBLE regarding this particular matter. I think with no motion that in effects squares with what the Board desires to do at this particular time.