

Several seek seats on impact fee panel

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Some heavy-hitters in Oconee County's business and development community are vying to serve on an Oconee County impact fee study committee.

The 13 applicants for the 10-person committee, which will recommend whether the county should follow communities around the state in adopting impact fees, include developers Bob Cain, Doug Dickens and Mike Power, bank executives Amrey Harden and Chuck Williams and landscape architects Ken Beall and Jon Williams.

County commissioners plan to structure the committee with three people opposed to the fees, three in favor and four undecided.

Developers and home builders generally oppose impact fees, which add costs on the front end of building a house or commercial development, but Beall, Dickens and Chuck Williams said they are neutral on the issue.

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