

October 25, 2012 -- Oconee County Council Districts 4 and 5

Candidates for Oconee County Council District 4 were Jack Collins, Joel Thrift and Frankie Pearson.

Candidates for Oconee County Council District 5 were Greg Connally, Reg Dexter and James Glenn Hart.



Left to right: Jack Collins, Frankie Pearson, Joel Thrift (at microphone), Greg Connally, Reg Dexter and James Glenn Hart.

A Few Notes from the Forum

At the County Council forum, Frankie Pearson was upset about the Council not reducing SDOC millage increase. Greg Connally said that the Council doesn't need to carry a lot of money in reserve. Jack Collins said that he wouldn't even think about adding a county sales tax. Joel Thrift said that sales taxes are strictly regulated by the state and must be dedicated to purposes spelled-out in advance and would have to be approved by a referendum. Reg Dexter said that forty of the forty-six state counties use optional sales taxes that are routinely renewed by the voters and that Oconee gets by, strictly, on property taxes. James Glenn Hart revisited the development of Sanctuary Point several times, saying that it could be just the economic catalyst Southern Oconee County needs.