



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
January 5, 2016

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. Paul Cain, District III, Chairman
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II, Vice Chairman
Ms. Edda Cammick, District I, Chairman Pro Tem
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV
Mr. Reg Dexter, District V

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Scott Moulder, County Attorney David Root and Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council present.

Press:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available [upon request] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Ray Chandler / Anderson Independent, Dick Mangrum / WGOG Radio & Stephen Bradley / The Daily Journal.

Call to Order

Mr. Root, acting as chair until officer elections later in the meeting, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment Session

Ms. Jean Jennings addressed Council voicing concerns that the county utilizes an outside company to conduct property reassessment.

Mr. Berry Nichols addressed Council regarding four issues: [1] he recognized the passing of community leader Donna Linsin; [2] he asked Council to not raise taxes during the upcoming budget cycle; [3] his concerns that the state wide flood in 2015 will negatively impact Oconee County's budget in FY 2016-2017; and , [4] his opposition to Advocates for Quality Development.

County Council Response to Public Comment

None were addressed at this meeting.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Root asked for a moment of silence prior the Invocation by the County Chaplain.

Invocation by County Council Chaplain:

Mr. Root, County Council Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Moulder led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve the December 15, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Election of Officers:

Council Chairman

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, to elect **Mr. Paul Cain** as Council Chairman for 2016. No other nominations were received from the floor. Mr. Root called for the vote. Mr. Cain was elected Chairman on a 5 – 0 vote.

At this point, Mr. Cain took over as chair of the meeting.

Council Vice Chairman

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, to elect **Mr. Wayne McCall** as Council Vice Chairman for 2016. No other nominations were received from the floor. Mr. Cain called for the vote. Mr. McCall was elected Vice Chairman on a 3 – 2 [Mr. Thrift & Mr. Dexter opposed] vote.

Council Chairman Pro Tem

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, to elect **Ms. Edda Cammick** as Council Chairman Pro Tem for 2016. No other nominations were received from the floor. Mr. Cain called for the vote. Ms. Cammick was elected Chairman Pro Tem on a 5 – 0 vote.

Re-Appointment of Appointed Officials

Clerk to Council

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to re-appoint Ms. Elizabeth G. Hulse as Clerk to Council for 2016.

Appointment of Council Committees for 2016 by Council Chairman

Budget, Finance & Administration

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 4 - 1 [Ms. Cammick opposed] to appoint **Mr. Cain as Committee Chair** with all members appointed to the committee.

Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to appoint **Mr. McCall as Committee Chair** and Mr. Thrift & Mr. Dexter as the other members to the committee.

Planning & Economic Development

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to appoint **Mr. Dexter as Committee Chair** and Mr. Cain & Mr. Thrift as the other members to the committee.

Real Estate, Facilities & Land Management

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to appoint **Ms. Cammick as Committee Chair** and Mr. McCall & Mr. Dexter as the other members to the committee.

Transportation

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to appoint **Mr. Thrift as Committee Chair** and Ms. Cammick & Mr. McCall as the other members to the committee.

Appointment of Council Representatives by Chairman:

South Carolina Appalachian Council of Governments [SC ACOG]

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to appoint **Mr. Dexter** to the SC ACOG Board for 2016.

Capital Project Advisory Committee

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to appoint **Mr. Thrift** to the Capital Project Advisory Committee for 2016.

Oconee Business Education Partnership

Mr. Cain made a motion to appoint Ms. Cammick to the Oconee Business Education Partnership. Ms. Cammick declined the appointment due to her teaching schedule but recommended Mr. Dexter with his career experience in education. Mr. Cain withdrew his appointment.

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to appoint **Mr. Dexter** to the Oconee Business Education Partnership for 2016.

Ten at the Top

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to appoint **Mr. Dave Eldridge** to Ten at the Top for 2016.

Scheduling of Meeting for 2016:

County Council:

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to adopt the 2016 meeting schedule as follows:

Oconee County Council will meet in 2016 on the first and the third Tuesday of each month [excluding July & August which will meet only on the third Tuesday of the month] at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, South Carolina unless otherwise advertised. Oconee County Council will also hold a Planning Retreat in February 2016 [date TBD] in Council Chambers to establish short and long term goals.

Additionally, Council will meet on January 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at which point they will establish their 2017 council and committee meeting schedules.

Additional Council meetings, workshops and/or committee meetings may be added throughout the year as needed.

County Council Committees:

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0, to adopt the 2016 Committee meeting schedule as follows:

Oconee County Council Committees will meet in 2016 on the following dates/times in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, South Carolina unless otherwise advertised.

Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee / 5:30 p.m.

Transportation Committee / 6:30 p.m.

- January 12th, April 12th, July 12th and October 11th 2016

Real Estate, Facilities & Land Management Committee / 5:30 p.m.

Budget, Finance & Administration Committee / 6:30 p.m.

- February 9th, May 24th[4th Tuesday], August 9th and November 8th [conference room], 2016

Planning & Economic Development Committee / 5:30 p.m.

- March 8th[conference room], June 14th[conference room], September 13th & December 13th 2016

Administrator's Report & Agenda Summary

Mr. Moulder briefly reviewed with Council and for the public's benefit specifics related to the following matters before Council at this meeting:

- Discussion / Action Items
- Board & Commission Appointments

Discussion Regarding Action Items:

Engineering Services for Coneross Farm Road [not to exceed \$90,690] and Alberts Road [not to exceed \$64,240] / total not to exceed \$154,930

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve the total award of \$154,930.00 to Davis & Floyd, Inc., of Greenwood, SC for engineering services for the above mentioned projects.

ITB 15-05 / Front Load Refuse Truck / Solid Waste / \$241,432

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve the award of ITB 15-05 for a Front Load Refuse Truck to Nu-Life Environmental, Inc., of Easley, SC, in the amount of \$241,432.

ITB 15-06 / Front Load Containers for Cardboard / Solid Waste / \$59,940

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve the award of ITB 15-06 for Front Load Containers for Cardboard to Nu-Life Environmental, Inc., of Easley, SC, in the amount of \$59,940.

Board/Commission Appointments

Arts & Historical Commission

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to appoint **Ms. Meredith LaCour** as the District II member of the Oconee County Arts & Historical Commission with her term being co-terminus with Districts II, IV and V.

Destination Oconee Action Committee

At Large:

Mr. Thrift made a request that Council not engage in the ballot process for the remaining open At Large seat that and that motions be accepted from the floor.

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 - 0 to appoint Mr. Robert Moore to an At Large Seat on the Destination Oconee Action Committee.

Old Business:

None addressed at this meeting.

New Business:

None addressed at this meeting.

Adjourn

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Cain noted that he looked forward to his tenure as Chair and working closely with the other Council members in moving Oconee County forward.

Mr. McCall made a motion, approved unanimously 5 - 0, to adjourn at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council