



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
July 19, 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 & Stephen Bradley / The Daily Journal.

Call to Order

Mr. Cain called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment Session

Mr. Bob Graves addressed Council in support for passage of Ordinance 2016-21.

Ms. Susie Cornelius addressed Council voicing concerns with a potential "pay-as-you-throw" program as part of a county wide recycling program.

Mr. Ben Turetzky, FOLKS Executive Director, addressed Council utilizing two handouts [copies filed with these minutes] regarding [1] the Sheriff's Office surveillance at the Fall Creek Landing over the Fourth of July weekend, and [2] lake shore buffer differences between Duke regulations and Oconee County ordinances.

Mr. Berry Nichols addressed Council voicing his opposition to passage of Ordinance 2016-21.

County Council Response to Public Comment

None at this meeting.

Moment of Silence

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

Invocation by County Council Chaplain:

The County Council Chaplain gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve the June 21, 2016 meeting minutes as presented.

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:

- Second Readings for Ordinances: 2016-21
- First Reading for Ordinances: 2016-22 [title only]
- Discussion Regarding Action Items
- Board & Commission Appointments
- Council Committee Reports
- Executive Session

Mr. Moulder asked Council to consider amending the agenda to add a Discussion Item for the purchase of two boats, with funds from a DNR Grant, from Pioneer Boats of Walterboro, SC in a not to exceed amount of \$90,362. He noted the urgency to add to this agenda so that the boats may be utilized during this summer season as Council again meets at the end of August.

Motion to Amend Agenda

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to amend the agenda to:

[1] add a Discussion Item for the purchase of two boats on state contract with funds from DNR Grant from Pioneer Boats of Walterboro, SC in a not to exceed amount of \$90,362, and

[2] to add two agenda items to Executive Session to discuss the contractual matters related thereto [Ordinance 2016-21 & ITB 15-23] and to Defer both items to after Executive Session for action.

Second Reading for the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2016-21 "AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE AWARD OF **RFP #15-14 TO ONETONE TELECOM, INC.** AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A NETWORK MASTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY AND ONETONE TELECOM, INC; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO" *This matter is deferred to after Executive Session [see page #5]*

First Reading for the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2016-22 [in title only] "AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$16,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, OF OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COUNCIL OR COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO"

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-22** on first reading in title only.

Discussion Regarding Action Items:

ITB 15-18 / Heavy Equipment Tires / Quarry & Vehicle Maintenance / \$178,472.20

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to (1) approve the Award Bid #15-18 to McCarthy Tire Services, of Greenville, SC, for the estimated amount of \$178,472.20, for a period of one year with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods, and (2) Authorize the County Administrator to renew the bid for up to four one-year periods, provided their work is satisfactory.

ITB 15-23 / Road Paving 2016-2017 / \$1,794,715.12

This matter is deferred to after Executive Session [see page #5]

Intrado Viper 911 System Upgrade / Communications / \$315,586

Mr. Moulder noted that Intrado has had a company name change to Safety Solution operating as Intrado and asked that it be reflected as part of Council's action in awarding this sole source purchase.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve the Sole Source purchase for an upgrade of equipment and software for the VIPER 911 System for the Oconee County 911 System to Safety Solution operating as Intrado of Canada, Inc., of Denver, CO in the amount of \$315,586.

Recycling Plan Discussion / Review Planning Commission Recommendations

[also included Mr. McCall's **85% Recycling Plan** as part of discussion]

Council discussed at length the Planning Commission Recommendations and Mr. McCall's Recycling Plan to include but not limited to the following topics:

- Need to improve recycling – 15% at Manned Convenience Centers [MCC's] currently
- Administrative changes in current operation
- Financial sustainability of various recycling streams
- Current & Potential Changing Role of Municipalities to include tipping fees, etc.
- Existing and/or Failed Recycling Programs in Municipalities
- County Tipping Fees, Current costs associated with hauling [\$32.07/ton, 1.6 cents/pound], etc.
- Subdivision/Community Interest in community recycling mini-centers
- County Survey to Communities to identify potential options
- Increased public education
- Review of Waste Management Contract with possibility that we institute hauling ourselves
- Future options: Dirty MRF, Single Stream, Composting, Tire Shredding

Mr. McCall stated that he withheld the "Design & Use Key" as part of the document for proprietary reasons in case Council chose not to use the plan. Lengthy discussion followed. Mr. McCall stated that he would meet with Mr. Moulder and potentially provide the key to his document if Council decides to act on his plan.

Mr. Moulder outlined for Council, based on the five identified areas by the Planning Commission, current and planned activities:

1. a. The County has engaged the School District of Oconee County to encourage recycling containers in all the school.
- b. Identified a potential partnership with KOBA
- c. Concern: maintaining separate wet and dry recyclables – needs to be addressed before program can move forward

2. a. A “Zero Waste” policy is currently being drafted to move the county offices and operations to zero waste
- b. Recycling containers have been ordered for all county facilities with normal demarcation and one marked “landfill” for so that people know where each item is going.
3. a. Many of the MCC’s are land locked with traffic issues
- b. Cost estimate to redesign Salem MCC is \$28,000 without any wetland mitigation costs. Total costs for a new MCC in District I would be estimated between \$300,000-\$400,00.
- c. Container change out process being looked at to allow for quicker changes
4. Discussed at some length earlier in meeting.
5. Discussed at some length earlier in meeting.

Lastly Mr. Moulder reviewed with Council the following ongoing and planned activities to improve recycling in the County:

- “Why Recycle” banners at all MCC’s to increase public education
- Public Education regarding Tire Clean Up program[s]
- Evaluation of a program for Oconee County to haul our trash outside of the county at a potential savings of \$150,000-\$180,000 saving that would include the purchase of various vehicles, increased staffing, increased fuel costs, increased operations and maintenance, etc.

Council took no action regarding matters discussed at this meeting.

Purchase Two Boats / not to exceed amount of \$90,362

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to approve the purchase of two boats on state contract, utilizing DNR grant funds awarded to Oconee County, from Pioneer Boats of Walterboro, SC, in a not to exceed amount of \$90,362.

Old Business:

Status of Agriculture Property Lease

Mr. Cain questioned Mr. Moulder regarding the status of the lease. Mr. Moulder noted that it is being drafted but work on the Broadband contract took priority.

New Business:

None discussed at this meeting.

Board & Commission Appointments

Planning Commission / District IV Seat

Mr. Thrift asked that this be deferred pending receipt of citizen questionnaires.

Agriculture Advisory Board

Council deferred pending receipt of additional citizen questionnaires.

Council Committee Reports:

Planning & Economic Development Committee

Mr. Dexter read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting activities of the committee meeting held on June 28, 2016. Discussion followed.

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to affirm the Committee's recommendation to direct OEA Director to move forward with the Road construction project as outlined in presentation at the meeting.

Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee

Mr. McCall read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting activities of the committee meeting held on June 28, 2016.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to affirm the Committee's recommendation to move forward with the program where citizens sentenced to community service are offered work through the Sheriff's Office with any payments going toward child support arrearages, fees and/or fines.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to affirm the Committee's recommendation to ask the Sheriff to complete his study of other counties funding for state inmate labor and to report back to full Council for their consideration in potentially funding a program in Oconee County.

Transportation Committee

Mr. Thrift read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting activities of the committee meeting held on July 12, 2016.

Executive Session:

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 enter into Executive Session as allowed for in §30-4-70 (a) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended, 1976 for the purpose of:

- [1] receiving legal advice regarding contractual matters and issues related thereto,
- [2] discussing a potential Economic Development project: Project Laser,
- [3] discussion regarding a contractual matter related to the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority,
- [4] discussion regarding a contractual matter related to Ordinance 2016-21, and
- [5] discussion regarding a contractual matter related to ITB 15-23

Council entered Executive Session at 7:41 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:37 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Thrift, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0.

Mr. Cain stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to direct staff to proceed with Project Laser as discussed in Executive Session.

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Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-21** on second reading.

Discussion Regarding Action Items:

ITB 15-23 / Road Paving 2016-2017 / \$1,794,715.12

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to (1) approve the Award of ITB 15-23, Road Paving 2016-2017, to Hubbard Paving & Grading, Inc., of Walhalla, SC, in the amount of \$1,631,559.20, plus a 10% contingency in the amount of \$163,155.92, for a total award of \$1,794,715.12; and, (2) authorize the County Administrator to approve any change orders within the contingency amount.

Adjourn

Ms. Cammick made a motion, approved unanimously 5 – 0, to adjourn at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council