



MINUTES
BUDGET, FINANCE, & ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE
April 18, 2023

MEMBERS, ALL OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. John Elliott, District I, Chairman
Matthew Durham, District II
Mr. Don Mize, District III
Mr. Julian Davis, District IV
Mr. Glenn Hart, District V

The Oconee County Budget, Finance & Administration Committee met Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 4:30 PM in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee members present, as well as County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, and Clerk to Council Jennifer C. Adams 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.oconeesc.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: Riley Morningstar / The Journal

Members of the staff present: Ladale Price / Finance Director, Amber Turner / Accounting Analyst

Call to Order:

Mr. Elliott called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Elliott asked for a moment of silence prior to the Invocation by County Council Chaplain.

Invocation by County Chaplain

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mize, approved 5 - 0, to approve the March 24, 2023 Budget Workshop minutes as presented.

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Presentation

Mr. Grant Davis with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC, an independent auditing firm, addressed the Committee utilizing a document entitled, “Annual Comprehensive Financial Report For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022”, which can be viewed by visiting <https://oconeesc.com/finance-home/financial-transparency/statements-and-reports> and gave a brief presentation of findings to the Committee, noting there were no instances of non-compliance or internal control deficiencies found throughout the conduct of the audit.

Discussion Items

FY2023-2024 Budget Discussion and Review

[copy of updated FY2023-2024 Budget document filed in backup]

Ms. Brock addressed the Committee by first noting the FY2023-2024 Budget document has been updated to reflect changes within the budget.

Ms. Brock continued to provide an overview of the budget changes to the Committee, noting that \$723,036.00 has been cut from the previously presented budget.

Mr. Durham stated that he believes the budget should not grow faster than County growth and plus inflation, noting numbers from research he has been conducting on past County Budgets.

Mr. Durham went on to state that he believes the FY2023-2024 Budget should not exceed \$65,231,000.00.

Mr. Elliott offered comments related to the inflation rate.

Mr. Davis noted that budgeting should not be to a number but to a need.

Mr. Durham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 3 – 2 [Mr. Elliott and Mr. Davis opposed], to direct staff revise the FY2023-2024 Budget not to exceed \$65,231,000.00.

Adjourn

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Council

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