

**MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Mr. Steven R. Moore, District I Mr. Kenneth E. Johns, Jr., District II  
Mr. Harry R. Hamilton, District III Mr. Marion E. Lyles, District IV  
Mr. H. Frank Ables, Jr., District V

## MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Oconee County Council met Tuesday, June 18, 2002 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

### Press:

Members of the press notified (by mail): Keowee Courier, Westminster News, Anderson Independent, WGOG Radio, Daily Journal, WYFF TV, WLOS TV.

Members of the press present: Amanda Rylander - Daily Journal & Dave Williams - Anderson Independent.

### Other Organizations Notified:

Also notified were the Oconee County Tax Payers Association and the Oconee County Democratic Party.

### Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Ables in the absence of Supervisor-Chair Hughes. Mr. Ables welcomed those present for the meeting.

### Invocation:

Mr. Johns gave the invocation.

### Minutes:

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the June 4, 2002 meeting be adopted as printed.

### Department of Social Services:

Mr. Dan Whitehurst, DSS Director & Ms. Leann Green, DHHS Director addressed Council regarding the county's responsibilities in providing office space and facility service as per Section 43-3-65, SC Code of Laws. (See attached)

Mr. Ables assigned this to the Purchasing, Contracting, Real Estate, Building & Grounds Committee, which scheduled a meeting Monday, July 8, 2002 at 8:30 AM in Council Chambers to discuss the matter.

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### First Steps:

KA Associates presented the attached Oconee County First Steps Transportation Needs Assessment Executive Summary to Council. The focus of the survey was to develop a comprehensive view of the perceptions of County residents regarding transportation and unmet needs that may exist with the following questions:

- Are any persons in your household age 16 or older dependent on others for transportation because they do not have a car or do not drive?
- Are you or other members of your household avoiding or postponing trips because you do not have access to transportation?

### Public Hearing Regarding Ordinance 2002-10:

The next item on the agenda was a public hearing to receive written and/or oral comments regarding Ordinance 2002-10, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000) OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2002; TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO".

To Mr. B. J. Littleton's question regarding the purpose of the bond and the method of payment of the bond, Mr. Bradley Love, HAYNSWORTH, SINKLER & BOYD, P.A., Bond Counsel stated the purpose of the bond is for phase one of the Public Safety Facility and the method of payment will be ad-valorem taxes.

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 2002-10 (titled above) be adopted on third and final reading.

### Assessor:

Upon recommendation of Mr. Roger Williams, Assessor, Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 5 - 0 that the CD's of property rolls be sold at a cost of \$100 and the charge to update them be \$10 per month.

### Coroner (Contingency):

Upon request of Mr. Karl Addis, Coroner, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 5 - 0 that \$5,000 be taken from contingency and placed in line item 010 103 30025. (See attached request)

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### Communications (Contingency):

Upon request of Mr. John Murray, Emergency Communications Director, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 5 - 0 that \$6,500 be taken from contingency and placed in line item 010 104 50840.

Mr. Lyles then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 - 0 that the bid for the generator for Long Mountain be awarded to Matthews Electrical Contractors who was low bid at a cost of \$38,500. (See attached bid sheet)

### Airport:

Upon recommendation of Mr. Robert Banks, Airport Director & Mrs. Ann Albertson, Procurement Department, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 5 - 0 that the bid for aviation fuel be awarded to Eastern Aviation Fuels, Inc. at an approximate cost of \$165,702.40 for approximate quantities. (See attached bid sheet)

### Resolution 2002-19:

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 4 - 1 (Mr. Moore voting against) that Resolution 2002-19, "A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE INTER BASIN WATER TRANSFER IN THE SAVANNAH RIVER BASIN" be adopted on first and final reading.

### Parks & Recreation:

Upon request of Mrs. Lombard, on behalf of the County Supervisor, Mr. Moore made a motion that \$3,000 be taken from contingency to fund a PRT Director for the remainder of the fiscal year. This motion died for lack of a second.

### Short Street Agreement:

Mr. Norton presented the attached agreement between Karen Ballenger and Oconee County for improvement of Short Street to Council. Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 4 - 1 (Mr. Johns abstaining due to family connection) that the agreement be adopted.

### Emergency Management:

Mr. Johns congratulated Emergency Management and Rescue Workers on awards received for services to the county citizens.

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### Commission Appointments:

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 5 - 0 that Dennis Pearson be reappointed to represent District II on the Solid Waste Commission and Larry Brandt be reappointed to represent District II on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 - 0 that Louise Bell be reappointed to represent District III on the Arts & Historical Commission.

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 - 0 that Phil Soper be appointed to represent District IV on the Water Commission.

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Lee Keese be reappointed to represent District V on the Solid Waste Commission, Mr. Tony Grant be reappointed to represent District V on the Emergency Management Commission, Mr. Ryan Honea be reappointed to represent District V on the Planning Commission and Mr. Jerry Barlowe be reappointed as an at large member on the Sewer Commission.

### Recommendation of Roads & Transportation Committee:

Upon recommendation of the Roads & Transportation Committee, Council voted 4 - 1 (Mr. Hamilton voting against) that roadways accepted under the previous administration that did not meet the Ordinance 91-1 be taken out of the system until such time they do meet the specifications. (See attached listing)

### Public Comment Session:

Mr. B. J. Littleton expressed appreciation regarding the comments made on the generator for communications and also expressed an opinion that Council should go ahead with the Rock Building.

### Executive Session:

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 5 - 0 that Council go into executive session for the discussion of a contractual matter and a personnel matter.

### Open Session:

When open session resumed, Council voted unanimously that the salary study completed by MGT be amended to include a \$2,500 supplement for the Council Clerk.

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### Big Brothers/Big Sisters:

Ms. Melva Warrick addressed Council requesting \$3,000 funding for advertising for the "Bowl for Kids' Sake 2002". This request was referred to the Budget & Finance Committee.

### Adjourn:

Adjourn 5:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Opal O. Green

Council Clerk