

**MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
Mr. Steven R. Moore, District I Mr. Kenneth E. Johns, Jr., District II  
Rev. William "Bill" Rinehart, 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, September 2, 2003 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members except Mr. Lyles present. The County Attorney was also present.

**Press:**

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

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio, Ray Chandler – Daily Journal & Rolann Lee – Westminster News.

**Other Organizations Notified:**

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

**Call to Order:**

Interim Supervisor-Chair Hamilton called the meeting to order.

**Invocation:**

Mr. Rinehart gave the invocation.

**Minutes:**

Mr. Ables made a motion; seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 4 – 0 that the minutes of the regular meeting held August 19, 2003 be adopted as printed.

**Circular Ordinance:**

Mr. Blake Griffith addressed Council regarding the adoption of an ordinance prohibiting circulars and other advertisements being thrown on the ground of private residences.

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**Lakeview Rest Home:**

Rev. Randy Keasler, Lakeview Board Member, addressed Council regarding their need to apply for liability insurance through the Insurance Reserve Fund and the criteria they will have to meet as a governmental entity. Rev. Keasler informed Council they were not requesting funding, however they did need credentialing from the county. After a brief discussion Mr. Hamilton referred this matter to the Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee.

**Local Law Enforcement Block Grant:**

Upon recommendation of Chief Deputy Terry Wilson, Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 4 – 0 that the 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant in the amount of \$33,757 with a local match of \$3,757 (budgeted funds) for a total of \$37,508 be adopted.

**Hangar for Sheriff Dept's. Helicopter:**

Upon request of Sheriff Singleton, Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 4 – 0 that the Sheriff's Department use \$23,000 drug seize funds for the purchase of a hanger from American Steel Building and up to \$600 drug seize funds for a concrete pad for a hangar to be placed at the Oconee County Airport to house the Department's helicopter, a truck and the CERT Van.

**Right of Way & Lease Agreement RE: Sewer Commission:**

Mr. Robert Winchester & Mr. Rhett Smith addressed Council regarding the attached right-of-way and lease agreement between Oconee County/Oconee County Sewer Commission and New Horizons Electric Cooperative. After a brief discussion, Mr. Hamilton referred this to the Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee for a recommendation. Before this can be acted on, the county will have to hold a public hearing to receive written and/or oral comments.

The Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee scheduled a meeting Wednesday, September 10, 2003 at 9:00 AM in Council Chambers to discuss the matter.

**Millage:**

Upon recommendation of Mrs. Linda Nix, Oconee County Auditor, Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 4 – 0 that the millage for the 2003-04 fiscal year be set as follows:

County Operations:	61.8 Mills
School Operations	126.0 Mills

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**Millage Continued:**

Economic Development:	1.0 Mills
Tri County Operations:	2.2 Mills

Mrs. Nix also set the millage for bonds as follows:

Lila Doyle:	1.0 Mills
Courthouse:	.5 Mills
Emergency Services:	1.0 Mills
1994 School:	4.5 Mills
1995 School:	3.5 Mills
1998 School:	1.0 Mills
2001 School:	2.0 Mills
Tri County Tec:	.5 Mills

This is a total of 205.0 Mills for the 2003-04 fiscal year. (See attached)

**Rural Fire:**

Upon request of Mr. Ronald Butts, Rural Fire Chief, Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 4 – 0 that a transfer in the amount of \$8,300 from Rural Fire Operational into Rural Fire Maintenance be adopted.

**ATAX Grant:**

Upon recommendation of Mr. Gerald Foster, ATAX Committee, Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 4 – 0 that the attached ATAX Grant in the amount of \$6,742.05 to the Lazy Daisy Club be adopted.

**Ordinance 2003-15:**

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 4 – 0 that Ordinance 2003-15, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE BONDS (INDUSTRIAL BUILDING PROJECT) SERIES 2003; THE ENTERING INTO OF CERTAIN COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN INSTRUMENTS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE AFORESAID BOND, INCLUDING AN INDENTURE; AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO" be adopted on first reading in title only.

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**Ice Machine & Awnings:**

Upon request of Mrs. Phyllis Lombard, Finance Director, Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 4 – 0 that \$2,348 be taken from Pine Street Funds for an ice machine and \$2,100 be taken from the Pine Street Funds for awnings at the Tax Center

**Personnel & Intergovernmental Meet:**

The Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee scheduled a meeting Tuesday, September 16, 2003 at 2:00 PM in Council Chambers for the purpose of discussing Lakeview Rest Home needs.

**Commission Appointment:**

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 4 – 0 that Ms. Sally Price be appointed as the District III Representative on the Library Board.

**Ordinance 2003-16:**

Upon recommendation of the Budget & Finance Committee, Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 2003-16, "OCONEE COUNTY SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET" on first reading in title only.

**Commission Appointments:**

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 4 – 0 that Mr. Paul Johanson be appointed as the District I Representative on the Library Board.

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 4 – 0 that Mr. Doyle Burton be appointed to the ATAX Committee.

**Resolution 2003-34:**

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 4 – 0 that Resolution 2003-34 be adopted on first and final reading.

**City of Westminster Agreement:**

Mr. Hamilton assigned the City of Westminster Agreement requesting the County to act as their building inspector the Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee for a recommendation.

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**Public Comment Session:**

There was no one present who spoke during the public comment session

**Adjourn:**

Adjourn: 7:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

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Opal O. Green, Clerk to Council