

5/20/04

COUNTY COUNCIL OF OCONEE COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2004-03

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ACQUIRE BY INITIAL CONSTRUCTION OR PURCHASE, ESTABLISH, IMPLEMENT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A WATER SYSTEM OR SYSTEMS AND, WHETHER OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, ACTING THROUGH THE OCONEE COUNTY SEWER COMMISSION, SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ACQUIRE BY INITIAL CONSTRUCTION OR PURCHASE, ESTABLISH, IMPLEMENT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A SEWER SYSTEM OR SYSTEMS AND APPLY TO THE COSTS OF SAID WATER SYSTEM OR SYSTEMS AND SAID SEWER SYSTEM OR SYSTEMS TAXES, REVENUES OF SUCH SYSTEM OR SYSTEMS AND OTHER FUNDS AS DETERMINED BY OCONEE COUNTY.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Registration and Elections Commission of Oconee County shall cause to be held on 3rd day of August, 2004, a referendum to determine the wishes of a majority of the qualified electors of Oconee County on the questions of whether or not the County Government of Oconee County should acquire by initial construction or purchase, establish, implement, maintain, and operate a water and sewer system or systems, serving some or part of Oconee County and apply to the costs thereof taxes, revenues of such system or systems and other funds as determined by Oconee County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Registration and Elections Commission of Oconee County in compliance with the requirements of Section 7-13-35 Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, shall cause to be published two notices of this referendum in *The Daily Journal*, the *Keowee Courier*, and the *Westminster News*, newspapers of general circulation in Oconee County, published in the South Carolina municipalities of Seneca, Walhalla and Westminster respectively. That said Notice of Referendum be in the form as set forth in Exhibit A, that the first publication of said Notice of Referendum shall be published not later than sixty days prior to the date of said referendum, and that the second publication of said notice shall be published in said newspapers not later than two weeks after the publication of the first notice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Registration and Elections Commission of Oconee County do all things necessary to conduct the holding of said referendum in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the within Resolution is adopted without further reading and shall be effective upon the date of its adoption.

Adopted in meeting duly called and assembled this 25th day of May, 2004.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

H. Frank Ables,
Chairman of County Council

ATTEST:

Opal O. Green
Clerk to County Council

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the County Council of Oconee County on May 25, 2004, and the requirements of Section 16 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina 1895, as amended, a referendum will be held in Oconee County on August 3, 2004. The purpose of the referendum is to submit to all persons qualified to vote in Oconee County, South Carolina, under the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina the following question:

Question

Shall the County Council of Oconee County, South Carolina, be authorized to acquire by initial construction or purchase, establish, implement, operate and maintain a water system or systems and shall the County Council of Oconee County, South Carolina, acting through the Oconee County Sewer Commission, be authorized to acquire by initial construction or purchase, establish, implement, operate and maintain a sewer system or systems and apply to the costs of said water system or systems and said sewer system or systems taxes, revenues of such system or systems and other funds as determined by Oconee County?

In favor of Question _____

Opposed to Question _____

Every person offering to vote must be at least 18 years of age on the date of the Referendum, must reside in Oconee County, South Carolina and must be duly registered on the books of registration for Oconee County, South Carolina as an elector in the precinct in which he or she resides and offers to vote on or before the date on which said books of registration are closed for the Referendum, and must present his or her registration certificate or valid South Carolina driver's license or other form of identification containing a photograph issued by the South Carolina Department of Revenue and Taxation, if not licensed to drive. Any persons wishing to register to vote in this election, if registering by mail, must have such registration postmarked not later than July 3, 2004, to the Registration and Elections Commission of Oconee County, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, South Carolina 29691, or, if registering to vote in person, must do so by no later than July 2, 2004. Any such registered elector who has moved his or her place of residence within Oconee County, South Carolina after the date on which said books of registration are closed for the Referendum, but before the date of the Referendum, shall be entitled to vote in his or her previous precinct of residence in the Referendum; provided, however, in case any registered elector shall have moved from one precinct in the District to another precinct in the District within thirty days prior to August 3, 2004, and shall have surrendered his registration certificate and has received a new certificate, such elector may vote in the precinct provided for by such new certificate. Persons who become of age during the 30-day period preceding the Referendum shall be entitled to register before the closing of the books if otherwise qualified.

Any person eligible to register to vote in the Referendum who has been discharged or separated from his service in the Armed Forces of the United States prior to August 3, 2004, and has returned home too late to register at the time when registration is required, is entitled to register for the purpose of voting in the Referendum after the discharge or separation from service, up to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the Referendum. This application for registration must be made at the office of the Registration and Elections Commission of Oconee County, and if qualified, the person must be issued a registration notification stating the precinct in which he is entitled to vote and a certification to the managers of the precinct that he is entitled to vote and should be placed on the registration rolls of the precinct.

The polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the polling places designated below and shall be open during these hours without intermission or adjournment. Appropriate vote recorders will be provided at the polling places for the casting of ballots on the aforesaid question. Managers of Election will be appointed by the Registration and Elections Commission of Oconee County. The Managers of Election shall see that each person offering to vote takes the oath that he is qualified to vote at this election according to the Constitution of this State, and that he has not voted before in this election. The precincts within Oconee County and locations of the several polling places for such Referendum are as follows:

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>Polling Place</u>
Newry-Corinth	Newry Masonic Hall, 701 Broadway St., Newry
Harles Grove	Community Center, 398 Cedar Lane Rd., Westminster
Ravenel	Shiloh-Corinth Fire Station, 9401 Old Clemson Hwy., Seneca
Fair Play	Fair Play Elementary School, 150 School Rd., Fair Play
Friendship	Friendship Fire Station, 1307 Friendship Rd., Seneca
Holly Springs	Community Center, 125B Reese Cobb Rd., Westminster
Keowee	Keowee Fire Station, 7031 Keowee School Rd., Seneca
Long Creek	Community Center, 12351 Long Creek Hwy., Westminster
Mountain Rest	Community Center, 120 Verner Mill Rd., Mountain Rest
Madison	Cleveland Fire Station, 684 Cleveland Pike Rd., Westminster
Bountyland	Hamilton Career Center, 100 Vocational Dr., Seneca
Oakway	Oakway Middle School, 150 School House Rd., Westminster
Return	Return Baptist Fellowship Hall, 733 Return Church Rd., Seneca
Richland	Rock Springs Methodist Ch., 895 Poplar Spgs. Rd., Westminster
Salem	Salem City Hall, 5 Park Ave., Salem
Stamp Creek	Duke Power "World of Energy," 7812 Rochester Hwy., Seneca
Shiloh	Oconee County Airport, 365 Airport Rd., Seneca
South Union	South Union Fire Station, 111 Fire Station Rd., Westminster
Tamasee	Picket Post-Camp Oak Fire Station, 7660 N Hwy. 11, Walhalla
Tokeena-Providence	Cross Roads Baptist Church, 215 Cross Roads Dr., Seneca
Utica	Tri-City Rescue Squad Bldg., 233 Goddard Ave., Seneca
Walhalla #1, #2	Walhalla Fire Station, 207 E. North Broad St., Walhalla
Westminster #1, #2	American Legion Hut, 205 Lucky St., Westminster
West Union	West Union Fire Station, 220 N Hwy. 11, West Union
Seneca #1, #2, #3, #4	Shaver Gymnasium, 698 W South 4 th St., Seneca

Voters who are blind, who are otherwise physically handicapped, or who are unable to read or write are entitled to assistance in casting their ballot. This assistance may be given by anyone the voter chooses except his employer, an agent of his employer, or an officer or agent of his union. The Managers of Election must be notified if assistance is needed. Voters who are unable to enter their polling place due to physical handicap or age may vote in the vehicle in which they drove, or were driven to the polls. When notified, the Managers will help voters effectuate this curbside voting provision. Registered voters may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. Persons wishing more information concerning absentee balloting should contact the Registration and Elections Commission of Oconee County at (864) 638-4196.

The Registration and Elections Commission of Oconee County shall hold a hearing on ballots challenged in the election on August 4, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Registration and Elections Commission of Oconee County, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, South Carolina 29691. The process of examining the return-addressed envelopes containing absentee ballots will begin at 2:00 p.m. on August 3, 2004.

Interim Supervisor/Chairman of County Council
Oconee County, South Carolina

Chairman, Registration and Elections
Commission of Oconee County

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF OCONEE

I, the undersigned, Clerk to County Council of Oconee County, South Carolina (the "Council"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and verbatim copy of a Resolution duly adopted by said Council at a meeting duly called and held on the 25th day of May, 2004, at which meeting all/a majority of the membership of said Council were present, and voted unanimously in favor of the adoption thereof.

That said Resolution was duly offered and seconded and unanimously adopted by those present. That the original of said Resolution is duly entered in the permanent records of said Council, in my custody as such Clerk to Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand and the Seal of the Council this 25th day of May, 2004.

(SEAL)

Clerk to County Council,
Oconee County, South Carolina