

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. Steven R. Moore, District I Mr. Kenneth E. Johns, Jr., District II
Mr. William "Bill" Rinehart, District III Mr. Marion E. Lyles, District IV
Mr. H. Frank Ables, Jr., District V

MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Oconee County Council held a special meeting Monday, April 19, 2004 at 8:30 AM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

Press:

- Members of the press notified (Via Facsimile): Daily Journal, Westminster News, Anderson Independent, Greenville News, WGOG Radio, WYFF TV & WLOS TV.

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio.

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Interim Supervisor Harry Hamilton.

Invocation:

- The invocation was given by Mr. Rinehart.

Meeting:

- The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Norton, County Attorney, informed Council charges against Ms. Hughes will be dismissed if Council agrees to the following:

- (1) The County hire Mrs. Hughes as consultant on the Americans with Disabilities Act with a three year contract.
- (2) She will be expected to do such other duties as required by the Chief Administrative Officer of Oconee County, the County will pay for training, travel, lodging and meals in connection with such training.
- (3) Mrs. Hughes will answer only to the Chief Administrative Officer of the County and will have no direct dealings with Council.
- (4) Mrs. Hughes will be entitled to County benefits.
- (5) The County will pay Mrs. Hughes \$50,000 per year for the three year contract, she could be terminated for cause for any future violation of the laws of the State of South Carolina or ordinances, policies and procedures of Oconee County.

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- (6) Mrs. Hughes will also release Oconee County, County employees and elected officials for causes of action she might have through the date of the release.
- (7) If Mrs. Hughes is reinstated as Supervisor upon dismissal of the criminal charges, she will resign immediately as Supervisor upon reinstatement.
- (8) Ms. Hughes will sign a letter of resignation.
- (9) No member of County Government, law enforcement or prosecution will oppose Mrs. Hughes' reinstatement.
- (10) All copies of the investigative materials collected from Mrs. Hughes computer which could be considered personal will be delivered to her attorneys on or before May 1, 2004, except the Solicitor of the Thirteenth Circuit and SLED may retain an investigative file along with the hard drive from the computer.
- (11) Ms. Hughes will provide receipt showing payment of all telephone calls to Clemson University.

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 5 – 0 this agreement be adopted. (See attached for further detailed information)

Adjourn:

- Adjourn: 8:45 AM

Respectfully Submitted:

Opal O. Green
Clerk to Council