

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. Steven R. Moore, District I Mr. Thomas S. Crumpton, 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, April 5, 2005 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Ron Rabun, Clerk to Council & Mr. Norton, County Attorney present.

Press:

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

Members of the press present: Ray Chandler – Daily Journal, Dave Williams – Anderson Independent, Ashton Hester – Keowee Courier & Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio.

Other Organizations Notified:

Also notified were the Oconee County Tax Payers Association, Citizens for Recreation Center and the Oconee County Democratic Party.

Call to Order:

Chairman Ables called the meeting to order.

Invocation:

Mr. Rinehart gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Norton led the pledge of allegiance to the US Flag.

Minutes:

Mr. Crumpton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that the minutes of the special meeting held February 24, 2005 and the minutes of the regular meeting held March 15, 2005 be adopted as printed.

Corinth-Shiloh Fire Department:

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 5 – 0 that the Corinth-Shiloh Fire Department be allowed to hold a special election to determine if the voters in that area would like to be set up in a special tax district for fire protection.

ATAX Grant:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that the attached ATAX Grant in the amount of \$1,600 to Discover Upcountry Carolina Association, 2005 Mountain Spirit of the River Festival be adopted.

LAT Grant:

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 5 – 0 that the attached Local Accommodations Tax in the amount of \$674 to Oconee County Parks & Tourism Commission be adopted.

Computer Tax Center:

The request for a revision to the Tax Form Contract with Smith Data Processing was tabled pending further information.

Aeronautics:

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 5 – 0 that Work Authorization 3401-0501 for Talbert & Bright to complete an update of existing CEU planning documentation currently in final draft form and for the preparation of new planning documentation in support of the Runway 7-25 extension project as required by the Federal Aviation Administration be adopted.

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 5 – 0 that Work Authorization 3401-0502 for Talbert & Bright to complete a revision of the Airport Environmental Assessment as required by the Federal Aviation Administration be adopted.

Road Department:

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 5 – 0 that the attached transfer in the amount of \$100,000 from the road paving line item into the road operational line item for patching materials be approved contingent upon all patching be stopped as of April 6, 2005 until the new Public Works Director begins working with the County and presents Council with an assessment of patching needs.

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Animal Control:

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that the attached Memorandum of Agreement between Oconee County and Upstate Animal Rescue for that agency to adopt animals at the Oconee County Animal Control be adopted.

Resolution 2005-08:

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that Resolution 2005-08, "NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) RESOLUTION" be adopted on first and final reading.

Resolution 2005-09:

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 5 – 0 that Resolution 2005-09, "A RESOLUTION OF RETIREMENT FOR EMOGENE ELROD" be adopted on first and final reading.

Resolution 2005-10:

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 5 – 0 that Resolution 2005-10, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INDUCEMENT AND MILLAGE RATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA ("THE COUNTY") AND CG ROXANE LLC (THE "COMPANY"), WHEREBY, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, THE COUNTY WILL ENTER INTO A FEE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO SUCH PROPERTY; (2) THE COUNTY TO COVENANT IN SUCH FEE AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT CERTAIN FEES IN LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXES WITH RESPECT TO SUCH PROPERTY; (3) SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS TO REIMBURSE THE COMPANY FOR A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE OR REAL PROPERTY COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH A MANUFACTURING OR COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE SERVING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTY; (4) THE BENEFITS OF A MULTI-COUNTY PARK TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY; AND (5) OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO" be adopted on first and final reading.

Ordinance 2005-06:

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2005-06, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION" be adopted on first reading and referred to the Planning Commission for a recommendation to Council.

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Ordinance 2005-07:

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2005-07, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING: (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENT (THE "FEE AGREEMENT") BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA ("OCONEE COUNTY") AND CG ROXANE LLC (THE "COMPANY"), PURSUANT TO WHICH FEE AGREEMENT OCONEE COUNTY SHALL COVENANT TO ACCEPT CERTAIN FEES IN LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXES; (2) SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS TO REIMBURSE THE COMPANY FOR A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE OR REAL PROPERTY COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH A MANUFACTURING OR COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE SERVING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF OCONEE COUNTY; (3) THE BENEFITS OF A MULTI-COUNTY PARK TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO COMPANY; AND (4) OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO" be adopted on first reading.

Newry Sewer:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 4 – 1 (Mr. Moore voting against) to turn the Newry Sewer over to the City of Seneca.

Economic Development Member:

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 5 – 0 that Mr. Sam Dickson be appointed to represent District IV on the Economic Development Commission.

Planning Commission Member:

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 5 – 0 that Mr. Tommy Abbott be reappointed to represent District IV on the Planning Commission.

Public Comment Session:

Ms. Susie Cornelius addressed Council regarding the forms used to notify citizens of reassessment.

Ms. Kathy Bennett expressed her appreciation to Council, as a student at Tri County Technical College, for allowing her to attend the Council Meetings and being made aware of the issues that come before them.

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Public Comment Session Continued:

Mr. B. J. Littleton addressed Council regarding the one-cent sales tax, fire calls that are made outside the city limits, Animal Control and the proposed flood plain ordinance.

Adjourn:

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Respectfully Submitted:

Opal O. Green
Clerk to Council