

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC
COUNTY MEETING DATE: 2/20/06
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 5:00 pm

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Discussion and possible action regarding a listing of projects Council would like for the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission to consider when compiling the listing of projects to be placed on the November referendum question.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

There are many needs in the unincorporated areas of the County which could be funded through the seven (7) year one-cent sales tax, if it is approved by the voters of Oconee County. There are many pressing infrastructure needs that must be addressed to attract business and jobs to Oconee County, improve the tax base improve the quality of life for the citizens of the County. These needs include, but are not limited to the following:

- New Seneca Library at an estimated cost of \$6,000,000; or
- Seneca Library Expansion at existing site at an estimated cost of \$4,000,000
- New Animal Control Facility at an estimated cost of \$800,000
- Central Recreational Complex and pool at an estimated cost of \$8,500,000
- Radio Communication towers at an estimated cost of \$170,000
- New HAZMAT truck at an estimated cost of \$350,000
- New Department of Social Services Facility at an estimated cost of \$4,000,000
- Phase I of I-85 Sewer Expansion at an estimated cost of \$8,215,000
- Phase II of I-85 Sewer Expansion at an estimated cost of \$7,360,000
- Airport Sewer Expansion at an estimated cost of \$2,168,000 - *7.2, 2 to 1000*
- Jail Expansion at an estimated cost of \$6,500,000 - *check bonding opportunity*
(budget to secure time)

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

- It may be possible to fund one or two of these items through the regular FY 2006 budget process, however, our budget capacity and operational needs for next year are still unknown. And as you know, ad valorem tax funds cannot currently be used to fund sewer needs in Oconee County.
- The Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission has asked that everyone submit their project listing no later than **April 15, 2006**.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

The items listed above all have merit, but the Council must set the highest priority of these projects.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

If the referendum is adopted imposing the seven year, one-cent sales tax, the SC Board of Economic Advisors estimates Oconee County will receive approximately \$53,430,000 over a seven year period. (See attached analysis from SC Board of Economic Advisors)

ATTACHMENTS:

State analysis dated 1/26/06

Submitted or Prepared By:

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Department Head

Approved for submittal to Council:


Ron H. Rabun, Council Administrator

Reviewed By/Initials:

___ n/a ___ : County Attorney

___ n/a ___ : Finance

___ n/a ___ : Other

Opal Green

From: Ron Rabun
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2006 2:14 PM
To: Opal Green
Subject: FW: I-85 Sewer and Water Project Estimates 2-20-06

Amended numbers for the 5 pm work session.

Ron

From: Jim Alexander
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2006 1:46 PM
To: Ron Rabun
Cc: Stephanie Matheson; Thelma Miller
Subject: I-85 Sewer and Water Project Estimates 2-20-06

I will have copies of this information and copies of the Capital Projects Commission Handouts for today's work session.

Jim

**I-85 Sewer & Water Projects
 (Phases I & II Only)**

PHASE I

Sewer	\$ 8,124,000
Water	<u>3,745,440</u>
Total	\$11,959,440 ~ \$11.96M

Estimated construction time - 4 years

PHASE II

Sewer	\$ 3,925,000
Water	<u>6,226,107</u>
	\$10,151,107 ~ \$10.16M

Estimated construction time – 4 years

These numbers do not include any construction for Anderson County utilities. Remember approximately \$3.095M will be provided by SC DOT to support our constructing a facility to handle the Welcome Center waste water needs up to a agreed upon level.



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Major Steve Pruitt, Director

MEMORANDUM

TO : Ron Rabun
FROM : Steve Pruitt
DATE : February 16, 2006
RE : Estimate for expansion and renovation of Detention Center

The following is a very rough estimate of the project cost for an expansion and renovation of the Detention Center (based on 2002 estimates by Freeman-White):

New Construction (48 male beds)	13,200 sf X \$150/sf	\$1,980,000
New Construction (16 female beds)	4,400 sf X \$150/sf	660,000
New Construction (Food Service Area)	5,000 sf X \$200/sf	1,000,000
Renovation of Existing Facility	18,000 sf X \$90/sf	1,620,000
Site Work		<u>200,000</u>
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST		\$5,460,000
Professional Fees and Testing (12% of construction costs)		655,200
Furnishings, Fixtures and Equipment (3% of construction costs)		163,800
Construction Contingency (5% of construction costs)		<u>273,000</u>
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS		\$6,552,000