MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL Mr. Steven R. Moore, District I Mr. Thomas S. Crumpton, District II Rev. William S. 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, February 20, 2006 at 5:00 pm in Council Chambers with all Council Members, County Administrator Ron H. Rabun, County Attorney Bradley A. Norton and the Clerk to Council present.

Press:

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

Members of the press present: Dave Williams – Anderson Independent & Ashton Hester – Keowee Courier.

Other Organizations Notified:

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

Call to Order:

Chairman Ables called the meeting to order.

Invocation:

Mr. Rinehart gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Capital Projects:

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the capital projects Council would like for the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission to consider when formulating the question regarding the adoption of a one-cent sales tax to be placed before the citizens in a November 6, 2006 referendum.

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Capital Projects Continued:

After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that the Seneca Library, Phase I & Phase II of I-85 Sewer Expansion, the Airport area sewer expansion and the Civic Center/Recreational Complex be recommended to the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission to be placed on the November 2006 referendum.

Public Comment Session:

Mr. George Cleveland expressed appreciation to the action of Council, but also expressed concern regarding the public being convinced to vote for another tax.

Mr. Steve Sokol commended Council on their approach to the projects were recommending to the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission.

Ms. Susie Cornelius urged Council to support public transportation in the County.

County.

Mr. B. J. Littleton urged Council to renovate the old courthouse and use it for storage.

<u>Adjourn:</u>

Adjourn: 6:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Opal O. Green Clerk to Council