



A G E N D A
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 3, 2009, 7:00 PM
Council Chambers,
Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

1. Call to Order
2. Moment of Silence
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - February 17, 2009 – Regular Council Meeting
5. Public Comment Session
(Limited to forty (40) minutes, four (4) minutes per person.)
[Comments MUST be related to a specific agenda item slated for action at this meeting](#)
6. Extended Public Comment Session
(Limited to 2 citizens per meeting, prior scheduling required with Clerk to Council, five [5] minutes per person. Comments not limited to specific agenda item)
 - o Budget & Zoning / Mr. Berry Nichols
7. Planning Department Presentation to Council regarding FEMA / Flood Plain status
8. Consideration of the Following Ordinances
[1] First Reading of **Ordinance 2009-04** “AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$800,000 TO DEFRAID THE COST OF ACQUIRING THREE FIRE TRUCKS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO”
This is a Capital Lease Ordinance for three fire trucks approved in the FY 09-10 budget. Debt service payments for the next fire years 2010 through 2014 of approximately \$175,000 [3% rate] to \$190,000 [6% rate], depending on interest rate obtained on the lease.
9. Consideration of the Following Resolutions *[None scheduled for this meeting]*
10. Discussion & Possible Action Items:
[1] ATAX / not to exceed \$2,400 / Full Page Ad-2009 Visitor’s Guide
The Visitors Guide to the Upcountry South Carolina Magazine is a tourism marketing publication published annually by the Discover Upcountry Carolina Association. 70,000 of these publications are produced annually and distributed throughout the State of South Carolina in Welcome Centers, Chambers of Commerce and other visitors’ centers through the region, area parks, campgrounds and attractions, and at national and international travel and trade shows. The guide is also mailed to approximately 20,000 individuals responding to advertising and marketing campaigns
[2] Renewal for RFP #05-14 for Title Searches / up to \$98,000
Renewal of Contract for title search services for the Delinquent Tax Collector. The original RFP was issued in March 2006 to conduct approximately 1,500 title searches plus 200 title updates for various parcels in preparation for the annual Tax Sale. The RFP allowed for up to 4 renewals. This year’s renewal is estimated to be \$98,000.
[3] Communications / 6th & Final Radio Tower Site / \$179,855
The sixth site is the final site needed to complete the Oconee County Voter Network that was designed in 2000. This site is the only radio site in the system that has no commercial power hookup, no building, and no tower facilities. This sites total costs will be \$312,860 with \$179,855 additional funding needed. Council previously funded a portion of this project.

[4] Emergency Services:

- **Permission to Apply for Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Fire Prevention & Safety [FP&S] Grant**

The FP&S Grant supports projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from Fire and related hazards. The goal is to target high-risk populations, fire fighter safety and mitigate high incidences of death and injury. Grant \$16,560; Local Match \$4,140 which will come from Emergency Services grant match line item.

- **2009 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant [LEMPG]**

Emergency Services receives a grant annually from FEMA through the SC Emergency Management Division. The grant money is used for enhancement of Emergency Management. The allotment for 2009 is \$35,894.

- **\$20,000 for EOC Equipment**

Emergency Services is also requesting an additional \$20,000 to purchase EOC equipment and other needed communications equipment. The grant will require no cash match from the county – Salaries for Emergency Management staff provide an in-kind match for this grant.

[5] Rock Quarry & Solid Waste / Approve to apply for Palmetto Pride FY 2009 Spring Cycle Tree Grant Donation Program

The Palmetto Pride grant is administered by Palmetto Pride of SC, our state's anti litter organization. The grant support the beautification efforts of local governments and non-profits. There is no match required, however, personnel must travel to Columbia to pick up the plants.

[6] Solid Waste / Approve to apply for SC DHEC grants:

- **FY 2010 Solid Waste Reduction & Recycling Grant / \$10,000 / No Local Match Required**
- **FY 2010 Used Oil Grant / \$134,000 / No Local Match Required**
- **FY 2010 Waste Tire / Automobile Dismantler Tire Grant / \$226,000 / No Local Match Required**

SC DHEC makes several grants available to local governments on an annual basis. These grants allow us to increase the recycling rate and to reduce the per capita municipal solid waste disposal rate.

[7] Solid Waste / Bid 08-18 / \$31,971.30 / Removal & Recycling of Scrap Tires

Oconee County Solid Waste accepts tires from county residents [4 max.] and businesses to be recycled. Solid Waste loads the tires onto trailers provided by recycler. Bids [using an estimate of 316 tons for a one year period] were opened on 2/19/09 with 2 companies submitting bids. Ridge Recycling of Johnston, SC submitted the lowest bid. The contract would be for a one-year period with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods. Additionally, staff recommends that Council authorize the Administrator to review the contract for up to four one-year terms, provided their work is satisfactory.

11. Council Committee Reports

- **Transportation Committee / Mr. Thrift**
- **Real Estate, Facilities & Land Management Committee / Mr. Suarez**

12. Commission / Board Reports to Council

- **Scenic Highway Committee [Funding Request]**

13. Board & Commission Appointments

- **Emergency Services Commission [District II, IV & V appointments co-terminus with Council Seats – no applications currently on file in Clerk's office for consideration by Council]**

14. Administrator Report

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15. Old Business

16. New Business

17. Executive Session *[for the purpose of discussing contractual and personnel matters]*

18. Adjourn

[This agenda is not inclusive of all issues which Council may bring up for discussion at this meeting.]

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