



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Special Meeting
October 27, 2009

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Reg Dexter, District V, Council Chairman
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV, Vice Chairman
Mr. Mario Suarez, District III, Chairman Pro Tem
Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

Oconee County Council met on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, Interim Administrator Kendra Brown, County Attorney Tom Martin and Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council present.

Press:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent, Peter Kent – WSNS Radio & Carlos Galarza – Daily Journal.

[FYI - Moseley provided handouts to the press which are also filed with these minutes.]

Call to Order:

Mr. Dexter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

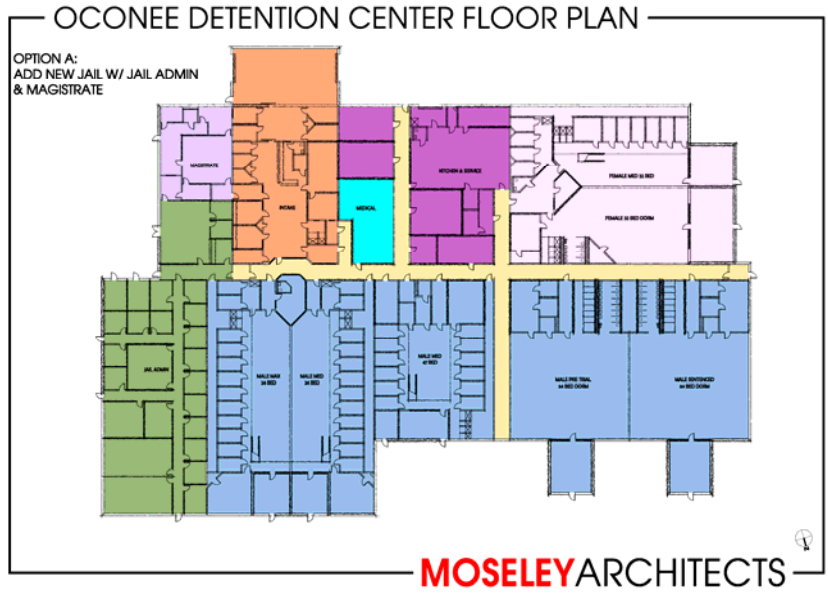
Jail Study Report Presentation by Moseley Architects:

Mr. Dexter introduced Maj. Steve Pruitt, OLEC, and Mr. Daniel Mace, Vice President & Primary Project Manager, Moseley Architects. Prior to turning the meeting over to Mr. Mace, Maj. Pruitt briefly outlined the history of the jail study project, the jail study committee and outlined Moseley's past experience with jail design in both South Carolina and the southeast.

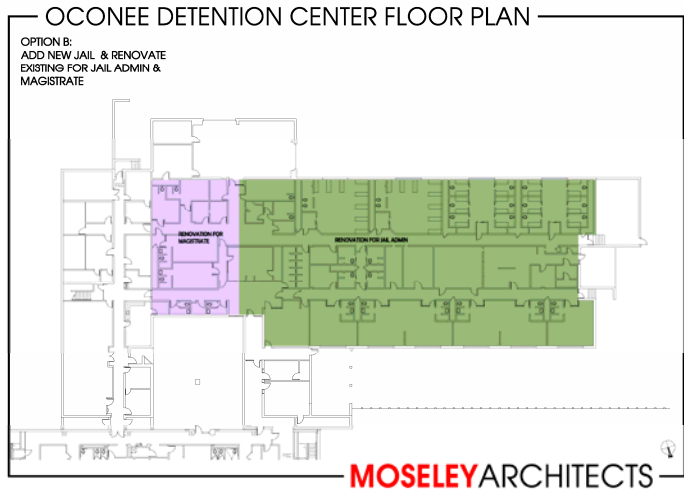
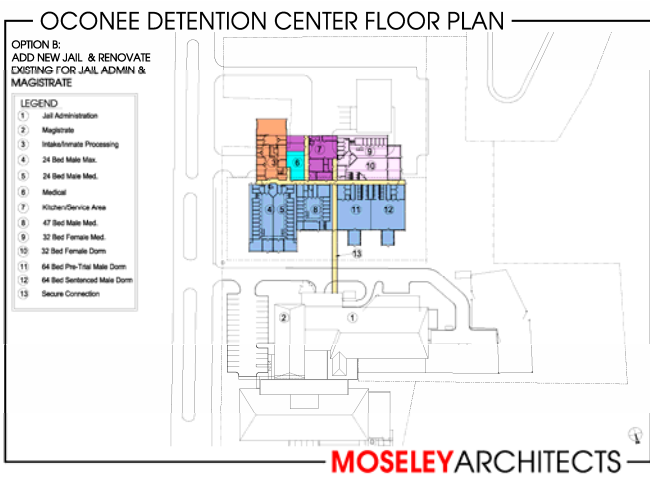
Mr. Mace first introduced his staff present that would assist with the presentation to Council to include: Ms. Nelda Leon, Director of Criminal Justice Consulting, and Ms. Carol Roberts, Criminal Justice Consultant. He also introduced Mr. Danny Ard with Ard, Wood, Holcombe & Slate Architects who assisted on the project locally.

Mr. Mace & his associates addressed Council utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [filed with these minutes] that outlined several key areas to include: goals, the process, current deficiencies, population projections, sample bookings and lastly architectural renderings of two options for jail construction along with preliminary cost estimates. Highlights of the two options are as follow:

Option A: 69,850 square feet
 287-350 bed capacity
 \$17,423,865.00 estimated project budget
[2010 estimate – add 3-5% for 2011]
 8-10 month design period
 2 month bid process
 20-22 month construction period



Option B: 58,100 square feet *[with Jail Administration/Magistrate in old bldg.]*
 287-350 bed capacity
 \$15,560,445.00 estimated project budget
[2010 estimate – add 3-5% for 2011]
 8-10 month design period
 2 month bid process
 +6 months for total project to accommodate movement of inmates
 20-22 month construction period



Mr. Mace at this point opened the floor for questions and discussion with Council.
Key areas for discussion were as follow:

- a. Building design to including a mezzanine floor plan
- b. Discussion of population estimates
- c. Discussion of other South Carolina county designs
- d. Discussion of exterior / interior building types to include conventional construction, pre-cast and steel cell models
- e. Discussion of true building cost estimates as stated in Final Report
- f. Current staffing and future needs
- g. Fixtures, furnishings & equipment costs
- h. Backup generator
- i. Multi-County facility feasibility; pros & cons
- j. Outsourcing management of facility
- k. Design to always include function, efficiency & safety as priorities
- l. Discussion of existing PTI programs to include PTI through Solicitor's office, Home Detention and Work Release
- m. Potential grant / federal funding options
- n. Population percentages by municipality

Mr. Dexter thanked Mr. Mace and his associates for their presentation.
No action was taken by Council regarding these plans at this meeting.

Discussion regarding Jail Tour by Council Members:

After a brief discussion it was decided that members of Council would tour the Oconee County Jail on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at either 8:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. Maj. Pruitt noted that a maximum of 10-12 can tour at any time. Mr.'s. Suarez, Corbeil & McCall noted that they would tour at 8:00 a.m. and Mr's. Dexter & Thrift will tour at 6:00 p.m. The Clerk to Council was requested to advertise these tours to the media and post on the Council website and at the Administrative offices.

Adjourn:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Suarez, approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council