



**MINUTES**  
**OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Workshop Meeting**  
**with the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority**  
**November 12, 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 Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members [except Mr. Suarez and Mr. McCall] and Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council present.

**OJRSA Members Present:** Mr. Bob Winchester, Director; Mr. Greg Dietterick, Mr. Rhett Smith, Mr. Ron Knorr, Mr. Dewitt Martin, Mr. Scott Parris, Mr. William Addis, Mr. Jerry Opperman and Mr. Mendel Stone. OJRSA Attorney Mr. Lowell Ross was also present.

**Blue Ribbon Panel Members present:** Mr. Greg Dietterick, Chair; Mr. Larry Linsin and Mr. Ryan Honea.

**Oconee County Staff present:** Mr. Jim Alexander, Economic Development Director

**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](http://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, Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio & Brett McLaughlin - Daily Journal.

**Call to Order:**

Mr. Dexter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Workshop with the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority [OJRSA]:**

Mr. Bob Winchester addressed Council and provided them with two documents; [1] OJRSA Operations Guide, and [2] November 12, 2009 Memo re: Workshop/Discussion [both documents filed with these minutes].

Initially Council and the OJRSA discussed at some length the pending High Pointe development near Clemson.

Mr. Rhett Smith asked Council to identify for the OJRSA what the priorities are and what Council expects from the Authority. The Blue Ribbon Panel's recommendation to Council for a phase approach to sewer in the lower part of Oconee County was also discussed at length. Lengthy discussion followed.

**Adjourn:**

Upon a unanimous motion the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Elizabeth G. Hulse  
Clerk to Council