



A G E N D A
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 2, 2010, 6:00 PM
Council Chambers
Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

1. Call to Order
2. 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
3. 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)*
 - County Council Performance / Mr. C. W. Richards
4. Meeting Recess *[Meeting will Recess no later than 6:50 p.m.]*

5. Meeting Reconvenes *[Meeting will Reconvene at 7:00 p.m.]*
6. Moment of Silence
7. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
8. Approval of Minutes:
 - February 16, 2010 Regular Council Meeting
 - February 22, 2010 Special Council Meeting
 - February 22, 2010 Joint Workshop Meeting with the Planning Commission
9. Consideration of the Following Ordinances:
 - [1] Second Reading of **Ordinance 2010-04** “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCES 2006-27 AND 2008-17 RELATING TO THE INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK OF OCONEE AND PICKENS COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK” along with the **Second Amendment of Agreement** for Development for Joint Industrial Park.
 - [2] Amend Ordinance and take Second Reading of **Ordinance 2010-05**
[Updated Caption and/or Ordinance language will be provided prior to meeting]
 - [3] Amend Ordinance and take Second Reading of **Ordinance 2010-06**
[Updated Caption and/or Ordinance language will be provided prior to meeting]
 - [4] Amend Ordinance and take Second Reading of **Ordinance 2010-07**
[Updated Caption and/or Ordinance language will be provided prior to meeting]
11. Discussion & Possible Action Items *[5 min. per Action Item]*
 - [1] Council Discussion regarding Heritage Fair Location
 - [2] Renewal of RFP 05-14 / \$84,000 / Title Search Services for Delinquent Tax Office
The original Request for Proposal (RFP) # 05-14 was issued in March of 2006 to select a contractor to conduct approximately 1500 title searches (\$60 each) plus 200 title updates (\$15 each) of various parcels of real property for the Delinquent Tax Office in preparation for the annual Tax Sale. The RFP allowed for up to 4 renewals. This year will be the fourth and final renewal of this contract. The County negotiated with Anna Prater for better rates when the third renewal was issued. The rate reduction for new title searches estimated at 1200 is \$55 each, the one year updates estimated at 200 will be \$15 each and the two year updates estimated at 500 will be \$30 each. Since this contractor has established a data base of information from the previous three years of title searches, the new title searches and updates were negotiated at a lower price.
South Carolina Law Title 12, Section 12-49-300 requires that the Delinquent Tax Office give notification to mortgage holders prior to seizure. Notification must be by certified mail (return receipt requested) 30 days prior to the sale of the property at a tax sale.
It is the staff’s recommendation to approve the fourth year of this contract with Anna Prater of Liberty SC for an estimated cost of \$84,000 to conduct title searches for the Delinquent Tax Office in preparation for their sale on October 4, 2010.

[3] IT / Request approval to apply for the FY 2010 Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

National Telecommunications and Information Administration has announced funds available for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), established pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. With this grant, Oconee County would like to provide broadband to support schools, libraries, medical and healthcare providers, city and public safety agencies. The project will also provide access for consumers in unserved areas. Broadband access will help stimulate economic growth and job creation by providing the infrastructure needed to attract high-tech jobs to our area. **The application deadline for this grant is March 15, 2010. Current information indicates that this is a one-time funding opportunity.**

The project size range recommended by the Federal Notice of Funds Available ranges from \$5 million to \$150 million. The county will be required to provide matching funds of at least 20% toward the eligible costs of this project. The matching requirement can be met with both cash and in-kind contributions. The county is not required to have all matching funds in hand at the time it submits the application, but must demonstrate that it will be able to supply the proposed matching funds if the grant is awarded. Staff is in the process of defining the scope of the project and more information regarding the estimated cost will be available at the council meeting. Opportunities for partnering with private industry and other governmental agencies regarding project management and implementation are being explored. County staff is also attempting to identify alternative sources of funding for the local match.

Example:	Total Project	\$5 million
	Federal Grant:	\$4 million
	Local Match:	\$1 million

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve applying for the FY 2010 Broadband Technology Opportunities Program as outlined above.

12. Board & Commission Appointments
 - Aeronautics Commission / District I
13. Commission / Board Reports to Council [ten minute maximum] *None Scheduled for this meeting*
[Arts & Historical Commission will present their report at the March 16, 2010 meeting.]
14. Council Committee Reports
 - Budget, Finance & Administration Committee / Mr. Dexter
 - Planning & Economic Development Committee / Mr. Corbeil
15. Administrator Report
16. Old Business
17. New Business
18. Adjourn

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

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