



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Special Meeting
March 3, 2010

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

Oconee County Council met on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members [except Mr. Suarez], Interim Administrator Gene Klugh, Thomas L. Martin County Attorney and Clerk to Council, Elizabeth G. Hulse 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.

Member of the press present: Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent, Dick Mangrum - WGOG & Carlos Galarza - Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Mr. Dexter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

IT / Request approval to apply for the FY 2010 Broadband Technology Opportunities Program:

Mr. Mike Powell, IT Director, and Mr. Richard Ellison, Technology Solutions, addressed Council regarding a request to apply for the FY 2010 Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. He noted that he received information that the original deadline of March 15, 2010 has been extended to March 26, 2010. Mr. Powell utilized a PowerPoint presentation [filed with these minutes] to highlight the benefits to the county, the plan and costs and staff's recommendation. Mr. Powell noted that a 20% match was required which the county meet in various ways to include in kind labor, partnerships with outside agencies/companies and/or a budget allocation of funds. Lastly, Mr. Powell noted that an exact amount for the grant request has not been identified but he felt sure that there would be no difficulties in meeting the submission deadline as staff and a consultant were working diligently. Discussion followed.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 4 – 0 to approve applying for the FY 2010 Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

Executive Session:

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 4 – 0 to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Council entered Executive Session at 6:47 p.m.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 4 – 0 to return from Executive Session at 7:14 p.m. Mr. Dexter noted that no actions were taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Dexter stated that no action would be taken at this meeting on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Adjourn:

Mr. McCall made a motion approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council