



A G E N D A

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691

1. **Call to Order**
 2. **Extended Public Comment Session** *(Limited: 2 citizens per mg. for 5 minutes, prior scheduling required)*
 - Oconee County Conservation Bank / Dr. Billy Campbell
 - Oconee County Conservation Bank / Dana Leavitt
 3. **Public Comment Session/Agenda Items**
Agenda & Non Agenda Items: Combined both are limited to a total of forty (40) minutes, four (4) minutes per person.
 4. **Public Comment Session/Non Agenda Items – time permitting**
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 5. **Council Member Comments** *[Directly following Public Comment Sessions if applicable & time permits]*
 6. **Meeting Recess** *[Meeting will Recess no later than 6:50 p.m.]*
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7. **Meeting Reconvenes** *[Meeting will Reconvene at 7:00 p.m.]*

8. **Moment of Silence**

9. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**

10. **Approval of Minutes**

April 5, 2011: Workshop Meeting with Duke Energy

April 5, 2011: Regular Meeting

April 12, 2011: Special Meeting [SDOC & Administrator Budget Presentations]

11. **Consideration of the Following Ordinances:**

First Reading of Ordinance 2011-12 “AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL DIVISION 2 OF ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 30 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; TO AMEND ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY, AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OCONEE COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM COMMISSION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Oconee County has traditionally split the state and local ATAX responsibilities among four different commissions. This request streamlines all ATAX responsibility to a newly structured PRT Commission with the following goals: Create a new PRT Commission that:

1. Serves as the advisory Commission to both State and Local accommodations tax expenditures, local accommodations tax collections, and the advisory Commission to the PRT department;
2. Will consist of the membership requirements per SC Code of Laws 6-4-25 to satisfy serving as advisory capacity for State accommodations tax;
3. Supports the continuance of a grant process through a combination of both local and State accommodations taxes;
4. Supports the continuance of the Mountain Lakes CVB through a combination of both local and State accommodations taxes as well as general fund budgeted funds per the annual budget Ordinance;
5. Per 6-4-10(3) Appoint the Mountain Lakes CVB as the agency to manage the 30% advertising and promotion fund of the State accommodations tax.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council take First Reading of Ordinance 2011-12.

First Reading [in title only] of Ordinance 2011-13 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN OCONEE COUNTY REAL PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A REAL PROPERTY DEED; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS ACROSS CERTAIN OCONEE COUNTY REAL PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE TRANSFER OF THE EASEMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

This is a property transfer [6.21 acres] at the county’s Echo Hills location to New Horizon Electric Cooperative for an Electrical Substation Construction. New Horizon Electric Cooperative, Inc. (New Horizon) and Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Blue Ridge) plan to construct an electrical substation in or near the Echo Hills Park. New Horizon is part of the cooperative system responsible for construction and property ownership of all substation facilities for Blue Ridge. This substation will greatly improve Blue Ridge’s service to this region of the county and in addition will be able to serve the Echo Hills Park in the future. The name of the substation as planned is Echo Hills Substation.

Blue Ridge is requesting the transfer of the property as soon as possible to ensure all the appropriate arrangements can be completed to allow for the construction of the substation as quickly as possible.

The value of the property to be transferred is approximately \$38,150.00. A Map with area for construction of the New Horizon/Blue Ridge Substation marked along with engineering drawing for the proposed substation location is provided with the backup material.

It is staff’s recommendation that Council take first reading [in title only] of Ordinance 2011-13.

12. Discussion & Possible Action Items

[5 min. per Action Item]

Consent Agenda Items / State & Local ATAX Requests

1. Local ATAX / \$2,500 / Marketing collateral to use for special events, media events, marketing shows.

Oconee County PRT routinely participates in trade shows as well as targeted local, statewide and regional media events, hosting travel writers and other occasions where logo marketing items such as pens, mugs, hats, shirts, floating key chains, framed waterfall prints, etc are distributed to targeted markets.

2. State ATAX / up to \$1,000 / Oconee County Press Familiarization (FAM) Tour

The Oconee County Press Familiarization (FAM) Tour to be conducted in partnership with the South Carolina Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Tourism (SCPRT), South Carolina National Heritage Corridor Region 1 Board and the Mountain Lakes CVB. This FAM trip is a three day trip covering Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties. These funds will assist with Motorcoach and operations costs for the Oconee portion of the trip, which includes dinner at the Vault, Chattooga Ridge Canopy tours, Humble Pie Pizza, Chattooga Belle Farm, Stumphouse Tunnel, Oconee Heritage Center and Kudzu Kabins. This FAM trip includes 12 targeted free lance writers representing 7 states that were secured with assistance of SCPRT. **It is the staff’s recommendation that council approve the ATAX fund requests above.**

Change Order #3 for PO# 47828 / \$126,500 / B. P. Barber & Assts. / Engineering Services

On September 14, 2010, Oconee County entered into a contract with B. P. Barber & Associates for engineering and environmental services for the 400 acre site along Highway 11.

Original PO was for \$47,350 for preliminary engineering and environmental services and did not require Council approval.

Change Order # 1 in the amount of \$12,800, for the Boundary Property Survey was approved by Council on October 5, 2010.

Change Order # 2 in the amount of \$32,600, for engineering services for Phase I Water& Sewer Improvements was approved by Council on January 18, 2011.

Change Order # 3 in the amount of \$126,500 is for additional engineering services to include the preparation of construction plans and specifications for a 12” Gravity Sewer Line, and two 10” Water Lines for the City of Walhalla to provide water and sewer services for the site. If approved, this Change Order would bring the total for this Purchase Order to \$219,250.

Under the Request for Qualifications # 06-17 for Professional Services, B. P. Barber & Associates was selected as qualified to provide Environmental and Engineering services. County Council approved a contract and fee schedule Feb 20, 2007 and this contract is in its fourth renewal period. The County has used B. P. Barber & Associates since 2007 for a variety of engineering projects for Oconee County.

It is the staff’s recommendation that Council approval of Change Order #3 to B. P. Barber and Associates of Columbia, SC, in the amount of \$126,500 for the additional engineering services for sewer and water lines infrastructure improvements to the 400 acre site along SC Highway 11. This Change Order brings the total Purchase Order to \$219,250.00.

ITB 10-23 / estimated cost \$66,000 / Tire Dumpsite Remediation

An unauthorized dumpsite was discovered on Ervin Rodgers Drive, in Walhalla, SC. SCDHEC's Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling is funding this project, since all legal action has been exhausted, including fines, jail time, restitution, etc. Contractor services include removal and proper disposal of scrap tires and materials located at this ten acre site.

On March 22, 2011, formal sealed bids were opened. Four bids were received, with Young's General Contracting, Inc., submitting the lowest bid of \$300.00 per ton. Bidders attended a site visit in order to provide an estimated tonnage for the project which ranged from 125 to 220 tons. The approximate project total (highest estimated tonnage x price per ton) is \$66,000. The project total and tonnage estimate is given for informational purposes only; payment will be \$300 per ton and documented with disposal tickets showing the actual tonnage disposed. This award is submitted for Council's approval based on the highest estimated tonnage. The actual total will not be confirmed until all disposal tickets are reviewed.

No County funds will be used for this project. A Waste Tire Grant is funding this project, through SCDHEC's Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling.

It is staff's recommendation that Council [1] Award ITB 10-23, Tire Dump Site Remediation, to Young's General Contracting, Inc., of Poplar Bluff, MO, to perform required services associated with removal and disposal of approximately 12,000 scrap tires located at an unauthorized dumpsite. Estimated dollar amount is \$66,000 based on price of \$300 per ton and [2] Authorize payment of actual dollar amount, based on \$300 per ton, once all disposal tickets are received.

Library / Request to apply for LSTA Grant = \$38,515 / County Match = \$14,164

This LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant will allow the Library to provide outreach and library awareness services to Spanish speaking people residing in Oconee County. Previous efforts to provide library services to the Hispanic community have been limited due to inadequate resources. The !HOLA (Hispanic Outreach and Library Awareness) project will target 5% of Oconee County's population and will benefit the individuals that participate by: increasing their knowledge of library services; improving their skills in computer literacy, parenting, and sharing literature with children; and enhancing their confidence to speak, read, interact, and succeed through community relationships.

The grant requires a 34% local match of in-kind and/or cash contributions: **Acceptance of the grant will be contingent on full funding for a temporary, part time employee who will required to be bilingual. OCPL proposed (In Kind) Salaries-\$10,150; Materials-\$3,814, and Gifts-\$500.** No additional local funds will be requested.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve application for the Library Services & Technology Grant in the amount of \$38,515 before the May 4, 2011 deadline as outlined above.

13. Board & Commission Appointments

[Full Applicant Listing provided]

Aeronautics Commission – District V Representative needed; Mr. Fred Golden resigned - *no applicants on file*

Planning Commission – At Large Seat Vacant / Recommendation from Planning Commission not yet received

Anderson-Oconee Behavioral Health Services Commission – Mr Robert Blessingame resigned / Recommendation from Board: Mr. Louis Holleman

14. Commission / Board Reports to Council *[ten minute maximum]*

None at this Meeting.

15. Council Committee Reports

Budget, Finance & Administration / Mr. Dexter

16. Administrator Report

17. Old Business

18. New Business

19. Executive Session

[for the purpose of discussion a potential Economic Development matter]

- Vote/Action on matters discussed in Executive Session

[if required]

20. Adjourn

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

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