



MINUTES

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

6:00 PM

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

Oconee County Council met on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, Thomas L. Martin County Attorney, County Administrator Scott Moulder and Executive Administrative Assistant, Amanda Brock 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 [upon request] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent, Ashton Hester – Keowee Courier & Carlos Galarza - Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Mr. Thrift called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Jail Design Presentation to County Council / Carter, Goble, Lee & Wakefield Beasley/HOK Associates

Mr. Moulder introduced Mr. Joe Lee of Carter Goble Lee who gave brief historical overview of the process. Mr. Lee noted that the Oconee County Jail design was targeted to meet the highest standards in efficiency, security, expandability and cost-effectiveness.

Mr. Lee introduced Mr. Doug Shaw, of Wakefield Beasley & Associates Architects and Mr. Gary Retel, Architect at HOK. Mr. Shaw and Mr. Retel utilized a wooden and glass model and draft architectural renditions of the proposed design to facilitate the discussion regarding specifics about the design of the building. [No copies were given to Council, and no copies were available for inclusion in these minutes.]

Mr. Shaw and Mr. Retel gave an overview of the following areas: roof design and pitch; exterior wall design and use of an internal chase (an area used for maintenance and utility equipment and service); general design and function of the support building; the size and scope of the control room and general overall efficiency of operations within the design.

Discussion of potential expansion followed.

Mr. Moulder highlighted the fact that the design, priced out at present, is approximately \$181 a square foot while the industry standard for the Southeast is approximately \$200-\$250 per square foot.

Mr. McCall inquired about the material used for the proposed roof and asked about the brick veneer. Discussion followed.

Discussion took place regarding the shape of the footprint of the proposed building.

Discussion took place regarding the number of beds the proposed facility could house.

Mr. Moulder expressed to Council his concerns regarding the maintenance and continued use of the existing Jail facility, and asked Council to consider not utilizing the current building once the new structure is erected. A draft sketch for two additional dorms was outlined in one of the two architectural renditions of the facility. The cost of the two additional dorms is approximated at \$1.8 million, which would increase the bed

capacity of the facility from 196 to 300, and would significantly reduce the need for expansion of the facility in the next 20 to 30 years, according to demographic studies.

Mr. McCall asked that the architects consider wrapping the exterior in metal, and come back to County Council at the next Council Meeting, 6 p.m. June 7, 2011.

Mr. Lee confirmed that they would return June 7.

Mr. Thrift thanked all who presented.

Adjourn: Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0, to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Amanda Brock, Sr. Executive Assistant