



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
December 1, 2015

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II, Council Chairman
Mr. Paul Cain, District III, Vice Chairman
Mr. Edda Cammick, District I, Chairman Pro Tem
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV
Mr. Reg Dexter, District V

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Scott Moulder, County Attorney David Root and Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council 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. Members of the press present: Ray Chandler / Anderson Independent, Dick Mangrum / WGOG Radio & Stephen Bradley / The Daily Journal.

Call to Order

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

Public Comment Session

Ms. Lynn Martin addressed Council in opposition to the closing of the Tamassee-Salem Middle/High School and her concerns with the School District of Oconee [SDOC] spending.

Mr. Scott Rogers addressed Council in opposition to the closing of the Tamassee-Salem Middle/High School and his concerns with the School District of Oconee [SDOC] spending.

County Council Response to Public Comment

Mr. McCall noted that a community leader and loyal council meeting attendee, Ms. Donna Linsin, is ill and he asked for those present to keep her in their prayers

Moment of Silence

Mr. McCall asked for a moment of silence prior the Invocation by the County Chaplain.

Invocation by County Council Chaplain:

Mr. Root, County Council Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Ms. Hulse led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve the November 17, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Administrator's Report & Agenda Summary

Mr. Moulder briefly reviewed with Council and for the public's benefit specifics related to the following matters before Council at this meeting:

- First Reading of Resolutions: R2015-17
- Discussion / Action Items
- Board & Commission Appointments
- Executive Session

First Reading of the Following Resolutions

Resolution R2015-17 "RESOLUTION OF THE OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL ASSERTING NON-PARTICIPATION IN THE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM"

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter to permanently remove **Resolution R2015-17** from Council's consideration. Discussion followed. Mr. Cain stated that his intent had been to offer an opinion to the state government outlining Council's concern with public safety. Ms. Cammick noted that the Governor has acted on this matter and the need for this resolution is moot.

Mr. McCall called for the vote. The motion passed 4 – 1 [Mr. Cain opposed] to remove **Resolution R2015-17** permanently.

Discussion Regarding Action Items

Approval to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding [MOU] with Tri-County Technical College [TCTC] and the School District of Oconee County [SDOC] for Pre-Design Services

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0 to approve execution of the MOU with TCTC and the SDOC for pre-design services as presented.

Two (2) Ford F-450 Trucks with Utility Beds / Roads & Bridges / \$110,294.00

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to approve the purchase of two Ford F-450 trucks with utility beds from Dick Smith Ford, Inc., of Columbia, SC, for \$110,294.00.

Library / Humanities Council SC Grant / "The Land Before the Waters"

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve the Library applying for the Humanities Council SC grant. Project Title: "The Land Before the Waters".

Old Business:

None discussed at this meeting.

New Business:

None discussed at this meeting.

Board & Commission Appointments

Destination Oconee Action Committee

District I: Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to appoint **Mr. David Washburn** to the Destination Oconee action Committee as the District I representative.

District II: Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to appoint **Mr. Luther Lyle** to the Destination Oconee action Committee as the District II representative.

- District III: Mr. Cain made a motion to appoint Mr. Al Shadwick to the Destination Oconee Action Committee as the District III representative.
Mr. Cain made a motion to appoint Ms. Jennifer Barnhart to the Destination Oconee Action Committee as an At Large representative.
Discussion followed.
Mr. Cain withdrew both motions from consideration.
Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to appoint **Ms. Jennifer Barnhart** to the Destination Oconee Action Committee as the District III representative.
- District IV: Mr. Thrift requested that his appointment be deferred to December 15, 2015.
- District V: Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, to appoint Mr. Bob Hill to the Destination Oconee action Committee as the District V representative.
Mr. Moulder noted that Mr. Hill currently serves on the Oconee Economic Alliance Board and the Destination Oconee Action Committee will report to this board and may cause a conflict for Mr. Hill.
Mr. Dexter withdrew his motion from consideration.
Mr. Dexter requested that this appointment be deferred to December 15, 2015 pending input from the county administrator.
- At Large: As several Council members noted interest in appointment At Large seats; these appointments were deferred to the December 15, 2015 meeting.

Executive Session:

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to enter Executive Session as allowed for in §30-4-70 (a) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended, 1976 for the purpose of:

- [1] discussion regarding pending litigation related to Oconee County v Hanger III, et. al., and
- [2] discussion regarding an Economic Development matter related to the Golden Corner Commerce Park

Council entered Executive Session at 6:39 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 7:09 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Cammick, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0.

Mr. McCall stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to direct the County Administrator to proceed as discussed in Executive Session related to the Economic Development matter related to the Golden Corner Commerce Park.

Adjourn

Mr. Cain made a motion, approved unanimously 5 – 0, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council