



**MINUTES**  
**OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 21, 2016**

**MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
Mr. Paul Cain, District III, Chairman  
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II, Vice Chairman  
Ms. 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](http://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 & Stephen Bradley / The Daily Journal.

**Call to Order**

Mr. Cain called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Comment Session**

Ms. Gwen McPhail addressed Council [utilizing a handout, copy filed with these minutes] in support of the development of an Agriculture Center and support for passage of **Ordinance 2016-17**.

Mr. Ed Land addressed Council in support of the development of an Agriculture Center in Oconee County.

Mr. Tim Donald addressed Council in support of the development of an Agriculture Center and support for passage of **Ordinance 2016-17**.

Mr. Jerry Barnett addressed Council in opposition to passage of **Ordinance 2016-17**.

Mr. C. W. Richards, Planning Commission member, questioned Council regarding placing the Planning Commission recycling recommendations on an agenda for Council discussion and/or action.

**County Council Response to Public Comment**

Mr. Cain responded to Mr. Richard's inquiry regarding the Planning Commission's recycling recommendation memo stating that he would review the matter.

**Moment of Silence**

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

**Invocation by County Council Chaplain:**

The County Council Chaplain gave the invocation.

## **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mr. Thrift led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve the June 7, 2016 regular meeting minutes as amended.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve the June 21, 2016 special meeting minutes as amended.

## **Presentation to Council**

### **Noise Ordinance Study / Sheriff Mike Crenshaw**

Sheriff Crenshaw addressed Council utilizing two handouts [copies filed with these minutes] highlighting the results of his ongoing noise study. Discussion followed.

He requested that Council direct the County Attorney to work with him to draft language for an updated Noise Ordinance and bring the matter back to Council. Council concurred.

## **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:

- Public Hearing: 2016-01
- Third Readings for Ordinances: 2016-01, 02, 03, & 17
- First & Final Reading for Resolutions: R2016-07
- Discussion Regarding Action Items
- Executive Session

## **Motion to Amend Agenda**

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to amend the agenda to include **Proclamation P2016-03** for first and final reading after consideration of the Resolutions at this meeting.

## **Public Hearing Regarding the Following Ordinances**

**Ordinance 2016-01** "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR **OCONEE COUNTY** AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES, FOR THE TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES PROTECTION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, FOR THE BRIDGE AND CULVERT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, AND FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, ALL IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017"

Mr. Cain opened the floor for Public Comment.

Mr. Steve Moore addressed Council voicing his opposition to a tax increase and recommended imposing various fees to generate new revenue. Additionally, Mr. Moore voiced concerns with the confusing School District of Oconee [SDOC] budget document [**Ordinance 2016-02**] and his concerns that Council has spent enough time reviewing old emails.

Mr. Jerry Barnett addressed Council in opposition to a tax increase; requesting a Cost Benefit Analysis for taxes collected and his opposition to **Ordinance 2016-17**.

Noting that no other citizens signed up to address Council; Mr. Cain opened the floor for any citizen wishing to address Council regarding this ordinance. No citizen addressed Council.

Mr. Cain asked if any citizens wished to submit written comments regarding this ordinance; no citizen presented any written comments for the record.

Mr. Cain closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2016-01**.

### **Third & Final Reading for the Following Ordinances**

**Ordinance 2016-01** “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR **OCONEE COUNTY** AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES, FOR THE TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES PROTECTION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, FOR THE BRIDGE AND CULVERT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, AND FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, ALL IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017”

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to return **Ordinance 2016-01** to the floor for consideration for third and final reading.

Lengthy discussion followed with various opinions offered to include but not limited to: discussion of version #4, opposition to a tax increase, support for a second part-time magistrate judge; local government fund [LGF] increased revenue; end of fiscal year 2015-2016 fund balance, etc.

Mr. Moulder also presented a staff development worksheet [copy filed with these minutes] noting those departments with required staff training.

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 2 [Mr. Thrift and Mr. Dexter opposed] to amend the budget as follows:

• Remove 1.5 mill increase	-	<b>\$772,500</b>
• Additional LGF revenue	+	\$141,761
• Administration Contingency	+	<u>\$100,000</u>
		\$530,739
• Additional PT Magistrate	+	\$ 35,000
• PT Clerk of Court to FT	+	<u>\$ 14,564</u>
	+	\$580,303
• Use of FY15-16 Fund Balance	-	<u><b>\$580,303</b></u>
		Balanced Budget

Prior to the vote Council questioned the County Attorney if there was a need for an additional public hearing as the budget changed. Mr. Root noted that as the budget decreased that there was not a need to hold an additional hearing on this matter.

Mr. Cain called for the vote on **Ordinance 2016-01** as amended for third and final reading. The motion passed 3 – 2 [Mr. Thrift and Mr. Dexter opposed].

**Ordinance 2016-02** “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE **SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY** (the “School District”) AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017”

Prior to the vote Ms. Cammick noted that she had not asked the SDOC to make changes to their budget that Council was not willing to make to their own budget.

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-02** on third and final reading.

**Ordinance 2016-03** “AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE **KEOWEE FIRE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT** AND TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE KEOWEE FIRE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017”

Mr. McCall asked if the District provided the Administrator with a budget for this millage. Mr. Moulder noted that a budget was provided with anticipated revenue of \$811,800 and budgeted expenditures of \$838,864. Additionally, he noted he would provide a copy of the budget to Council after the meeting.

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-03** on third and final reading.

**Ordinance 2016-17** “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF OCONEE COUNTY PERTAINING TO COMMITTEES IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE **OCONEE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD**; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Cain noted that an open motion was on the floor from the June 7, 2016 regular Council meeting to consider **Ordinance 2016-17** for third and final reading. Discussion followed.

Mr. Cain called for the vote. The motion passed 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-17** on third and final reading.

### **First Reading for the Following Ordinances**

**Ordinance 2016-21** *[in title only]* “AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE AWARD OF **RFP #15-14 TO ONETONE TELECOM, INC.** AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A NETWORK MASTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY AND ONETONE TELECOM, INC; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-21** on first reading in title only.

### **First & Final Reading for the Following Resolutions**

**Resolution R2016-07** “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OF OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO PLAN AND PERFORM PRELIMINARY ACTIONS NECESSARY TO UNDERTAKE CERTAIN PROJECTS, AND TO PREPARE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, TO DEFRAID THE COSTS OF SUCH PROJECTS; AND OTHER MATTES RELATING THERETO”

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Resolution R2016-07** on first and final reading.

### **First & Final Reading for the Following Proclamations**

**PROCLAMATION P2016-03** “A PROCLAMATION SETTING JUNE 22, 2016 AS “HONORING THEIR SERVICE DAY” IN OCONEE COUNTY”

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Proclamation P2016-03** on first and final reading.

## **Discussion Regarding Action Items:**

### **2016 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant Notification**

Council received the information related to the 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant as required within the grant rules. No action was required by Council.

### **ITB 15-15 / Aviation Fuel / \$535,000**

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to (1) approve the award of ITB 15-15 Aviation Fuels for Oconee County Regional Airport to Eastern Aviation Fuels, Inc., of New Bern, NC, in an estimated amount of \$535,000.00 for Avgas and JetA fuels delivered to the Oconee County Regional Airport; and, (2) authorize the County Administrator to renew the bid for up to four one-year periods, provided their service is satisfactory.

### **ITB 15-22 / Officer Uniforms / Animal Control, Detention Center, Sheriff / \$81,280.95**

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to (1) approve the award of ITB 15-22, Officer Uniforms for Animal Control, Detention Center and Sheriff, to DesignLab, Inc., of Greenville, SC; in the estimated amount of \$81,280.95, and (2) authorize the County Administrator to approve up to four additional one year renewals, provided the work is satisfactory and the required funding is available in each year's budget.

## **Old Business:**

### **Oakway Intermediate School**

Ms. Cammick noted that she and Mr. McCall toured the building that there is an opportunity for potential partnerships with the SDOC, agriculture community and others. Council concurred.

## **New Business:**

### **Ken Nix, Oconee County Auditor, Retirement**

Mr. Dexter along with several other Council members noted Mr. Nix's retirement at the end of June 2016 and thanked him for his service to the citizens of Oconee County.

## **Executive Session:**

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 enter into 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 of an Economic Development matter related to a potential contractual matter re: Golden Corner Commerce Park, and
- [2] receiving legal advice regarding a contractual matters and issues related thereto.

Council entered Executive Session at 7:36 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Dexter, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0.

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

## **Adjourn**

Mr. Thrift made a motion, approved unanimously 5 – 0, to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council