



# MINUTES

## OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Regular Meeting

### July 17, 2018

**MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
Mr. Paul Cain, District III  
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II  
Ms. Edda Cammick, Chairwoman, District I  
Mr. Julian Davis III, Vice Chair, District IV  
Mr. Glenn Hart, Chair Pro Tem, District V

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, Interim County Administrator Rick Martin, County Attorney David Root, and Katie D. Smith, 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.oconeesc.com/council](http://www.oconeesc.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: Caitlin Herrington / Daily Journal.

### **Call to Order:**

Ms. Cammick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **Public Comment Session**

Ms. Vickie Towe addressed Council regarding the water line extension from Park Avenue to the Jocassee Brewery on Highway 11.

Ms. Jean Jennings addressed Council regarding the weather and alcohol sales.

Mr. Jerry Barnett addressed Council regarding property rights, zoning, and payroll.

Mr. Paul Boggs addressed Council regarding 641 Land's End Road. He noted he and some neighbors attended the meeting on June 5, 2018 and since that meeting he has spoken with several different departments within the County. He further noted everyone he spoke to was very nice but he didn't have any additional answers than when he started.

Mr. Jason Stephens addressed Council updating the events that happened at 641 Land's End Road. He noted they attended a Council meeting about six weeks prior to express grievances and share concerns, which most were security related. He noted on the day of the previous meeting, there was a drug raid at this property and three individuals were arrested and were released at different times. He noted one has returned to the property and believes the other two has as well. Since their release, there have been police reports and calls

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involving at least one of the individuals. In the last six weeks, there have been instances of officers responding to two issues where charges were filed for possession, disturbance calls, and domestic calls. Finally, he noted there has not been much change since they left the last meeting about six weeks ago.

Mr. Eddie Martin addressed Council regarding the water extension on Highway 11. He noted he is one of the founders and co-owners of Jocassee Valley Brewery and has a passion for home brewing craft beer. He further noted this has been a popular destination for locals, tourists, outdoor enthusiasts, and craft beer lovers and he has met people from all over the country and world. He also noted the infrastructure upgrades to this area on Highway 11 will attract more businesses to our immediate area.

Ms. Kay Wade addressed Council in support of the water line extension, noting she and her husband have a small business in Jocassee. She noted the extension would be good for attracting new businesses to some of the existing buildings that have stood empty for a few years.

### **County Council Response to Public Comment**

Mr. McCall noted it was reported the water line extension would benefit Ms. Cammick so she could sell her property and that was the sole purpose for the extension. However, he noted she would have to come out of pocket approximately \$300,000 and the Town of Salem would own the water line because it is serving more than one house. He further noted the water line will benefit Highway 11 and the Salem area deserves to grow.

Mr. McCall also noted it was reported that Mr. Norm Cannada called Mr. McCall and he told him he couldn't talk to him at that time and hung up. He noted he has two machines called Blanchard grinders and when they start bogging down, you have to knock the power feed off and either manually override the vertical rise or power it up and if you don't, it will either bust a stone or swing the parts everywhere. He further noted the stabbing at him in the paper needs to stop.

Mr. Davis noted the petty crime and living conditions around some of these areas have created a lot of ruckus. He further noted he continually hears about people having rights. Everyone has rights until your rights infringe upon others. He further noted research is being done with regards to affordable housing.

Ms. Cammick noted the last time this was discussed, she asked Mr. Martin if this was a code issues or law enforcement issue. Mr. Martin had noted it was a combination of both and was hoping to hire a code enforcement officer. Mr. Martin noted that within the last six weeks they were successful at finding an individual from a neighboring county that was in codes enforcement. He will be coming to work for Oconee County as Codes Enforcement/Building Codes. He further noted he will work in the Building Codes Department and will start within three weeks and he has codes enforcement experience. Furthermore, he spoke with Sheriff Crenshaw and realizes that this individual will not be under the sheriff's umbrella but the Sheriff has guaranteed if the County ever needed someone it would be a priority.

### **Moment of Silence**

Ms. Cammick 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:**

Scouts from Troop 226 & Troop 120 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve the June 5, 2018 Amended Regular meeting minutes as presented.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve the June 19, 2018 Regular meeting minutes as presented.

### **Administrator's Report & Agenda Summary**

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

- Public Hearing of Ordinance: 2018-13, 2018-15, 2018-16, 2018-17
- Third Reading of Ordinance: 2018-13, 2018-15, 2018-16, 2018-17
- Second Reading of Ordinance: 2018-18, 2018-19, 2018-20, 2018-21, 2018-22, 2018-23, 2018-24
- First Reading of Ordinance: 2018-25, 2018-26
- First & Final Resolution: 2018-10
- Discussion Regarding Action Items
- Board & Commission Appointments
- Discussion Regarding Action Items [following Executive Session]

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to amend the agenda to add "Discussion regarding Administrator resumes received in the Administrator job posting timeline" under Executive Session.

Ms. Cammick asked if Ordinance 2018-24 should be moved until after Executive Session because they will be receiving legal advice regarding the Rosa Clark clinic. Mr. Root noted that was fine and would need to make a motion and it would have to pass by supermajority. However, it was added to Executive Session because when the lease was drafted and sent to the Rosa Clark attorney and CEO there possibly could be some revisions on their end, which there wasn't. Mr. Root noted he didn't know if it needs to be an Executive Session item but will be happy to discuss.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to remove item #2 "Receive legal advice and discuss lease agreement and related issues regarding the Rosa Clark Clinic" from Executive Session.

### **Public Hearings for the Following Ordinances**

**Ordinance 2018-13** "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING SIGN CONTROL; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO."

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Ms. Cammick opened the floor for Public Comment.

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

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

Ms. Cammick closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2018-13**.

**Ordinance 2018-15** “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE X OF CHAPTER 38 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING ADDING A SECTION NUMBER TO IDENTIFY THE ZONING MATRIX; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Ms. Cammick opened the floor for Public Comment.

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

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

Ms. Cammick closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2018-15**.

**Ordinance 2018-16** “AN ORDINANCE REWRITING, REVISING, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 28 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, REGARDING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Ms. Cammick opened the floor for Public Comment.

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

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

Ms. Cammick closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2018-16**.

**Ordinance 2018-17** “AN ORDINANCE REWRITING, REVISING, AND AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, REGARDING LITTER CONTROL; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Ms. Cammick opened the floor for Public Comment.

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

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

Ms. Cammick closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2018-17**.

### **Third Reading of the Following Ordinances**

**Ordinance 2018-13** “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING SIGN CONTROL; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve **Ordinance 2018-13** on third & final reading.

Lengthy discussion continued to include:

- Two industrial parks on two-lane highways
- Can be referred back to Planning Commission
- Building mounted signs
- Billboards next to the building that are not necessarily affixed would have to be addressed differently
- Can approve this Ordinance and communicate with Planning Commission about the issue or refer back to Planning Commission for them to revisit the Ordinance
- Number of billboards have sat empty of any advertising for years
- Advertising going more toward the digital route
- Existing non-conforming
- Does not apply to existing billboards
- Ordinance does not change the sign dimensions that were either proscribed or prescribed
- Had the motion and second to approve on third reading; could add a motion to amend to approve with direction for the Planning Commission to take a look at addressing the issues or related to signage on two lane roads for industrial uses

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, to amend to approve as written with direction to send to Planning Commission to address issues related to signage on two lane roads for industrial uses.

- Differences between second reading & third reading?
- Two industrial sites on two lane highways
- New signage
- Size restriction

Mr. Adam Chapman, Oconee County Planning, addressed Council highlighting the following:

- Industrial parks can have signs up to 75 square feet
- Planning Commission can look into increasing
- Anything under 50 square feet does not need a permit
- Do not have any temporary sign standards

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Discussion continued to include:

- Wants Planning Commission to look at why there can't be advertisements on two lane highways
- 75 square foot sign can be placed on a two lane highway
- Add in larger signs on a two lane highway
- Businesses on Highway 11 can have signage
- Variances

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. McCall, it was approved 3 – 2 [Mr. Davis & Mr. Cain opposed] to amend to approve as written with direction to send to Planning Commission to address issues related to signage on two lane roads for industrial uses.

Mr. Root noted the Ordinance is not being changed but is being approved as stated with a directive as an attachment to this process for Planning Commission to take a look at the issues raised.

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, to refer **Ordinance 2018-13** to the Planning Commission to address issues related to signage on two lane roads for industrial uses.

Mr. Cain asked how many Planning Commission meetings this proposed ordinance has been discussed at. Mr. Chapman noted there have been three to four meetings. Mr. Cain noted substantial time has already been devoted by the Planning Commission and it has passed unanimously on two readings.

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. McCall, it was approved 3 – 2 [Mr. Davis & Mr. Cain opposed] to refer **Ordinance 2018-13** to the Planning Commission to address issues related to signage on two lane roads for industrial uses.

**Ordinance 2018-15** “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE X OF CHAPTER 38 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING ADDING A SECTION NUMBER TO IDENTIFY THE ZONING MATRIX; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-15** on third & final reading.

**Ordinance 2018-16** “AN ORDINANCE REWRITING, REVISING, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 28 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, REGARDING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-16** on third & final reading.

**Ordinance 2018-17** “AN ORDINANCE REWRITING, REVISING, AND AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, REGARDING LITTER CONTROL; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-17** on third & final reading.

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## **Second Reading of the Following Ordinances**

**Ordinance 2018-18** “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 38 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, SPECIFICALLY IN RELATION TO NOTIFICATION OF THE HEARINGS AND ACTIONS THEREOF; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-18** on second reading.

**Ordinance 2018-19** “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 38 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING GENERAL PROVISIONS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-19** on second reading.

**Ordinance 2018-20** “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING BALLOON TESTING AND VIEWSHED ANALYSIS OF COMMUNICATION TOWERS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve **Ordinance 2018-20** on second reading.

Mr. Davis noted the balloon is not part of the tower; however, it is to test the view site.

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cain, it was approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-20** on second reading.

**Ordinance 2018-21** “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING COMMUNICATION TOWER APPLICATIONS WHICH MAY BE ADMINISTRATIVELY APPROVED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-21** on second reading.

**Ordinance 2018-22** “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 38 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING LAKE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT SETBACKS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-22** on second reading.

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**Ordinance 2018-23** “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE FUND BALANCE POLICY FOR OCONEE COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-23** on second reading.

**Ordinance 2018-24** “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A REAL PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY AS LESSOR AND THE ROSA CLARK MEDICAL CLINIC ASSOCIATION, INC. AS LESSEE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-24** on second reading.

### **First Reading of the Following Ordinances**

**Ordinance 2018-25** “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED LEASE AGREEMENT (EXTENDING THE TERM) BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY AS LESSOR AND CHRIST CENTRAL MINISTRIES, INC. / CHRIST CENTRAL MINISTRIES OCONEE AS LESSEE FOR A PORTION OF THE FORMER OCONEE COUNTY DETENTION CENTER LOCATED AT 300 SOUTH CHURCH STREET, WALHALLA, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR PURPOSES OF A COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND SOLUTION CENTER; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-25** on first reading.

**Ordinance 2018-26** “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING LAND DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, SPECIFICALLY IN RELATION TO CLARIFYING LANGUAGE RELATING TO MINIMUM LOT SIZES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve **Ordinance 2018-26** on first reading.

Lengthy discussion continued to include:

- Previously minimum lot section size acre of .57 acres
- Control free district does not have a minimum lot size and it was a hangover from a notion regarding septic tank required lot sizes
- Minimum lot size should be determined by the underlying zoning district which varies but the majority of the County is in the control free district and doesn't have a minimum lot size
- Adds language to plats that would be subdividing plats that would create non-conforming lots, lots that could not be built on, lots that don't meet, etc.
- Building permits
- Register of Deeds
- Lot size

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Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cain, it was approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-26** on first reading.

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

**Resolution 2018-10** “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR USE BY THE OCONEE COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGES DEPARTMENT, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve **Resolution 2018-10** on first & final reading.

Discussion continued to include:

- Purchase price is \$4,000
- Last significant rain event in Avondale a culvert fell and the intent is to replace the culvert
- Close road for a period of time and there will not be a way for the homeowners to get out
- Buy property on back side and put in access road

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cain, it was approved 5 – 0, to approve **Resolution 2018-10** on first & final reading.

**Discussion Regarding Action Items**

**Case Excavator / Quarry / \$588,400.02**

Budget: **\$750,219.00**      Project Cost: **\$588,400.02**      Balance: **\$161,818.98**

This Excavator is a Case CX750D RTC. It will be used in the pit to feed the mobile jaw crusher, load haul trucks, and in all phases of overburden stripping.

After researching excavators with a minimum operating weight of 150,000 lbs., it was determined that the CASE CX750D RTC with a 72” Euro Style severe duty bucket, best met the needs of the quarry. There were no excavators of this size on State Contract, so the County is utilizing the North Carolina Sheriffs’ Association contract through a cooperative purchasing agreement. The contract discount is 6% off the list price of the equipment. Hills Machinery is offering a “dealer discretionary discount” of an additional \$245,878.82 off the contract price for the excavator and the 72” bucket.

It is the staff’s recommendation that Council approve the purchase of the Case Excavator from Hills Machinery Company of Columbia, SC, in the amount of \$588,400.02.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve the purchase of the Case Excavator from Hills Machinery Company of Columbia, SC, in the amount of \$588,400.02.

Mr. Davis thanked the staff for getting a good deal on the equipment. They saved \$161,818.98 and appreciated everyone’s work.

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cain, it was approved 5 – 0, to approve

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the purchase of the Case Excavator from Hills Machinery Company of Columbia, SC, in the amount of \$588,400.02.

## **Engineering Services for Groundwater Sampling & Reporting / Solid Waste \$58,818.00**

**Professional – Remaining Budget: \$ 220,000.00**  
**Project: 16,318.00**  
**Balance: \$ 203,682.00**

**Testing Wells – Remaining Budget: \$ 70,000.00**  
**Project: 42,500.00**  
**Balance: \$ 27,500.00**

At the January 17, 2017 Council meeting, Council approved the award of RFP 16-09 to Smith Gardner, Inc., for Engineering Services for Solid Waste. The Solid Waste department wishes to contract with Smith Gardner to provide engineering services for groundwater and stream water sampling and monitoring at the Seneca and Five Forks landfills; and the required analysis and submission of reports to SCDHEC. At the September 19, 2017 Council meeting, Council approved these same services to Smith Gardner in the amount of \$55,357, for the previous fiscal year, as these services are required annually by SCDHEC. The increase in price for this year is due to the addition of one new well at the Seneca landfill and two new wells at Five Forks landfill.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve the total award of \$58,818.00 to Smith Gardner, Inc., of Raleigh, NC for engineering services for groundwater monitoring and reporting.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve the total award of \$58,818.00 to Smith Gardner, Inc., of Raleigh, NC for engineering services for groundwater monitoring and reporting.

## **To discuss and authorize the Interim County Administrator to execute the FAA Grant Agreement and all ancillary documents related to, among other things, the purchase of real property located near the Oconee County Regional Airport**

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, to approve the Interim County Administrator to execute the FAA Grant Agreement and all ancillary documents related to, among other things, the purchase of real property located near the Oconee County Regional Airport.

## **To discuss and authorize the Interim County Administrator to do all things necessary and proper to purchase property located adjacent to the Oconee County Regional Airport, designated by TMS: 256-00-01-011, consisting of approximately .65 acres. The cost of the purchase is \$165,000, of which 95% is being funded by federal and state grant sources.**

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, to approve the Interim County Administrator to do all things necessary and proper to purchase property located adjacent to the Oconee County Regional Airport, designated by TMS: 256-00-01-011, consisting of approximately .65 acres. The cost of the purchase is \$165,000, of which 95% is being funded by federal and state grant sources.

Discussion continued to include:

- 95% of the purchase cost is being funded by federal and/or state grant sources

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- County will pay approximately \$8,250
- Funds are in last year's Capital Projects Fund that rolled over from the airport
- .7 acres
- Expanding the airport
- Give better clearance for planes landing and taking off
- Recommended by the FAA

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Cain, seconded by Mr. McCall, it was approved 5 – 0, to approve the Interim County Administrator to do all things necessary and proper to purchase property located adjacent to the Oconee County Regional Airport, designated by TMS: 256-00-01-011, consisting of approximately .65 acres. The cost of the purchase is \$165,000, of which 95% is being funded by federal and state grant sources.

## **Board & Commission Appointments**

### **Board of Zoning Appeals**

Ms. Cammick made a nomination, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Jim Codner as the District I representative on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

### **Old / Unfinished Business**

None at this meeting.

### **New Business**

None at this meeting.

### **Executive Session:**

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to enter into Executive Session for the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

*[1] Receive legal advice and discuss class action litigation regarding PILT underpayments by the federal government.*

~~*Receive legal advice and discuss lease agreement and related issues regarding the Rosa Clark clinic.*~~

*[2] Receive legal advice and discuss economic development matter related to extension of Salem water lines on Highway 11.*

~~*Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Natural.*~~

~~*Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Frame.*~~

*[3] Discussion regarding Administrator resumes received in the Administrator job posting timeline.*

Council entered Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:46 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. McCall, seconded by

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Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0.

Ms. Cammick stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to authorize the County Administrator to execute the opt-in agreement for the class action lawsuit to recover underpayment of PILT funds.

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, to alter the County Administrator resume review process to enable County Council to review all resumes received confidentially.

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, to extend the resume receipt date until August 15, 2018 and ensure the position is being advertised with the South Carolina Association of Counties [SCAC] and the Municipal Association of South Carolina [MASC].

### **Discussion Regarding Action Items**

Appropriate \$210,000 from Economic Development fund (as carried over from FY17/18) for purposes of contributing, by grant or otherwise, to the improvement of the Town of Salem's water system. The contemplated improvement will include extending a water line along the east side of Highway 11 from Park Avenue southward for roughly one mile, to allow for improvements and expansion of existing businesses and provide an impetus for growth along that route.

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, to appropriate \$210,000 as matching grants funds with the town of Salem, with the town of Salem being the applicant on the grant, for the extension of the water line along Highway 11 from Park View to 130 to finish the loop.

Discussion continued to include:

- Drawing of a loop?
- Salem area does need basic services of water
- Has not been a meeting with Salem or a letter from Salem stating the intent
- Economic Development matter such as this should have three readings and a public hearing for the citizens input

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. McCall, it was approved 3 – 2 [Mr. Davis & Mr. Cain opposed] to appropriate \$210,000 as matching grants funds with the town of Salem, with the town of Salem being the applicant on the grant, for the extension of the water line along Highway 11 from Park View to 130 to finish the loop.

### **Adjourn:**

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Katie D. Smith  
Clerk to Council