



# MINUTES

## OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Regular Meeting

### September 11, 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: Dick Mangrum / WGOG & Caitlin Herrington / Daily Journal.

### **Call to Order:**

Ms. Cammick called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Ms. Cammick noted this is a day of remembrance for the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

### **Public Comment Session**

Mr. Josh Gibson, co-owner of Jocassee Valley Brewing Company, addressed Council regarding the Salem water line extension. He noted they never had any intention of sparking a controversy or to create a division. He further noted his business will be up and running with or without city water and they will continue to explore other solutions. He asked to consider everyone to work together to come up with solutions for healthy economic growth for the Salem area.

Ms. Lynne Martin addressed Council in support of the Salem water line extension. She noted the extension would be good for Salem. She further noted there were no clandestine meetings about trying to get water and wanted something good to happen for their town.

Mr. Bill Routh, owner of Lake Jocassee Dive Shop, addressed Council regarding the Salem water line extension. He noted the water line or lack of affects his business and further noted customers have only gas station food to choose from. Additionally, he noted the Salem Hwy 11 corridor needs a water line to improve and grow the Salem economy and to improve current services and give current and future

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businesses an opportunity to grow.

Ms. Cammick received three letters [copy filed with these minutes] from the Reid & Evans family & the Nexsen family regarding the Salem water line extension and read the letters into the record.

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

Mr. McCall thanked the members from Salem and also the Salem Town Hall staff for the attending the meeting. He also responded to Mr. Routh's comments noting everything he said was true and has built his business up.

Ms. Cammick welcomed the members of the Oconee County Concerned Citizens Against Bullying to the meeting.

Mr. Cain noted all municipalities within the County had the opportunity to participate in Destination Oconee, with Westminster, Walhalla, & Seneca choosing to do so. He further noted when the water line project was first presented in executive session to Council, it was presented as an economic development project for a particular business. He further noted it was not presented as a community project or to grow a particular area and had very little information.

Mr. Davis echoed Mr. McCall's comments and Mr. Cain's comments. He also thanked the members of Salem for attending the meeting and reaching out and has had a lot of great conversations. He further noted he has spoken with Mr. Eddie Martin, co-owner of Jocassee Valley Brewing Company and has visited the business. He further noted it was not about the business but the way it was proposed.

### **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:**

Mr. Hart 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 September 4, 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:

- Naturaland Trust Oconee County Conservation Bank Board Easement Funding
- Presentations to Council
- Public Hearing of Ordinance: 2018-13, 2018-23, 2018-25
- Third Reading of Ordinance: 2018-13, 2018-23, 2018-25
- First Reading of Ordinance: 2018-14, 2018-28, 2018-29

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- First & Final Resolution: 2018-14
- Discussion Regarding Action Items
- Unfinished Business
- Council Committee Report
- First & Final Resolution: 2018-11 [following Executive Session]

### **Naturaland Trust Oconee County Conservation Bank Board Easement Funding**

Mr. Airey addressed Council regarding the Naturaland Trust Easement Funding highlighting the following:

- Request Council's approval of a grant the OCCB has already approved in the amount of \$9,567.33
- Naturaland Trust owns approximately 54 acres adjacent to Oconee Station Historic Park
- Secure the permanent legal protection of the property
- Funds were received by the OCCB through a Duke grant and are not County originated funds

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve the funding request for Naturaland Trust.

### **Presentations to Council**

Sheriff Crenshaw addressed Council utilizing a handout [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the following:

- Life After Lockup Initiative
- Use State inmate labor at the Oconee County Animal Shelter
- State inmates that have worked there have been hard workers at keeping the shelter clean
- Inmate will be released the beginning of October
- Former inmate is doing well and gainfully employed
- Cost saving
- Sentence reform act in 2009
- Five years ago, used State inmates and noticed a difference with their behavior and attitudes
- Encourage other inmates to come to Oconee County and be a part of the Life After Lockup Initiative
- Both of the inmates are willing to mentor
- Identified open salaries in current budget for the remainder of the current fiscal year for a position with the Animal Shelter for this inmate when he is released in October
- Position would be Animal Shelter Kennel Manager
- Future inmates could be used at the recycling centers
- Consider possible changes to the animal control ordinance
- Request to transfer money and hire individual for the remainder of this year
- Pilot project for the remainder of the budget year?
- Consider fully funding program in next year's budget

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, to create a new position within the Oconee County Sheriff's Office to serve at the animal shelter with funding identified in the Sheriff's current budget for the remainder of the budget year.

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Discussion continued to include:

- Easier to be a criminal than to be straight in life according to some inmates
- More employers are starting to give criminals a chance when they have been shown they can do the job
- Pilot program is the step in the right direction

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to amend the agenda to create a new position within the Oconee County Sheriff's Office to effect the Life After Lockup Initiative to serve at the animal shelter with funding already in place within the Sheriff's budget.

Mr. Root noted since this is final action, the exigent circumstances is that the individual must be hired before October.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, to create a new position within the Oconee County Sheriff's Office to effect the Life After Lockup Initiative to serve at the animal shelter with funding already in place within the Sheriff's budget as stated.

Mr. Cain thanked the Sheriff and all other individuals who have worked on initiatives such as this.

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to create a new position within the Oconee County Sheriff's Office to effect the Life After Lockup Initiative to serve at the animal shelter with funding already in place within the Sheriff's budget as stated.

### **City of Salem Water Loop Grant Project / Ryan Hardin**

Mr. Ryan Hardin, Director of Operations with the Town of Salem, addressed Council regarding the Town of Salem water loop grant project utilizing a handout [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the following:

- Hwy 11 Grant Infrastructure Project
- Apologized for not shedding clarity on this project
- Project has been on the Town of Salem's agenda for nearly 20 years
- For the last ten years, it has been sought with increased intensity
- 1 cent tax referendum from a couple of years ago
- Project was one of the few infrastructures that was on the amendment
- When this failed, the Town of Salem continued and has sought after several grants independently
- Town of Salem designated \$30,000 toward project
- City Council members voted and has approved \$140,000 for a total of \$170,000 toward infrastructure project
- Brad Norton, Town of Salem's Attorney, read letter from City Council members
- System map of the Town of Salem [copy filed with these minutes]
- Water system is composed of 5 separate hydraulic gradients
- Water line is only a portion of the grant
- Grant in total will equal over \$1 million
- Able to increase sustained fire flow
- When project is put into place, this will be the bridge that draws the entire footprint of the Town of Salem's service center together

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- Be able to move water back and forth
- Four to five times more supply and sustained pressure for service fire flow, emergency situations, etc.
- Add additional ground level storage tank and an additional source pump station
- Will allow the complete system to work together
- Well supplied system

Lengthy discussion continued to include:

- Currently serve approximately 4 commercial customers
- Once connection is completed, three to five commercial customers is the grant estimate
- Private individual that is not in the market to sell their property
- Economic Development
- McNelley's has had discussion utilizing buildings that they currently own but water is hindering them
- Winery / Restaurant
- Tourist attraction
- Contacted by various businesses but water is always the issue
- Sewer has not been discussed
- Concerned that infrastructure upgrades on Hwy 11 will draw business opportunities out of the Town of Salem?
- Hwy 11 is the future of Salem
- Traffic counts
- Water line as fire protection for the area?
- Additional fire hydrants
- Service line
- Property owners that do not have frontage to Hwy 11, they have to have water main to tap off of based on the permits pulled by the State and County roads
- Residential water line
- Positive growth
- Strategic Planning Retreat
- Contingent upon the approval of the EDA grant

Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Hardin for the presentation.

Mr. Hart thanked Mr. Hardin for the presentation as well. He further noted he doesn't understand what upsets people about having a water line and further noted this is pure progress.

Mr. Cain also thanked Mr. Hardin for the presentation. He noted the only economic development analysis was based off of an economic development project, which was a negative project. He further asked if the intent of Salem is to expand their service territory, does the water line contract have an annexation agreement.

Mr. Hardin ended the presentation by thanking Council.

## **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.”

Ms. Cammick opened the floor for Public Comment.

Mr. Mike Johnson, Planning Commission member, addressed Council noting the following:

- Planning Commission requested to address Council over confusion over a recent request from Council to revisit the most recent sign ordinance
- Planning Commission’s job is to interpret and implement the desires and the will of the community as conveyed in the county’s comprehensive plan
- The Comprehensive plan is required by State law
- Approximately two years ago, Planning Commission put restrictions on commercial signage, including billboards, in our more rural two lane roads
- The sign ordinance was adopted by Council at that time
- Due to clarification questions by businesses, Planning Commission was asked by staff to rearrange the sign ordinance to read more clearly; the content was the same
- Council approved new ordinance thru two readings but was asked by Council to revise sign ordinance, specifically with regard to billboards on two lane roads
- As per the Planning Commission, this was too large of a space to put on a pole in our rural two lane roads
- Planning Commission’s position is 75 square feet would be large enough on rural roads for billboards
- Planning Commission requested that Council to provide a number that they would like to have on a two lane road
- If Council believes the Planning Commission has accurately interpreted the desires of our community by restricting this sign on two lane roads, they are asking that Council approve this Ordinance as written

Mr. Hart asked if the Planning Commission changed the size of signs placed on buildings.

Mr. Johnson noted that signage on buildings as presented is a percentage. They were asked readdressed were off premise signs going from 75 square foot sign, directional or otherwise, to a billboard size that could expand up to 680 square feet.

Mr. Hart asked if they increased the size of the signs for buildings.

Mr. Johnson noted they addressed the size of signs for buildings under a separate issue.

Mr. Root noted there is no change in the building mounted signs and he didn’t recommend any. However, he did note for the industrial parks is to allow 20% of the building face or up to 350 square feet for a building mounted sign to be allowed outside of those parks. Planning Commission sent a letter [copy filed with these minutes] and the third item incorporates this as a suggestion amendment to Council.

Noting that no other 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.

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

**Ordinance 2018-23** “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE FUND BALANCE POLICY FOR OCONEE COUNTY; 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.

Mr. Tom Markovick addressed Council noting the following:

- Amended language helps the policy ordinance
- Gives guidance
- Thanked Council for the amendment

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

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 closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2018-23**.

**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.”

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.

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 2018-25**.

### **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.

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Mr. Root summarized the events leading up to third reading on 2018-13.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> reading: Motion was made to refer back to Planning Commission to reconsider the billboards on two lane roads
- Planning Commission met and discussed changing sign area, building mounted signs, etc.
- Best option was to send letter to Council [copy filed with these minutes]
- Back to Council for 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading with no changes

Ms. Cammick asked if there were any changes or amendments Council would like to make.

Mr. Root reiterated that billboards on two lane roads would still be 75 feet and no changes to the building mounted signs.

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cain, it was approved 3 – 2 [Mr. Hart & Mr. McCall opposed] to approve **Ordinance 2018-13** on third & final reading.

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

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve **Ordinance 2018-23** on third & final reading.

Mr. Root noted the Ordinance was postponed as Council wanted language that dealt with use of the funds in case of an emergency. Paragraphs 12 and 13 of the document entitled “Proposed Amendments” highlights the following:

- Paragraph 12 – a supermajority vote regarding the use of a fund balance if the 25% is not maintained
- Paragraph 13 – subparts A through F

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 2 [Mr. Davis & Mr. Cain opposed], to amend **Ordinance 2018-23** to include all highlighted portions.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 3 – 2 [Mr. Davis & Mr. Cain opposed] to approve **Ordinance 2018-23** as amended on third & final reading.

**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. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-25** on third & final reading.

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

None at this meeting.



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

**Ordinance 2018-14** “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 32 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING THE DEFINITIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE BEING MADE TO THE NAMING OF SUBDIVISIONS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve **Ordinance 2018-14** on first reading.

Discussion continued to include:

- Developer names the subdivisions
- Keeps from having derogatory names being put into the system
- County will not name subdivisions
- Road names
- Road vs. Lane

Mr. Root noted that for a while the Planning Commission would review and approve subdivision names. However, this has not been the practice for a long time. This ordinance is making an administrative approval as long as they comply with items 1 – 7, which is not using profane language, not using duplicate subdivision names, etc.

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cain, it was approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-14** on first reading.

**Ordinance 2018-28** “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON SOUTH OAK STREET, SENECA, SOUTH CAROLINA, COMPRISING APPROXIMATELY 4.946 ACRES, TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-28** on first reading.

**Ordinance 2018-29** “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND DIVISION 12, ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 2 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER TO THE OCONEE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve **Ordinance 2018-29** on first reading.

Mr. Davis asked if the ex officio is a non-voting member and want to appoint an individual.

Ms. Debbie Sewell, Agricultural Advisory Board member, addressed Council noting they would like to have ex officio member that would be an expert in a certain field. She further noted the individual would fill out an application and Council would approve them to serve on the board.

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-29** on first reading.

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

**Resolution 2018-14** “A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING PROJECT ECHO TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 12-44-40; COMMITTING TO ENTER INTO SUCH NECESSARY AGREEMENTS TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Resolution 2018-14** on first & final reading.

### **Discussion Regarding Action Items**

#### **Comprehensive Plan for Oconee County / Community Development / \$89,000.00**

At the April 5, 2016 meeting, Council approved the award of RFP 15-09 for On Call Engineering Consultant Services to Alta Planning and Design of Greenville, SC for Category A – “On Call Planning Services”. This RFP was for a one year term with four one-year renewals. We are currently in the second renewal period. The Planning Commission desires that the County contract with Alta Planning and Design to provide Comprehensive Plan Management for Oconee County. These services will include: Ongoing Project Management, Project Meetings and Stakeholder Engagement, Data Collection and Mapping, and a final Comprehensive Plan update.

It is the staff’s recommendation that Council approve the total award of \$89,000.00 to Alta Planning and Design of Greenville, SC, for consulting services for the above mentioned project.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve the total award of \$89,000.00 to Alta Planning and Design of Greenville, SC, for consulting services for the above mentioned project.

Discussion continued to include:

- Alta representative came to the Council & Planning Commission Workshop to present information earlier in the year
- Alta is the on call planning service group
- Planner for Oconee County could have completed but it is too late to start
- Required by State law to have comprehensive plan

Mr. Root noted there was a two part presentation with the joint meeting between Council and the Planning Commission. The objections that are being voiced are for the corridor plan but the comprehensive plan, which is a statutory mandate, is being asked to be approved for procurement purposes.

Discussion continued to included:

- Strategic plan
- Discussed Planning department completing the comprehensive plan and would put a substantial

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burden on staff

- Much of the funds go toward notice requirements, mailing, etc.
- Great way to find out with the public wants
- Former Planning Commission member noted it was 90% of being completed
- Referring to the update, not the total rewrite of the plan
- Review every 5 years and update of the plan every 10 years
- Approved the update approximately 6 months ago
- Former member was working on the corridor plan
- Comprehensive plan has been updated
- Fallout if comprehensive plan is not completed
- Town Hall meetings in 2015

Mr. Tom Markovich addressed Council noting the Town Hall meeting and work was for the update, not for the rewrite of the comprehensive plan.

Mr. Root noted this is for the full rewrite, not the update. He also noted this must be completed by November of 2019.

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cain, it was approved 3 – 2 [Mr. Hart & Mr. McCall opposed] to approve the total award of \$89,000.00 to Alta Planning and Design of Greenville, SC, for consulting services for the above mentioned project.

**John Deere 332G Skid Steer Loader / Roads & Bridges / \$57,141.65**

Budget: **\$75,000** / Project Cost: **\$57,141.65** / Balance: **\$ 17,858.35**

The John Deere 332G Skid Steer loader will be used by the Asphalt Crew in paving and patching operations. This machine has a high flow hydraulic system that will make it more useful with certain attachments (example asphalt plain and/or milling machine).

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve the purchase of a 2018 John Deere 332G Skid Steer Loader from John Deere Shared Services of Moline, IL in the amount of \$57,141.65.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve the purchase of a 2018 John Deere 332G Skid Steer Loader from John Deere Shared Services of Moline, IL in the amount of \$57,141.65.

**Kubota KX080 Excavator / Roads & Bridges / \$92,013.30**

Budget: **\$120,000** / Project Cost: **\$92,013.30** / Balance: **27,986.70**

The Kubota KX080 Excavator will be used by the Arbor Crew for tree and debris removal; culvert repair and/or replacement; and fixing stormwater issues.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve the purchase of a 2018 Kubota KX080-4R3 Excavator from Oakway Tractor and Implements of Westminster, SC in the amount of \$92,013.30.

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Mr. Davis recused himself from discussion regarding the Kubota KX080 Excavator due to personal/familial interest [copy of recusal form filed with these minutes].

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 4 – 0 [Mr. Davis recused himself; copy of recusal form filed with these minutes], to approve the purchase of a 2018 Kubota KX080-4R3 Excavator from Oakway Tractor and Implements of Westminster, SC in the amount of \$92,013.30.

**New Holland TS6110 Mowing Tractor / Roads & Bridges / \$73,881.28**

**Budget: \$115,000 / Project Cost: \$73,881.28 / Balance: 41,118.72**

The New Holland TS6110 will be used by our Mowing Crew for vegetation management along the county maintained right-of-way. The tractor will have a pull behind bush hog flex wing mower which will be purchased separately.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve the purchase of a 2018 New Holland Tractor with Cab from Old Stone Tractor of Anderson, SC in the amount of \$73,881.28, per State Contract Number 44000111000.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve the purchase of a 2018 New Holland Tractor with Cab from Old Stone Tractor of Anderson, SC in the amount of \$73,881.28, per State Contract Number 44000111000.

**Discuss and approve clarification letter to be sent on behalf of County Council in response to correspondence from SCRPA/SCAP Executive Director, James Headley**

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve the clarification letter to be sent on behalf of County Council in response to correspondence from SCRPA/SCAP Executive Director, James Headley.

Mr. Root read the letter into the record [copy filed with these minutes].

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cain, it was approved 3 – 0 [Mr. Hart & Mr. McCall abstained; copy of recusal form filed with these minutes] to approve the clarification letter to be sent on behalf of County Council in response to correspondence from SCRPA/SCAP Executive Director, James Headley.

**Graphic Design/Special Projects (full time position within Oconee Economic Alliance)**

The position will be a Grade 115 and the salary range will be \$32,966 - \$40,758

Due to the additional workload, and to ensure continued Economic Development momentum, the Oconee Economic Alliance (“OEA”) requests that a new position be created for an employee to serve as Graphic Design/Special Project Coordinator. Funding for this position will initially be managed by a line-item transfer within the OEA budget. This position will handle all graphic design for various projects, websites, ad placement, and other county department requests. This position will be responsible for consistent social

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media messaging for OEA and the Think Oconee initiative.

It is staff's recommendation that Council approve the addition of this staff position to ensure continued Economic Development momentum and consistency of efforts.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve the addition of this staff position to ensure continued Economic Development momentum and consistency of efforts.

### **Unfinished Business**

Mr. McCall noted for the last ten years he has discussed mosquitoes, malaria, West Nile, etc. He noted there have been two deaths in the news and now Hurricane Florence is expected in our area. He further noted citizens need to dump standing water, recycle old tires, etc. Additionally, the primary goal in the County is the health and welfare of the residents. Finally, he noted to advertise and be active.

Mr. Cain noted he agreed with Mr. McCall and doesn't understand why residents have old tires in their yards.

Mr. Martin asked Ms. Cammick if he could have some time to investigate and come up with a plan or action.

Mr. Davis asked if the cities still spray. Mr. McCall noted spraying insecticides is killing the honeybees. He further noted in a couple of the cities some gas stations have tires stacked up behind their building and is fueling their own problem.

Mr. Cain asked now that the County has a Code Enforcement Officer is having standing water in your yard a property code violation?

Mr. Root noted it's by implication and is something that can be addressed.

Mr. Cain noted there is potential for citizens to get into trouble because of this. That is not the intent of this Council to go out on people's property but this is something that needs to be taken seriously.

### **Council Committee Report**

Mr. Cain read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] outlining the discussions held at the September 9, 2018 Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting.

### **Executive Session:**

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, 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 a contractual matter regarding the Sewer South Transfer and Operation Agreement with the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority.*

*[2] Receive legal advice and discuss employment matter related to hiring of County Administrator, including initial candidate interviews.*

*[3] Receive legal advice and discuss a contractual matter related to lease of property to be acquired adjacent to Oconee County Regional Airport.*

Council entered Executive Session at 8:18 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 10:30 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0.

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

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, to allow the occupants of the property adjacent to the airport, which the County is purchasing, to remain in the property thereafter for the time period recommended by the airport consultant W. K. Dickson.

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

**Resolution 2018-11** “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER AND OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY AND THE OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY IN RELATION TO THE SEWER SYSTEM EXTENDING BETWEEN THE GOLDEN CORNER COMMERCE PARK AND THE CONEROSS CREEK SEWER TREATMENT PLANT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Council did not address this matter and No Action was Taken.

### **Adjourn:**

Mr. Cain made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 10:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Katie D. Smith  
Clerk to Council



OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL  
RECUSAL FORM

Council Member Name: Glenn Hapt  
[Please Print]

Council Member Signature: Glenn Hapt

Meeting Date: 9-11-2018

Item for Discussion/Vote: Discuss & approve clarification letter to be sent on behalf of County Council in response to correspondence from SCRPA/SCAP Executive Director, James Headley

Reason for Recusal  I was not present for original meeting/discussion

I have a personal/familial interest in the issue.

Other: Do not agree with letter

Katie D. Smith  
Katie Smith  
Clerk to Council



OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL  
RECUSAL FORM

Council Member Name: Wayne McCall  
[Please Print]

Council Member Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Meeting Date: 9-11-2018

Item for Discussion/Vote: Discuss & approve clarification letter to be sent on behalf of County Council in response to correspondence from SCRAP/ SCAP Executive Director, James Headley

Reason for Recusal  I was not present for original meeting/discussion

I have a personal/familial interest in the issue.

Other: I AM STAYING OUT OF THIS MEETING

[Handwritten Signature]  
Katie Smith  
Clerk to Council





OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL  
RECUSAL FORM

Council Member Name: Julian Davis  
(Please Print)

Council Member Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Meeting Date: 9-11-2018

Item for Discussion/Vote: Kubota Excavator / Roads & Bridges /  
\$92,013.30

Reason for Recusal  I was not present for original meeting/discussion  
 I have a personal/familial interest in the issue.

Other: FAMILY 2<sup>nd</sup> Cousin owns  
I have no Financial interest

Katie D. Smith  
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Clerk to Council