



# MINUTES

## OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Regular Meeting

### June 1, 2021

#### MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. John Elliott, Chairman, District I  
Mr. Paul Cain, Vice Chairman, District III  
Mr. Julian Davis III, Chairman Pro Tem, District IV  
Mr. Glenn Hart, District V  
Mr. Matthew Durham, District II

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, & 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: Riley Morningstar / The Journal & Dick Mangrum / 101.7 WGOG The Lake

#### **Call to Order**

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

Mr. Elliott opened the meeting reminding the public they have two opportunities to speak during Council meetings, which is during the public comment session and also during the public hearing session, if scheduled. Other than those two instances, the public should remain silent during the Council meeting. Anyone making a disturbance during the meeting will be asked to leave Council Chambers for the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Root noted the Oconee Code of Ordinances [copy filed with backup materials] is on the PowerPoint screen so that the public would know there is a legal backing that we must uphold so everyone has a fair and equal opportunity to participate.

#### **Public Comment Session**

*If you are not able to attend in person and you have a comment, you may submit it by contacting our Clerk to Council, Katie Smith at [ksmith@oconeesc.com](mailto:ksmith@oconeesc.com) or 864-718-1023, so that she may receive your comment and read it into the record.*

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Mr. David Dial addressed Council regarding the mask ordinance discussion from the May 18, 2021 meeting, the budget ordinance, and The Great Barrington Declaration [copy filed with backup materials].

Mr. Perry Smith addressed Council thanking Ms. Brock, County Administrator, for helping to get pastors into the Utica Mill Hill area, Westminster/Walhalla mill hills, Code Enforcement Officer, and litter.

Mr. Tony Adams addressed Council regarding three action items on the agenda, which are the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority and noted he was at the 05/03/2021 OJRSA meeting [copy filed with backup materials], Town of Salem waterloop, and Upcountry Fiber, LLC.

Ms. Jennifer Bell addressed Council regarding the items at the beginning of the meeting are out of order and requests Council to have a Budget workshop.

Mr. Shon Tilson addressed Council and thanked Mr. Cain, Mr. Davis, Ms. Brock and others that participated in the Team up 2 Cleanup at Utica Mill Hill area and also regarding respect to each other and to the public.

Mr. Ted Brewer addressed Council in support of Ordinance 2021-11 and thanked Council for their public service.

Mr. Peter Bevilacqua addressed Council noting the issue with the Westminster Utility Department that he had expressed at the last meeting has been taken care of and requested a Budget review and/or workshop.

Ms. Michaela McIntosh addressed Council regarding South Radio Station Road, lack of plastic recycling industry in Oconee County, and preservation.

Mr. Matt Postell addressed Council regarding the mask discussion at the May 18, 2021 Council meeting.

Ms. Kay Knapp addressed Council noting she is a new resident to Oconee County and as an added bonus of moving here is the people of the County.

Mr. Scott Lusk addressed Council regarding two action items on the agenda, which are the console furniture for the Oconee County 911 Center and the two floating dock systems.

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

Mr. Elliott noted there were three Budget Committee meetings that all five members of Council participated in, Ms. Brock invited Council members at any time to speak with her regarding the budget, and reminded the public there will be no tax increase for the second year in a row.

Mr. Hart thanked the citizens that spoke during the Public Comment session and noted they did an excellent job.

Mr. Durham responded to all citizen's comments that spoke during the Public Comment session.

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Mr. Cain apologized to Mr. Durham regarding his comments at the previous Council meeting, responded to Mr. Smith's comments, and also noted he did not receive an invitation to a republican meeting.

### **Moment of Silence**

Mr. Elliott asked for a moment of silence prior to the Invocation by County Council Chaplain.

### **Invocation by County Council Chaplain**

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Davis 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 May 18, 2021 Regular Minutes as presented.

### **Administrator's Comments**

Ms. Brock addressed Council with the following items:

- Building Codes & Solid Waste Fee Schedules were inadvertently left out of the 2021-2022 Budget backup online [copy filed with backup materials]
- Schedule of Difference and Notes for the General Fund [copy filed with backup materials]

### **Attorney's Comments**

Mr. Root addressed Council with the following items:

- At the appropriate time during the meeting, a motion to amend Ordinance 2021-01 is needed to add the Building Codes & Solid Waste Fee Schedules to reflect the appropriate FY 2021-2022 fees

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to amend the agenda to add "Receive legal advice and discuss a contractual matter related to the request by the Sewer Authority" under Executive Session.

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 5 – 0, to amend the agenda to move the Action Item "Discuss and take appropriate action on a request from the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority to the County for \$1,500,000, to be placed in a restricted account and to serve as surety for the EDA grant relative to the Sewer South project" to after Executive Session.

### **OCCB Funding Approval Requests**

#### **TAYCHOEDAH (pronounced tie-CO-ee-dah) PROPERTY – OCONEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BANK BOARD EASEMENT FUNDING**

OCCB unanimously approved on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 for Council to approve funding in the amount of \$17,999.00 for a conservation easement to Upstate Forever.

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Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 4 – 0 [Mr. Durham abstained; copy filed with minutes] to approve funding in the amount of \$17,999.00 for a conservation easement to Upstate Forever.

### **WHETSTONE HILL PROPERTY – OCONEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BANK BOARD EASEMENT FUNDING**

OCCB unanimously approved on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 for Council to approve funding in the amount of \$11,499.00 for a conservation easement to Upstate Forever.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 4 – 0 [Mr. Durham recused; copy filed with minutes] to approve funding in the amount of \$11,499.00 for a conservation easement to Upstate Forever.

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

*If you are not able to attend in person and you would like to be heard during the public hearings, please contact Katie Smith at or 864-718-1023 so that she may coordinate your participation by telephone.*

**Ordinance 2021-11** “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 40 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO BE ENTITLED “CULTURAL AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION,” AND ENACTING ARTICLE V THERETO, CAPTIONED “PROTECTION OF HISTORICAL MEMORIALS.”

*Forwarded from the Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee*

Mr. Elliott opened the floor for Public Comment.

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

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

Mr. Elliott closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2021-11**.

**Ordinance 2021-12** “AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY THAT HAS BEEN FORFEITED TO THE OFFICE OF THE OCONEE COUNTY SHERIFF; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS IN RELATION THERETO; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.”

*Forwarded from the Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee*

Mr. Elliott opened the floor for Public Comment.

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

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

Mr. Elliott closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2021-12**.

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**Ordinance 2021-01** “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 BRIDGE AND CULVERT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND, FOR THE DEBT SERVICE FUND, FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, FOR THE CAPITAL VEHICLE / EQUIPMENT FUND, ALL IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.”

*General Government matter*

Mr. Elliott opened the floor for Public Comment.

Mr. Tony Adams addressed Council in opposition of **Ordinance 2021-01** and also addressed his concerns regarding this ordinance.

Mr. Peter Bevilacqua addressed Council in opposition of **Ordinance 2021-01** and also addressed his concerns regarding this ordinance.

Mr. Mickey Haney addressed Council in opposition of **Ordinance 2021-01** and also addressed his concerns regarding the ordinance.

The following email was received by the Clerk to Council and Mr. Elliott the comment into the record [copy filed with backup materials].

Chief Tracy Sanders, Oakway Fire Department; Chief Larry Wilkerson, Fairplay Fire Department; Chief Favion Skelton, Friendship Fire Department; Chief Jamie Brock, Crossroads Fire Department; and Chief Andy McGuffin, South Union Fire Department addressed Council via email in opposition of **Ordinance 2021-01** and also addressed their concerns regarding this ordinance.

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

Mr. Elliott closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2021-01**.

**Ordinance 2021-02** “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, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.”

*General Government matter*

Mr. Elliott opened the floor for Public Comment.

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

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

Mr. Elliott closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2021-02**.

**Ordinance 2021-03** “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, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.”

*General Government matter*

Mr. Elliott opened the floor for Public Comment.

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

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

Mr. Elliott closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2021-03**.

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

**Ordinance 2021-11** [see caption above]

Mr. Durham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2021-11** on third & final reading.

**Ordinance 2021-12** [see caption above]

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2021-12** on third & final reading.

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

**Ordinance 2021-01** “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 BRIDGE AND CULVERT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND, FOR THE DEBT SERVICE FUND, FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, FOR THE CAPITAL VEHICLE / EQUIPMENT FUND, ALL IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.”

*General Government matter*

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Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve **Ordinance 2021-01** on second reading.

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, to amend **Ordinance 2021-01** to add the Building Codes & Solid Waste Fee Schedules to reflect the appropriate FY 2021-2022 fees.

Lengthy discussion continued between all Council members.

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Cain, seconded by Mr. Davis, it was approved 3 – 2 [Mr. Hart & Mr. Durham opposed] to approve **Ordinance 2021-01** on second reading as amended.

### **Break**

Council took a break from 8:28 p.m. to 8:37 p.m.

### **Second Reading of the Following Ordinances [cont'd]**

**Ordinance 2021-02** “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, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.”

*General Government matter*

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2021-02** on second reading.

**Ordinance 2021-03** “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, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.”

*General Government matter*

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2021-03** on second reading.

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

None at this meeting.

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

None at this meeting.

### **Discussion Regarding Action Items**

#### **Console Furniture for the Oconee County 911 Center / Communications / 87,602.64**

**Budget:** \$200,000.00 / **Project Cost:** \$87,602.64 / **Balance:** \$112,397.36

This purchase is for console furniture in the Oconee County 911 Back-Up Center; located at 445 Oconee Business Parkway in Westminster, SC. A partnership with the School District of Oconee County is allowing a backup 911 center to be constructed at their campus. This backup center will be utilized in the event of primary 911 PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) failure or natural disaster; which may render the law

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enforcement center uninhabitable. The backup center will also be utilized for telecommunicator training.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve the purchase of console furniture for the 911 Center to Xybix Systems, Inc of Littleton, CO in the amount of \$87,602.64, as per HGAC Contract number ECO7-20.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve the purchase of console furniture for the 911 Center to Xybix Systems, Inc. of Littleton, CO in the amount of \$87,602.64, as per HGAC Contract number ECO7-20.

**PRT Commission State and Local ATAX recommendations of \$288,500. The requests were unanimously approved and recommended by the PRT Commission on 05/20/2021.**

- PRT Commission and PRT staff recommends \$86,500 from Local ATAX funds for the Museum Docent Program-Year 5 (\$41,500), Disc Golf Sponsorship (\$5,000), Shoreline Stabilization at South Union (\$10,000), South Carolina Sports Alliance (\$5,000) and PRT Seasonal Staff supplement (\$25,000) for FY22.
- PRT Commission and PRT staff recommends a total of \$202,000 in ATAX funds for the FY22 Visit Oconee SC Budget. It is estimated that \$190,000 will come from State ATAX funds and \$12,000 from Local ATAX funds. Exact amounts from each account will be determined upon receipt of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter State ATAX check in August 2021.

Staff recommends approval of ATAX recommendations from the PRT Commission.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve the State and Local ATAX recommendations in the amount of \$288,500.00.

**RFP 20-02 Professional Engineering/Consultant On Call Services / All Departments / TBD**

There is no dollar amount associated with this approval at this time. All County departments with a budget for Professional Services may utilize this RFP as long as they do not exceed their budgeted amounts for these services. Any future professional services in any category that exceeds \$50,000 will be brought to Council for approval for that particular project.

RFP 20-02 was issued on January 7, 2021, and sent to 95 firms. Twenty-nine proposals were received, with some firms responding to multiple categories. An Evaluation Committee consisting of Kevin Robinson, Oconee County Assessor, Kyle Reid, Roads and Bridges, Lake Julian, Facilities Maintenance Director, Phil Shirley, PRT Director, Swain Still, Solid Waste Director, reviewed and scored the proposals for each separate category and recommended firms for the interview round and final award. Interviews were held on May 19, 2021 and the committee is recommending award for each category.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council [1] approve the award of RFP 20-02 for Professional Engineering Consultant On Call Services to the following firms for the listed categories:

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| AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Greenville, SC | Category A         |
| TranSystems Corporation, Greenville, SC        | Category B         |
| Terracon Consultants, Inc., Greenville, SC     | Categories C and D |

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| Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co., Greenville, SC | Category E |
| Davis & Floyd, Inc., SC                         | Category F |
| LS3P Associates, LTD., Greenville, SC           | Category G |

and [2] authorize the County Administrator to execute the original contracts after approval and renew these contracts yearly, up to five years total, as long as all work is deemed satisfactory.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to [1] approve the award of RFP 20-02 for Professional Engineering Consultant On Call Services to the following firms for the listed categories:

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| AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Greenville, SC  | Category A         |
| TranSystems Corporation, Greenville, SC         | Category B         |
| Terracon Consultants, Inc., Greenville, SC      | Categories C and D |
| Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co., Greenville, SC | Category E         |
| Davis & Floyd, Inc., SC                         | Category F         |
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and [2] authorize the County Administrator to execute the original contracts after approval and renew these contracts yearly, up to five years total, as long as all work is deemed satisfactory.

**Two (2) Floating Dock Systems / PRT / \$131,299.40**

**\$13,129.94 (10% Contingency)**

**\$144,429.34 Total**

**Budget:** \$144,429.34 / **Project Cost:** \$144,429.34 / **Balance:** \$0.00

This bid was issued April 1, 2021 to purchase two (2) turn-key floating dock systems; one to be installed at South Cove County Park and one to be installed at High Falls County Park. The docks will replace aging courtesy docks at the boat ramps in each park. The awarded vendor is to provide a turn-key, new construction including full installation.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council [1] approve the award of bid ITB 20-07 to Custom Dock Systems of Anderson, SC in the amount of \$131,299.40, plus 10% contingency in the amount of 13,129.94, for a total award of \$144,429.34 and [2] authorize the County Administrator to execute documents for this project and sign any change orders within the contingency amount.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to [1] approve the award of bid ITB 20-07 to Custom Dock Systems of Anderson, SC in the amount of \$131,299.40, plus 10% contingency in the amount of 13,129.94, for a total award of \$144,429.34 and [2] authorize the County Administrator to execute documents for this project and sign any change orders within the contingency amount.

**Discuss and take appropriate action on a request from the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority to the County for \$1,500,000, to be placed in a restricted account and to serve as surety for the EDA grant relative to the Sewer South project**

*Agenda was amended to move Action Item after Executive Session – see Attorney's comments*

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## **Council consideration and approval for funding allocation in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 to the Town of Salem to complete the waterloop from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund**

Mr. Ryan Hardin, Public Works Director for the Town of Salem, addressed Council utilizing a handout entitled “Town of Salem – Water Infrastructure Improvements” [copy filed with backup materials] and gave a brief overview of the project.

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to direct staff to prepare an ordinance to approve appropriations of up to \$2,000,000.00 to the Town of Salem for the Salem waterloop and present back to full Council at the June 15, 2021 Council meeting.

### **Board & Commission Appointments**

#### Building Codes Appeal Board

No nomination was made for the At-Large seat during this meeting.

### **Executive Session:**

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, 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 contractual matter regarding County broadband network.*

*[2] Discuss potential contractual matter regarding property acquisition for public safety and emergency services response.*

*[3] Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Ruby Slipper.*

*[4] Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Drift.*

*[5] Receive legal advice and discuss a contractual matter related to the request by the Sewer Authority.*

*Agenda was amended to add item – see Attorney’s comments*

Council entered Executive Session at 8:54 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 10:18 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0.

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

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to direct staff to finalize negotiations as discussed regarding County broadband network.

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, to direct staff to initiate negotiations as discussed regarding property acquisition for public safety and emergency services response.

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**Discussion Regarding Action Items [cont'd]**

**Discuss and take appropriate action on a request from the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority to the County for \$1,500,000, to be placed in a restricted account and to serve as surety for the EDA grant relative to the Sewer South project**

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to direct staff to negotiate an appropriate funding agreement for the continuation of the Sewer South project ensuring grant reimbursement to the County and bring agreement back to Council for consideration.

**Second Reading of the Following Ordinances [cont'd]**

**Ordinance 2021-13** “AN ORDINANCE (1) APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF ONETONE TELECOM, INC.’S INTEREST IN THAT CERTAIN NETWORK MASTER AGREEMENT, DATED JANUARY 18, 2017, TO UPCOUNTRY FIBER, LLC, A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF BLUE RIDGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.; (2) APPROVING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED NETWORK MASTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN UPCOUNTRY FIBER, LLC AND OCONEE COUNTY; (3) AUTHORIZING THE OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDED AND RESTATED NETWORK MASTER AGREEMENT; AND (4) OTHER RELATED MATTERS.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2021-13** on second reading.

**Adjourn:**

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 10:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Katie D. Smith  
Clerk to Council

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OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL  
RECUSAL FORM

Council Member Name: Matthew Durham  
[Please Print]

Council Member Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Meeting Date: 06-01-2021

Item for Discussion/Vote: Taychoedan Property - DC Conservation Bank Board Easement Funding

Council to approve funding in the amount of \$17,999.00 for a conservation easement to

Reason for Recusal  I was not present for original meeting/discussion *Upstate Forever.*

I have a personal/familial interest in the issue.

Other: Discussion would also

transfer to vote on what stone Hill project

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Katie Smith  
Clerk to Council





OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL  
RECUSAL FORM

Council Member Name: Matthew Durham  
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Council Member Signature: *Matthew Durham*

Meeting Date: 06.01.2021

Item for Discussion/Vote: Whetstone Hill Property - OC  
Conservation Bank Board Easement  
Funding

Reason for Recusal: Council to approve funding in the amount  
of \$11499.00 for a conservation easement to  
upstate Forever.  
 I was not present for original meeting/discussion  
 I have a personal/familial interest in the issue.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Kate B. Smith*  
Kate Smith  
Clerk to Council