



A G E N D A

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

September 17, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

Call to Order

Moment of Silence

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Approval of Minutes

September 03, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

County Attorney Comments

County Administrator Comments

Millage Presentation to Council

Mrs. Christy Hubbard / Oconee County Auditor

Public Comment Session

[Limited to a total of fifty (50) minutes, five (5) minutes per person]

If you are not able to attend in person and you have a comment, you may submit it by emailing jennifercadams@oconeesc.com or calling 864-718-1023, so that your comment may be read into the record.

Council Member Comments

Public Hearing for the Following Ordinances *If you would like to be heard during either of the public hearings, please contact Clerk to Council Jennifer C. Adams at jennifercadams@oconeesc.com or 864-718-1023 so that your participation may be coordinated.*

ORDINANCE 2024-20 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO FINANCE AND ACQUIRE CERTAIN TANKER TRUCKS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$3,380,000; TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE FINANCING AND ACQUISITION; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Third Reading of the Following Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2024-20 *[see caption above]*

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Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

None for this meeting.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2024-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTERS 32 AND 38 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, IN ORDER TO REVISE CERTAIN SETBACK-RELATED PROVISIONS, INCLUDING DEFINITIONS AND THE APPLICATION THEREOF; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

First & Final Reading for the Following Resolutions

None for this meeting.

Discussion Regarding Action Item

Council discussion and consideration of the submission of the FY 2024 National Dam Safety Program Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dam (HHPD) grant application to the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services on behalf of the Chattooga Lake Club.

- Through the Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams (HHPD) Grant Program, FEMA's National Dam Safety Program (NDSP) has made federal funds available to states for FFY24 for pass through to non-Federal governmental organizations or nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate eligible HHPDs that fail to meet minimum state dam safety standards and pose an unacceptable risk to life and property. The Chattooga Lake Club is a private organization, as is the dam in consideration.
- Eligible applicants may choose to sponsor a privately-owned dam solely at its own discretion and at its own risk.
- DES is in the process of applying for the FFY24 grant and, if receiving funds, will offer subawards to eligible applicants for activities that promote the goals of the federal grant program.
- A privately-owned dam may be eligible, but the owner cannot apply directly. A non-federal government (i.e., state, county, municipal) or a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization are the only entities eligible to apply.
- Subawards require a match of at least 35% in the form of non-federal funds and/or in-kind services.
- The tentative deadline to submit application to DES is November 1, 2024.
- All applicable federal standards and requirements must be satisfied for the awarded HHPD grant and any subawards. Failure to comply with federal grant requirements in the execution of a grant award may result in termination of the grant agreement and collection of some or all federal funds received.
- Oconee County, as the applicant, is responsible for meeting all match / grant requirements, including procurement, records management, and legal fees if Chattooga Lake Club is unable to meet the requirements.

Special Considerations / Financial Impact:

- The estimated costs for the project total \$1,165,000.
- If awarded, Chattooga Lake Club will provide a 39% non-federal match to meet the requirements under the grant program. Any costs above the estimated amount will also be the responsibility of Chattooga Lake Club.
- The grant requires a legally enforceable covenant or agreement between the dam owner and Oconee County, the local government with jurisdictional authority under the National Flood Insurance Program that ensures that the feature will be maintained by the eligible subrecipient or state if not maintained according to the Operation and Maintenance Plan by the dam owner.
- Oconee County legal support will be required to draw up the legally enforceable covenant or agreement.
- A licensed Professional Engineer (PE) registered in South Carolina must assist in the preparation of your subaward grant application.
- Engineering services funded from a HHPD grant must be procured in compliance with all federal and state procurement requirements and the applicant's own procurement policies.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council consider the submission of the FY 2024 National Dam Safety Program Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dam (HHPD) grant application to the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services.

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Engineering Services for Pickleball / Tennis Courts & Parking at South Cove County Park

Department(s): PRT

Amount: \$68,500.00

Contingency (10%): \$6,850.00

Total: \$75,350.00

Procurement was approved by Council in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget process.

Budget: \$75,350.00 Project Cost: \$75,350.00 Balance: \$0.00

At the June 1, 2022 meeting, Council approved the award of RFP 20-02 for On Call Engineering Services to Thomas & Hutton of Greenville, SC for Category E: On Call General Engineering Services. Parks, Recreation, and Tourism wishes to contract with Thomas & Hutton to provide engineering services for the expansion of the pickleball courts, two new tennis courts, two new parking lots, site plans for new restroom facilities including a septic system, and enhanced lighting.

South Cove County Park has experienced a remarkable increase in pickleball usage, with the courts reaching full capacity multiple times daily, seven days a week. This high demand has led to wait times for other patrons. Currently, the pickleball and tennis courts are in the same area, and there is insufficient parking, with patrons resorting to parking on the grass across from the courts. The proposed expansion will add approximately 12 pickleball courts and 2 tennis courts and approximately 108 parking spaces.

The scope of engineering services includes surveying, site design, master planning, permitting, bidding and award, construction administration, and project closeout. This project has received approval through Duke Energy and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

It is the staff’s recommendation that Council:

- 1. Approve Engineering Services for the South Cove Pickleball / Tennis Court Expansion, to Thomas and Hutton of Greenville, SC in the amount of \$68,500.00.**
- 2. Approve at 10% contingency in the amount of \$6,850.00.**

Six (6) Fire Apparatuses with Loose Equipment

Department(s): Emergency Services

Amount: \$3,302,535.00

Procurement was approved by Council in Final Reading of Ordinance 2024-20 as a separate Agenda Item.

Budget: \$3,302,535.00 Project Cost: \$3,302,535.00 Balance: \$0.00

Funding per Ordinance 2024-20

1st Reading: August 20, 2024 - Approved 4-0

2nd Reading: September 3, 2024 - Approved 5-0

3rd Reading: September 17, 2024 - Previous item on this September 17, 2024 Meeting Agenda

These Fire Apparatuses are FES single-axle pumper/tankers mounted on Freightliner M2 112 chassis. These units feature 3/16" all-aluminum bodies and are equipped with 2,000-gallon polypropylene tanks. They are outfitted with Hale MDP side-mount 1,000 GPM pumps with dump tanks, attack hoses, supply hoses, and additional loose equipment. Designed for rapid water discharge from three sides, these units feature user-friendly controls both inside the cab and on the side of the body. These apparatuses will be constructed in compliance with NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) standards.

The advanced pump and attack hose setup is tailored to enhance the operational flexibility for volunteer fire departments, enabling them to initiate fire suppression efforts prior to the arrival of dedicated attack fire engines. Given the extensive areas of Oconee County lacking fire hydrants, the capacity to transport substantial quantities of water is essential. These new tankers will enhance operational capabilities alongside the existing tankers in the county’s inventory.

The new apparatuses will be stationed at Keowee Ebenezer, Friendship, West Union, Holly Springs, Oakway, and Cleveland Volunteer Fire Departments. The current tankers stationed at these locations will be reassigned to other stations across Oconee County that currently lack tanker support. Additionally, some of these stations are using older 1,000-gallon pumpers as tankers, and units that have reached the end of their service life will be retired and sold as surplus.

The County is utilizing the North Carolina Sheriffs Association contract through a cooperative purchasing agreement. The contract discount is 6.7% off the MSRP of the apparatus and 6% off the MSRP price of options. Safe Industries is offering a 16.9% discount. The Fleet Maintenance Director also approves this purchase. Safe Industries of Easley, SC holds the North Carolina Sheriffs’ Association contract for FES Commercial, Single Axle Tankers, contract number 25-05-0521 / FES25-05. The North Carolina Sheriff’s Association

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contract allows all County and City Government Agencies to purchase, from this contract, directly from the awarded vendors.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council:

- 1. Approve the purchase of Six (6) Commercial Single Axle Tankers to Safe Industries of Easley, SC in the amount of \$3,302,535.00.***
- 2. Authorize the County Administrator to execute documents for this purchase.***

Council Committee Reports

None for this meeting.

Board & Commission Appointments

The Board & Commission seats listed below are co-terminus with Council District seats and will require [in the 1st quarter of 2023] appointment and/or reappointment as follows:

None for this meeting.

Executive Session

[upon reconvening Council may take a Vote and/or take Action on matters brought up for discussion in Executive Session, if required]

- 1. Council discussion of a personnel matter related to the County Administrator.*
- 2. Receive legal advice and discuss litigation related to the expenditure of general obligation bond funds.*

Adjourn

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