



# MINUTES

## STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT MEETING

### February 19, 2025

#### MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. John Elliott, District I  
Mr. Matthew Durham, Chairman, District II  
Mr. Don Mize, Vice Chairman, District III  
Mr. Thomas James, District IV  
Mr. Glenn Hart, Chairman Pro Tem, District V

Oconee County Council met on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 9:00 AM in Conference Room 139, located at 552 Education Way, Westminster, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, and Clerk to Council, Jennifer C. Adams 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: Caleb Gilbert / The Journal

Staff Present: Ladale Price / Finance Director, Connie Bellotte / Senior Accounting Analyst, Phil Shirley / PRT Director, Sheriff Mike Crenshaw, Mark Mahan / Vehicle Maintenance

#### **Call to Order:**

Mr. Durham called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### **Moment of Silence**

Mr. Durham asked for a moment of silence.

#### **Invocation**

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

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

#### **Annual Review**

Ms. Brock, County Administrator, addressed Council utilizing a PowerPoint presentation entitled "2024 Oconee County Annual Report" [copy in backup] and gave an extended presentation that included updating Council of the progress on the priorities they set forth in 2024.

#### **Strategic Goals Discussion**

Each Council member gave a brief overview of their Council priorities, while Ms. Brock categorized and displayed these priorities for Council.

Ms. Brock noted that she would work to prepare and distribute, to Council, a report of the priorities set forth at today's meeting.

Ms. Brock further noted these priorities, once distributed and reviewed by Council, would appear on the agenda for consideration of approval at the March 4, 2025 County Council meeting.

**Adjourn:**

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Jennifer C. Adams  
Clerk to Council

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