



# MINUTES

## OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Special Meeting

### October 17, 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 at 9:00 AM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, & Jennifer C. Adams, 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 / 101.7 WGOG

#### **Call to Order**

Mr. Durham called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

#### **Moment of Silence**

Mr. Durham asked for a moment of silence prior to the Invocation.

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

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

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mrs. Jennifer Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

#### **Attorney's Comments**

None at this meeting.

#### **Administrator's Comments**

None for this meeting.

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## **Executive Session**

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

- 1. Receive legal advice and discuss employment / personnel and related matters with respect to the structure and administration of certain Oconee County government departments, divisions, boards, and commissions.*
- 2. Receive legal advice and discuss potential contractual matters related to property development proposals.*

Council entered into Executive Session at 9:03 a.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. on a motion made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 5 – 0.

Related to executive session item one, Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mize, approved 5 - 0, to direct County Administrator to review meeting schedules of all Oconee County Boards and Commissions, assess their continued necessity, and report findings back to Council by November 18, 2025.

Related to executive session item two, regarding property development proposals, Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to direct staff to send correspondence to the Honorable Thomas Alexander to request a Senate oversight review and independent investigation, as well as send correspondence to members of the Clemson University Board of Trustees and President Clements, coping the City of Clemson, with a request for transparency regarding development connections and regional impacts.

Mr. Durham shared his thoughts and concerns related to executive session item number two regarding property development proposals.

Motion approved 5 - 0.

As requested by Mr. Durham, Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mize, approved 5 – 0, instructing Mr. Durham and Mr. James, on behalf of Council, to work with staff to submit FOIA requests to relevant government agencies regarding property development matters in order to gather additional information and report findings back to Council.

## **Adjourn:**

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Jennifer C. Adams  
Clerk to Council

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