



**UPDATED AGENDA**  
**OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 17, 2026**  
**6:00 PM**

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

**Call to Order**

**Moment of Silence**

**Invocation by County Council Chaplain**

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

**County Attorney Comments**

**County Administrator Comments**

**Consent Agenda**

*[Consent agendas are used to more quickly dispose of routine business by allowing Council to approve more than one item at the same time, without debate, amendment, or individual motions. If a Council member requests discussion about one or more of these items, that item(s) will be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda to be discussed later in the meeting.]*

**1. March 03, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

*If you are unable to attend in person and you have a comment you would like to be considered by Council, please email or call the Council Member for your district (<https://oconeesc.com/council-home/council-officials>), so that they may consider and perhaps include your comments during Council Member comments, as and if appropriate.*

**Council Member Comments**

**Third Reading of the Following Ordinances**

*None for this meeting.*

**Second Reading of the Following Ordinances**

*None for this meeting.*

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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Glenn Hart, District V

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

**ORDINANCE 2026-04** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 32 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS” AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

**ORDINANCE 2026-05** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IX OF CHAPTER 32 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED “RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK STANDARDS” AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

**ORDINANCE 2026-06** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DIVISION 1 OF ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 26 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED “UNIFIED ROAD STANDARDS FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF OCONEE COUNTY” AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

**ORDINANCE 2026-07** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10-275 (“EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION”) OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, WITH RESPECT TO THE MEANS OF ISSUING AN EMERGENCY DECLARATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

**ORDINANCE 2026-08** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A REAL PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS LESSOR, AND THE HOLLY SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC., AS LESSEE, FOR CERTAIN IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11095 LONG CREEK HWY, WESTMINSTER, SOUTH CAROLINA, 29693, CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED BY TAX MAP NUMBER 201-00-01-048; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

*None for this meeting.*

## **Action on Matters Removed from Consent Agenda at Council Member Request**

### **Discussion Regarding Action Items**

#### ***Discussion and direction on Law Enforcement Vehicle Protective Equipment***

*Consider for approval a Memorandum of Understanding between Oconee County and the Corinth-Shiloh Special Purpose Tax District for Fire Protection regarding medical oversight and emergency medical service provision.*

*Council discussion for the amendment to 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.*

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**PRT Commission-Local ATAX Recommendations / Spring 2026 Cycle / \$142,474**

A portion of Local ATAX revenues received by Oconee County are made available for ATAX grants through Ordinance 2011-12. ATAX grants are to be tourism related grants that meet the ATAX guidelines specified by local and State mandates. Grants are recommended by the PRT Commission based on tourism impact of the project and approved by County Council. All external ATAX grant recipients are required to turn in intermediate reports every 60 days to the progress of the grant and a final report upon completion of the grant.

These reports are placed in the grant folder, which is kept active by the PRT staff until the grant is considered complete. Internal projects through Oconee PRT are also funneled through local ATAX for eligible projects.

**Beginning Local ATAX available balance: \$257,715**

**If all grants/projects approved/new balance will be: \$115,241**

*It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve the local ATAX recommendations as presented.*

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**Local ATAX Grants**

Applicant	Funds Request	Project Description	Amount Eligible for ATAX	PRT Commission Recommendation
City of Seneca	\$10,000	Advertising-Independence Day Celebration	\$10,000	\$5,000
City of Walhalla	\$15,059	Extend power/purchase vending machine	\$15,059	\$2,000
City of Westminster	\$2,000	Website for William Bartram Statue project	\$2,000	\$600
Discover Upcountry SC	\$15,000	Advertising	\$15,000	\$7,500
Eagles Nest Art Center	\$7,320	Advertising and upgrades	\$7,320	\$4,000
Lake Hartwell Country	\$10,000	Advertising	\$10,000	\$5,000
South Carolina Apple Festival	\$10,000	Advertising	\$6,000	\$4,000
The FARM Center	\$20,000	Digital sign, facility signage	\$20,000	\$3,600
Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail	\$1,622	Advertising, equipment, digital marketing	\$1,622	\$1,000
Walhalla Performing Arts Center	\$12,000	Advertising 2026 Season	\$12,000	\$6,650
Westminster Music Center	\$11,083	2026 Music on Main	\$11,083	\$6,650
Wild Hearts Equine Therapeutic Center	\$6,000	Construct RV sites and advertising	\$6,000	\$4,000
	<b>\$120,084</b>		<b>\$116,084</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>PRT Internal Request</b>				
PRT	South Cove Pavilion Repair	\$30,000	Construction repairs to unsafe posts	\$30,000
PRT	South Cove Maintenance	\$7,000	Emergency repairs-Restroom HVAC/Office	\$7,000
PRT	Chau Ram Mower	\$12,100	State Contract mower replacement	\$12,100
PRT	Granicus Contract	\$33,374	3-year renewal Short Term Rental software	\$33,374
PRT	Horton Complex sign	\$10,000	Partnership w/ Westminster-digital sign	\$10,000
		<b>\$92,474</b>	<b>\$92,474</b>	<b>\$92,474</b>
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$142,474</b>

**Council Committee Reports**

*Budget, Finance and Administration / Mr. Durham .....March 3, 2026 & March 11, 2026*

**Board & Commission Appointments**

*The Board & Commission seats listed below are co-terminus with Council District seats and will require [in the 1st quarter of 2027] appointment and/or reappointment as follows:*

**Building Codes Appeal Board..... 1 At-Large Seat**

- No questionnaires on file

**Corinth Shiloh Special Tax District for Fire Protection Commission..... 1 Seat**

- 1 questionnaire on file

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## **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. *Discussion regarding an economic development matter, Project Deer.*
2. *Receive legal advice and discuss potential contractual matters regarding the provision of emergency services.*
3. *Receive legal advice and discuss potential property acquisition and related contractual matters.*
4. *Receive legal advice and discuss potential contractual matter regarding utilities / infrastructure project(s).*
5. *Receive legal advice and discuss fiscal / accounting review processes.*
6. *Receive legal advice and discuss contractual issues – health care / employee benefits.*
7. *Discuss personnel matter regarding prospective county attorney hiring.*
8. *Discuss personnel matter related to Boards / Commissions.*

## **Adjourn**

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