



# UPDATED AGENDA

## OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

### May 19, 2026

### 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

#### 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. May 05 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. May 07, 2026 Special 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

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

**ORDINANCE 2026-15** AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON ANY NEW CONSTRUCTION OR DEVELOPMENT OF PLANNED SUBDIVISIONS SEEKING TO ESTABLISH MORE THAN 10 RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO. *Requested by Councilman Don Mize*

#### Third Reading of the Following Ordinances

**ORDINANCE 2026-15** *(see caption above)*

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Matthew Durham, Chair, District II      Don Mize, Vice Chair, District III  
Thomas James, Chair Pro-Tem, District IV      John Elliott, District I  
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## **Second Reading of the Following Ordinances**

**ORDINANCE 2026-13** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A REAL PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, AS LESSOR, AND OCONEE HISTORY MUSEUM, INC., AS LESSEE, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, KNOWN AS THE TOBACCO BARN, LOCATED AT 123 BROWN SQUARE DRIVE, WALHALLA, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

**ORDINANCE 2026-14** AN ORDINANCE TO EXEMPT FROM THE PROPERTY TAX, FORTY-TWO AND 75/100 PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF A WATERCRAFT AND ITS MOTOR PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE ANN. SECTION 12-37-220 (B)(38)(B).

**ORDINANCE 2026-16** AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SENECA FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF 911 AND DISPATCH COMMUNICATION SERVICES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

**ORDINANCE 2026-17** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO RENAME THE "CONTROL FREE DISTRICT" AND ITS ABBREVIATION "CFD" TO THE "GENERAL USE DISTRICT" AND "GUD" RESPECTIVELY, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES THROUGHOUT CHAPTER 38; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

**ORDINANCE 2026-19** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF EASEMENT RIGHTS TO BLUE RIDGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AT PROPERTY OWNED BY OCONEE COUNTY AND LOCATED AT MOORES ROAD, SENECA, SOUTH CAROLINA, SUCH PROPERTY CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED BY TAX PARCEL NUMBER 240-00-04-014; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

**ORDINANCE 2026-20** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF EASEMENT RIGHTS TO BLUE RIDGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AT PROPERTY OWNED BY OCONEE COUNTY AND LOCATED AT OWENS ROAD AND MOORES ROAD, SENECA, SOUTH CAROLINA, SUCH PROPERTY CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED BY TAX PARCEL NUMBER 520-36-10-017; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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## First & Final Reading for the Following Resolutions

**RESOLUTION 2026-07** A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING STAFF TO COMMENCE A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND PROPOSED REVISION OF CHAPTER 26 (ROADS), CHAPTER 32 (DESIGN STANDARDS), AND CHAPTER 38 (ZONING) OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; ESTABLISHING AN INITIAL SCOPE DELIVERABLE DUE NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2026; DIRECTING THE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO CONVENE A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING IN JULY 2026 TO RECEIVE THE INITIAL SCOPE AND SET FURTHER DIRECTION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

**RESOLUTION 2026-08** A RESOLUTION CLAIRFYING OCONEE COUNTY RETIREE ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS

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

### Discussion Regarding Action Items

**PO 56366 Goodwyn Mills & Cawood, Inc.**

**Department: Emergency Services**

**Amount: PO 56366: \$49,500.00**

**Change Order 1: \$124,000.00**

**Change Order 2: \$25,000.00**

**Purchase Order Total: \$198,500.00**

As of May 12, 2026, Oconee County has received \$547,104 in reimbursements, with additional projects currently pending review. Management costs paid to Goodwyn Mills and Cawood, Inc. (GMC) are also eligible for reimbursement; however, the total reimbursable amount and reimbursement percentage have not yet been determined. Oconee County will be responsible for any costs not covered through the reimbursement process.

On July 21, 2020 Council approved the award of RFP 19-10 for Consulting Services for Disaster Recovery and FEMA Public Assistance. This Award provides support to the County's Disaster Recovery operations and FEMA Public Assistance preparation to expedite financial recovery and mitigation to minimize impacts from disasters.

On October 10, 2024, Purchase Order No. 56366 was issued to Goodwyn Mills and Cawood, Inc. for Task Order #5 related to Hurricane Helene. The purpose of this purchase order was to provide services in support of data collection and damage assessment/evaluation efforts in regards to Hurricane Helene, which led to the issuance of a federal disaster declaration. The total amount authorized under this Task Order was not to exceed \$49,500 without prior written approval from the Procurement Department.

On September 2, 2025, County Council approved Change Order No. 1, authorizing the amendment to Purchase Order No. 56366, in the amount of \$124,000.00, purchase order total \$173,500.00 to Goodwyn Mills and Cawood, Inc., for professional services related to Hurricane Helene FEMA reimbursement requests.

Change Order No. 2 to Task Order 5 includes:

- Project Formulation & Project Worksheet Preparations to include coordination of project worksheets and versions required by SCEMD and FEMA including scope changes, appeals and assistance with all FEMA public assistance (PA) categories.
- Project Worksheet preparations and Project Mitigation to include assistance to identify potential mitigation projects throughout the damaged area. Once projects are identified, GMC will provide an engineering cost estimate and develop the proper paperwork required to qualify FEMA 406 and SCEMD 404 mitigation funding for the project in accordance with the Master Contract.

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This request is for Council Approval for Change Order No. 2 to Goodwyn Mills and Cawood, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000.00 for a total Award of \$198,500.00

These services are eligible for reimbursement from FEMA Public Assistance and other reimbursement funding sources located by Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. The amount of reimbursement is dependent upon approved expenses by FEMA and any unapproved expenses will be paid by Oconee County.

*It is the staff's recommendation that Council:*

- 1. Approve Change Order No. 2, PO 56366, Work Authorization No. 5, Amendment No. 2, in the amount of \$25,000.00, purchase order total \$198,500.00 to Goodwyn Mills and Cawood, Inc. for professional services related to Hurricane Helene FEMA reimbursement requests.*
- 2. Authorize the County Administrator to execute documents for this change order.*

## **Council Committee Reports**

*Budget, Finance and Administration Committee / Mr. Durham .....May 5, 2026 & May 18, 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

### **Agricultural Advisory Board ..... District 1**

- One questionnaire on file

## **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. Receive legal advice and discuss additional settlement agreements to opioid litigation.*
- 2. Receive legal advice and discuss contractual matter related to property acquisition.*
- 3. Receive legal advice regarding settlement claims and potential lawsuit.*
- 4. Discussion regarding the proposed sale and disposition of county-owned real property and related contractual matters.*
- 5. Receive legal advice and discuss potential contractual matters related to Emergency Services.*

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

**ORDINANCE 2026-18** AN ORDINANCE OF OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, CONFIRMING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN OCONEE COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF SUCH CERTAIN OCONEE COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY TO CARRA H. ORR; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

*(in title only)*

## **Adjourn**

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