



# **UPDATED AGENDA**

## **OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

### **June 16, 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 19, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- 2. June 03, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes**

#### **Presentation to Council**

*Upstate SC Alliance – Mr. John Lummus / President and CEO*

#### **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**

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**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 2026-13** 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.

### **Third Reading of the Following Ordinances**

**ORDINANCE 2026-13** *(see caption above)*

**ORDINANCE 2026-14** *(see caption above)*

**ORDINANCE 2026-16** *(see caption above)*

**ORDINANCE 2026-17** *(see caption above)*

### **Second Reading of the Following Ordinances**

**ORDINANCE 2026-01** AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY AND PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES, FOR THE TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES PROTECTION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, FOR THE STATE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE BRIDGE AND CULVERT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE CAPITAL VEHICLE / EQUIPMENT FUND, FOR THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND, FOR THE FIRE / EMERGENCY SERVICES CAPITAL VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT FUND, FOR THE GENERAL ONE TIME

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CAPITAL FUND, AND FOR THE DEBT SERVICE FUND, ALL IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027.

**ORDINANCE 2026-02** AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027.

**ORDINANCE 2026-03** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE KEOWEE FIRE TAX DISTRICT AND TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE KEOWEE FIRE TAX DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027.

**ORDINANCE 2026-12** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE CORINTH-SHILOH SPECIAL PURPOSE TAX DISTRICT FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE CORINTH-SHILOH SPECIAL PURPOSE TAX DISTRICT FOR FIRE PROTECTION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027.

**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.

**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.

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

**ORDINANCE 2026-21** AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN AGREEMENT WHEREBY OCONEE COUNTY WILL ACT AS PROJECT SPONSOR AND SUBRECIPIENT FOR CHATTOOGA LAKE CLUB, A PRIVATE ENTITY, IN ITS UTILIZATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE HIGH HAZARD POTENTIAL DAMS REHABILITATION GRANT SUBAWARD, DISPERSED THROUGH THE PASS-THROUGH ENTITY, SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, TO CHATTOOGA LAKE CLUB, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DAM REPAIRS AND REHABILITATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OCONEE COUNTY ORDINANCES, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS THERETO. *(in title only)*

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**ORDINANCE 2026-22** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL THE ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE; 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**

##### **Approval for the Transfer of Funds, in the Amount of \$16,000.00, for Expenditures Related to Grinding Brush for the Solid Waste Department**

The Oconee County Administrator is authorized to transfer between salary appropriations and non-salary appropriations within a department, or between departments within a fund, provided that no such transfer exceeds Ten Thousand and 00/100 (\$10,000.00) Dollars. The Administrator has reached the maximum approval limit for such transfers and now must obtain Council approval.

Solid Waste needs to grind brush in May and June to maintain requirements at the Oconee County Mulch Yard, Solid Waste will utilize available departmental funding for a portion of the costs; however, an overage of \$16,000 is required for Professional Services for brush grinding. This service is required due to the grinder that the County owns requiring maintenance/repairs.

Funding is available from a budgeted employee salary account with a surplus balance due to an unfilled position in the Solicitor (504) Department.

*Staff recommends that Council approve the transfer of budgeted funds from the unused salary account of the Solicitor to cover the Professional Services required for brush grinding materials for the remainder of the fiscal year.*

##### **Approval for the Transfer of Funds, in the Amount of \$10,000.00, for the hiring of two Temporary Employees in the Treasurer's Department**

*This action is budget neutral.*

The Treasurer's office has one full-time position open, Senior Tax Record Specialist, that had two great candidates apply for the position. The County Treasurer has opted to hire both candidates through a temp service (Staffmark) to determine which candidate would be better suited.

The use of a temp service would cut the cost of multiple pre-employment physicals and paperwork. In addition to the resignation of the Senior Tax Records Specialist, a longtime temporary Staffmark employee (12 yrs.) resigned, leaving an temporary employee position vacant. There is also anticipation of a Treasurer's office employee retiring no later than March 31, 2027 , where the hope would be for a smooth transition to fill that position with the seasoned temporary employee.

*Staff recommends that Council approve the transfer of funds approved in the FY 25-26 budget from the salary line item to the professional line item for the hiring of two temporary employees in the Treasurer's Department.*

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## Approval for the Transfer of Funds, in the Amount of \$20,000.00, to Cover Overtime Costs for Vehicle Maintenance

The Vehicle Maintenance Department has depleted its overtime budget line item, 010-721-10710-00000. It is currently in the negative in the amount of \$13,291.89. The department would like to transfer \$20,000.00 into the overtime budget to bring the amount current and to cover the rest of Fiscal Year 2025-2026. This shortfall is due to inclement weather and other unforeseen circumstances. The salaries line item, 010-721-10110-00000, has a surplus of funds due to open positions in the department throughout the fiscal year.

*Staff recommends that Council approve the transfer of budgeted funds from the salary line item for Vehicle Maintenance to cover overtime overages and anticipated costs for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2025-2026.*

## Council Committee Reports

*Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee/ Mr. Mize .....May 19, 2026*

*Planning and Economic Development Committee / Mr. James .....May 19, 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 regarding settlement claims and potential lawsuit.*
- 2. Discussion regarding the proposed sale and disposition of county-owned real property and related contractual matters.*
- 3. Receive legal advice and discuss potential contractual matters related to Emergency Services.*
- 4. Discussion of employment, performance evaluation, and contractual matters related to the County Administrator.*
- 5. Receipt of legal advice from counsel regarding pending claims and litigation involving Oconee County.*
- 6. Receive legal advice regarding pending litigation.*
- 7. Discussion of a contractual matter related to county-owned facilities and receipt of legal advice concerning the same.*

## Adjourn

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