



UPDATED AG E N D A

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

August 18, 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. August 04, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Proclamations

PROCLAMATION 2026-08 A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE WESTMINSTER 10U & 12U ALL-STAR SOFTBALL TEAMS ON THEIR 2026 SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC PROGRAMS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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 or 864-718-1023 so that your participation may be coordinated.*

ORDINANCE 2026-24 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF EASEMENT RIGHTS TO UPCOUNTRY FIBER FOR THE PURPOSE OF UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AT PROPERTY OWNED BY OCONEE COUNTY, LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF NEBO CHURCH ROAD AND HARBIN ACRES ROAD, SENECA, SOUTH CAROLINA, SUCH PROPERTY CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED BY TAX PARCEL NUMBER 256-00-04-031; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

ORDINANCE 2026-25 AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PRESERVATION, REDEVELOPMENT, AND SALE OF THE HISTORIC OCONEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 211 W. MAIN ST. WALHALLA, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Third Reading of the Following Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2026-24 *(see caption above)*

ORDINANCE 2026-25 *(see caption above)*

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

None for this meeting.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2026-26 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING AN ARTICLE ENTITLED “PROTECTION FROM MASS SURVEILLANCE”; TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF COUNTY FUNDS, PROPERTY, PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT, CONTRACTS, INFORMATION-TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS, AND OTHER COUNTY RESOURCES FOR PROHIBITED MASS SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS; TO PROHIBIT THE PLACEMENT OR OPERATION OF SUCH SYSTEMS ON COUNTY PROPERTY AND WITHIN COUNTY-CONTROLLED ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY; TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCRETIONARY COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS, RECREATION FUNDS, ACCOMMODATIONS-TAX AWARDS, GRANTS, SPONSORSHIPS, AND OTHER COUNTY-CONTROLLED DISTRIBUTIONS; TO INCLUDE MUNICIPALLY SPONSORED EVENTS AND MATERIAL IN-KIND MUNICIPAL SUPPORT WITHIN SUCH ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; TO PREVENT CIRCUMVENTION THROUGH AFFILIATED OR SEPARATELY INCORPORATED ENTITIES; TO AMEND CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE III, BY ADDING PERMANENT ACCOMMODATIONS-TAX ELIGIBILITY, DISCLOSURE, AND ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 26 BY PROHIBITING MASS SURVEILLANCE ENCROACHMENTS WITHIN COUNTY-CONTROLLED RIGHTS-OF-WAY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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ORDINANCE 2026-27 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, “ADMINISTRATION,” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY ADDING ARTICLE VII, ENTITLED “POSITION AUTHORIZATION AND CLASSIFICATION CONTROL”; TO REQUIRE ALL COUNTY POSITIONS, REGARDLESS OF FUNDING SOURCE, TO BE INCLUDED IN A POSITION AUTHORIZATION AND CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE APPROVED BY COUNTY COUNCIL; TO PROVIDE THAT THE RECEIPT OR AVAILABILITY OF A GRANT, STATE APPROPRIATION, DONATION, RESTRICTED REVENUE, FEE, OR OTHER FUNDING DOES NOT INDEPENDENTLY AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OR CONTINUATION OF A COUNTY POSITION; TO ESTABLISH UNIFORM PROCEDURES FOR THE CREATION, RECLASSIFICATION, CONTINUATION, EXPIRATION, AND ABOLITION OF COUNTY POSITIONS; TO PRESERVE LAWFUL APPOINTMENT AND PERSONNEL AUTHORITY; TO PROHIBIT CIRCUMVENTION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTING PROVISIONS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE 2026-28 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-191, “APPOINTMENT; DUTIES,” OF DIVISION 4, “COUNTY ATTORNEY,” OF ARTICLE III, “OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES,” OF CHAPTER 2, “ADMINISTRATION,” OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN ORDER TO REQUIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION BEFORE A COUNTY AGENCY, COMMISSION, BOARD, DEPARTMENT, OR COMMITTEE MAY EMPLOY OR RETAIN AN ATTORNEY OTHER THAN THE COUNTY ATTORNEY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

First & Final Reading for the Following Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2026-10 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND COMMISSIONING GRETCHEN LEROY AS A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (ANIMAL CONTROL) FOR THE PROPER SECURITY, GENERAL WELFARE, AND CONVENIENCE OF OCONEE COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

RESOLUTION 2026-11 A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO AND AUTHORIZING THE ANNEXATION INTO THE CITY OF SENECA OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY OCONEE COUNTY AND PRESENTLY DESIGNATED BY TAX MAP NO. 520-36-10-017.

Action on Matters Removed from Consent Agenda at Council Member Request

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Discussion Regarding Action Items

Request for Council's acceptance of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant offer for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Project No. 3-45-0016-039-2026 and Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) Project No. 3-45-0016-040-2026 with approval to commit a total of \$11,335.00 in matching funds, and to authorize the County Administrator to execute all necessary Grant documents pertaining to the Airport Layout with Master Plan Narrative Project.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulates civil aviation, manages the national air traffic control system, and establishes and enforces aviation safety standards throughout the US. As part of these responsibilities, the FAA collects and analyzes data for each Airport, including aircraft operations, aircraft size, and aircraft approach speed. This information is used to determine the appropriate airport design classification and to establish the applicable design standards for airport facilities, including runways, taxiways, and associated safety areas, in accordance with FAA airport design criteria.

- July 2025, The FAA notified Oconee County Regional that the airport's current category B2 classification has been reclassified to category C2 due to the increase in the volume of aircraft traffic, as well as the larger size and higher operating speeds of aircraft utilizing the airport. Airport category/classification changes require the preparation and submittal of a new Airport Layout Plan (ALP) and accompanying Master Plan Narrative. These documents will reflect the airport's reclassification from Category B2 to Category C2 by incorporating the applicable C2 design standards, identifying facilities that currently meet B2 standards, and outlining the future improvements necessary to achieve compliance with C2 standards.
- May 1, 2026, Airport Engineering Consultant firm, Ardurra Group, Inc. assisted Oconee County in the preparation and submission of an Airport Layout Plan and accompanying Master Plan Narrative Project application to the FAA for funding consideration under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) programs.
- July 20, 2026, Oconee County received Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant offer under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Project No. 3-45-0016-039-2026 and the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) Project No. 3-45-0016-040-2026 for the Airport Layout Plan with Master Narrative Project.

The Oconee County Regional Airport now wishes to accept the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Grant (AIP) Project No. 3-45-0016-039-2026 and the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) Project No. 3-45-0016-040-2026 for the Airport Layout Plan with Master Narrative Project.

Timely acceptance of these grants is crucial to ensure FAA funding for the Airport Layout Plan with Master Narrative Project. The grant offers must be accepted and submitted to the FAA no later than August 20, 2026, in order to secure funding for the project.

The total cost for the Airport Layout Plan with Master Plan Narrative project is approximately \$453,398.00. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has offered to fund ninety-five percent (95%) of the eligible costs up to \$430,728.00. Oconee County will provide a local matching share of two and a half percent (2.5%) approximately \$11,335.00. The remaining two and a half percent (2.5%), also totaling \$11,335.00 will be funded by the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission (SCAC).

Staff recommends that Council approve the acceptance of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant offer for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Project No. 3-45-0016-039-2026 and Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) Project No. 3-45-0016-040-2026 with approval to commit a total of \$11,335.00 in matching funds, and to authorize the County Administrator to execute all necessary Grant documents pertaining to the Airport Layout with Master Plan Narrative Project.

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Council Committee Reports

Planning and Economic Development Committee / Mr. JamesAugust 04, 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

- One questionnaire 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. Discuss a personnel matter in regards to the County Auditor's office.
2. Discuss a matter of potential litigation regarding county property.
3. Receive legal advice and discuss contractual and personnel matters related to the Roads and Bridges Department.
4. *Receive legal advice relating to a potential claim.*
5. Discussion regarding an economic development matter, Project Best.
6. Discussion regarding an economic development matter, Project Homecoming.
7. Discussion regarding an economic development matter, Project Monument.
8. Discussion regarding an economic development matter, Project Sunshine.
9. *Discussion regarding an economic development matter, Project Grow.*

Adjourn

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