



UPDATED AG E N D A

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

September 15, 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

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 the proposed sale and disposition of county-owned real property and related contractual matters.*
- 2. Receipt of legal advice and discussion regarding contractual matter with emergency services.*
- 3. Discussion regarding potential pending litigation.*
- 4. Receive legal advice regarding a contractual matter.*
- 5. Discussion regarding an economic development matter, Project Grow.*
- 6. Discussion regarding an economic development matter, Project Homecoming.*
- 7. Discussion regarding an economic development matter, Project Hawk.*

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. September 01, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- 2. Procurement Item:**
Office 365 Enterprise
Department: Information Technology
Amount: \$69,183.00
Sales Tax: \$4,150.98
Total: \$73,333.98

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Procurement was approved by Council in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget process.

Budget: \$95,000.00 Project Cost: \$73,333.98 Balance: \$21,666.02

*Funding from 010-711-30056-00000 (IT – Data Processing)

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve the total award in the amount of \$73,333.98 for the purchase of Microsoft Office 365 Enterprise. Of the total award, \$69,183.00 is being awarded to SHI International Corp. under Sourcewell Contract No. 121923-SHI. The quoted amount from SHI does not include sales tax; therefore, applicable sales and use tax may be added to the invoice or remitted directly by the County to the South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR), as applicable.

3. Procurement Item:

Randex Evidence MultiSTAT Analyzer

Department(s): Oconee County Coroner's Office

Amount: \$81,605.90

Procurement was approved by Council in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget process.

Budget: \$81,610.00 Project Cost: **\$81,605.90** Balance: \$4.10

Funding for this purchase is from South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund (SCORF)

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve the sole-source purchase of the Randex Evidence MultiSTAT Analyzer and associated supplies from Randex Laboratories-US Limited of Kearneysville, WV, in the amount of \$81,605.90, to be funded through the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund.

4. Procurement Item:

ITB 25-06 Oconee County Sheriff's Office / Law Enforcement Center Roof Replacement

Department(s): Sheriff's Office

Amount: \$ 667,000.00

Contingency (15%): \$ 100,050.00

Total: \$767,050.00

Procurement was approved by Council in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget process.

Budget: \$900,000 Project Cost: \$767,050 Balance: \$132,950

*Account code: 013-101-50855-93602

It is the staff's recommendation that Council:

- 1. Approve the award of ITB 25-06, Oconee County Sheriff's Office / Law Enforcement Center Roof Replacement, to Eskola Roofing & Waterproofing of Greer, South Carolina, in the amount of \$667,000.00, plus a 15% contingency in the amount of \$100,050.00, for a total project authorization of \$767,050.00.*
- 2. Authorize the County Administrator to execute documents for this project and sign any change orders within the approved contingency amount.*
- 3. Authorize the County Administrator to transfer funds to the appropriate line items.*

Millage Presentation to Council

Nidia Villegas / Acting County Auditor & Kevin Robinson / Finance Director

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.

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

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.

ORDINANCE 2026-27 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, “ADMINISTRATION,” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY ADDING ARTICLE VIII, 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.

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Third Reading of the Following Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2026-26 *(see caption above)*

ORDINANCE 2026-27 *(see caption above)*

ORDINANCE 2026-28 *(see caption above)*

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2026-29 AN ORDINANCE TO CONFIRM BUILDING VARIANCE AND TERMINATION OF PURCHASE OPTION FOR OCONEE INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY PARK IN THE PUBLIC RECORD; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

ORDINANCE 2026-31 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY ADDING DIVISION 4, "APPOINTMENTS AND CONSTITUTIONAL OATHS," TO ARTICLE II, "COUNTY COUNCIL," CONSISTING OF SECTIONS 2-96 THROUGH 2-101; TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM CONSTITUTIONAL OATH REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN PERSONS APPOINTED BY OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL; TO PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION, FILING, AND RETENTION OF SUCH OATHS; TO REQUIRE THE PROVISION OF A COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND SWORN COUNTY PERSONNEL; TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSITION, RATIFICATION, COMPLIANCE, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2026-32 AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE NOTIFICATION TO OCONEE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES OF ANY SEWAGE LEAK IN THE COUNTY THAT IS 5000 GALLONS OR GREATER; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS THERETO.

(in title only)

ORDINANCE 2026-33 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AMENDMENT TO FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG OCONEE COUNTY AND PROJECT PAINT; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS. *(in title only)*

First & Final Reading for the Following Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2026-13 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTENT TO CEASE COUNTY MAINTENANCE ON, AND TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY CONSENT TO ABANDONMENT AND CLOSURE OF, A PORTION OF NELLIE RD (WA-21), SUCH ROAD BEING A PART OF THE OCONEE COUNTY PUBLIC ROAD SYSTEM; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Action on Matters Removed from Consent Agenda at Council Member Request

Discussion Regarding Action Items

Council Discussion Regarding Development Standards

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PRT Commission-Local ATAX Recommendations / Fall 2026 Cycle / \$50,000

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 180 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.

FY27 Local ATAX (235) Balance: \$903,157.00

If all grants/projects approved/new balance will be: \$853,157.00

Staff recommends 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	\$7,500	WHNS Advertising "Race for the Green"	\$7,500	\$3,500
Discover Upcountry SC	\$20,000	Advertising-Print and Digital	\$20,000	\$7,000
Eagles Nest Arts Center	\$15,270	Advertising	\$15,270	\$5,400
Friends of Jocassee	\$5,000	2027 Bell Fest	\$3,780	\$3,000
Lake and Mountain Quilters Guild	\$2,500	Advertising	\$2,500	\$1,755
Oconee Farm Foundation	\$10,000	Advertising Oconee Farm Crawl	\$6,046	\$5,000
The FARM Center	\$10,000	Advertising	\$10,000	\$5,500
Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail	\$2,345	Advertising	\$2,345	\$2,345
Walhalla Performing Arts Center	\$12,000	Advertising	\$12,000	\$7,000
Westminster Music Centre	\$11,450	Advertising & Facility improvements	\$11,450	\$7,000
Wild Hearts Equine Center	\$6,429	Fabricate & Install Visitor Kiosk	\$3,215	\$2,500
TOTAL	\$102,494		\$94,106	\$50,000

PRT Internal Request

TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$0

Total Requested

\$50,000

Council Committee Reports

None for this meeting.

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

Adjourn

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