

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF OCONEE  
PROCLAMATION 2026-01**

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR. SCOTT KREIN,  
OCONEE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR,  
UPON HIS RETIREMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Scott Krein, a resident of West Union, South Carolina, began working as a full-time, Oconee County employee on October 1, 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years, Mr. Krein has served in various positions within the Oconee County Emergency Services Department, including Deputy Director, Interim Director and Director of Emergency Management, going on to fulfill the position of Director of Emergency Services in June of 2020 ; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Krein provided strategic leadership and operational oversight for Oconee County’s emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation programs and has previously served as Interim County Fire Chief; and

**WHEREAS**, under Mr. Krein’s direction, Oconee County successfully managed and responded to numerous significant events including the Covid-19 Pandemic, 2020 Seneca tornado event, wildfires at Table Rock and Tropical storms Zeta, Irma and Helene; and

**WHEREAS**, not only has Mr. Krein directed and led multiple FEMA-evaluated Emergency Operations Center Nuclear Exercises, he has served on the South Carolina Emergency Management Association Legislative Committee, awarded the SC Emergency Management Director of the year in 2022 and honorably served in the United States Marine Corps on active duty from 1988-1993; and

**WHEREAS**, after eighteen years of service to the citizens of Oconee County, Mr. Krein retired on February 19, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Oconee County Council, do hereby recognize and express our sincere gratitude for Mr. Krein’s service, dedication and commitment to the County and congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 3rd day of March, 2026.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Matthew Durham, Chairman of County Council  
Oconee County, South Carolina

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Jennifer Adams, Clerk to County Council  
Oconee County, South Carolina

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF OCONEE  
RESOLUTION 2026-04**

**A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF, AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR, THE EVALUATION AND POTENTIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AD HOC REGIONAL FEASIBILITY STUDY IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Oconee County Council (the “County Council”), the governing body of Oconee County, South Carolina (the “County”), as follows:

**Section 1 Findings.** The County Council makes the following findings in connection with the adoption of this resolution (this “Resolution”):

A. The County is a public body politic and corporate of the State of South Carolina (the “State”), and as such possesses all general powers granted by the Constitution and statutes of the State to such public entities.

B. The County is not currently a member of Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (“OJRSA”), a joint authority sewer system organized under Title 6, Chapter 25 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the “Act”), created in 2007 by its three member-municipalities: the City of Westminster, South Carolina (“Westminster”), the City of Seneca, South Carolina (“Seneca”), and the City of Walhalla, South Carolina (“Walhalla” and collectively with Seneca and Westminster, the “Members”).

C. OJRSA commissioned the Regional Feasibility Planning Study (“Planning Study”), which was completed in August 2024 and formally adopted by the Board of Commissioners, as the governing body of OJRSA (“Board”) in September 2024.

D. The Planning Study recommended the formation of an Ad Hoc Regional Feasibility Study Implementation Committee (“Ad Hoc Committee”) to further evaluate and develop implementation strategies to restructure OJRSA.

E. The Board established the Ad Hoc Committee in November 2024, which convened regularly from December 2024 through June 2025 to conduct a comprehensive review of the Planning Study and develop independent recommendations for implementation.

F. The County’s representative, former Administrator Amanda Brock, served as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee throughout its deliberations.

G. On June 16, 2025, the Ad Hoc Committee issued a final report entitled “OJRSA Reorganization Recommendations” that included five major recommendations for the reorganization and reconstitution of OJRSA under the Act (the “Recommendation Report”).

H. The recommendations, including the addition of the County as a member of OJRSA, are intended to address longstanding operational, governance, regulatory, and financial challenges facing OJRSA and the Members, and to provide for a coordinated, compliant, and sustainable regional wastewater system to serve the current and future needs of Oconee County and its municipalities.

I. The County Council has received and reviewed the Recommendation Report, including the proposed implementation timeline, and recognizes the importance of working cooperatively and in good faith with OJRSA, Seneca, Westminster, Walhalla, and other stakeholders to advance the evaluation and potential implementation of the recommendations therein.

## **Section 2 Support for Potential Implementation.**

The County expresses its general support for the recommendations contained in the Recommendation Report and agrees to work in good faith with OJRSA, the Members, and other affected entities to evaluate and, where appropriate (and subject to future County Council approval), implement the proposed actions, including but not limited to: (i) the evaluation of potential coordination or consolidation opportunities, asset transfer, intergovernmental agreement, operational restructuring, or financial commitment; (ii) the development of a reconstituted governance structure for OJRSA, including the elimination of ex officio, principal-agent or other potentially conflicted members; (iii) the drafting of new governance documents; (iv) participation in the formation of an implementation committee to shepherd the reorganization process; and (v) the use of a coordinated communications plan to support public engagement and transparency. In addition to its general confirmation and support of the major recommendations of the Recommendation Report, the County further acknowledges that legislative amendments to the Act may be proposed and affirms that any such legislation shall be reviewed independently by County Council and evaluated on its merits prior to formal endorsement. Finally, the County Council will act in good faith to ensure the County’s compliance with the timeline, as appropriately revised, for potential implementation of the Recommendation Report; however, any engagement of consultants, allocation of County personnel, expenditure of public funds, or assumption of operational responsibility shall be subject to separate County Council approval and appropriation.

**Section 3 Non-Binding Intent.**

This Resolution expresses the County’s non-binding intent to proceed in good faith with the evaluation and potential implementation process, with the understanding that final approvals of any restructuring or system consolidation actions will remain subject to the review and approval of County Council based on mutually agreed-upon terms and conditions. Nothing herein shall be construed as approval of consolidation, asset transfer, governance restructuring, legislative amendments, financial commitments, debt assumption, rate adjustments, or waiver of any County authority or pledge of any County asset.

**Section 4 Further Action; Effective Date.**

The County Administrator is hereby directed to deliver this Resolution to OJRSA and any State regulatory agencies or entities in order to evidence the County’s receipt of the Recommendation Report. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

RESOLVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, in meeting duly assembled.

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer C. Adams  
Clerk to Oconee County Council

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Matthew Durham  
Chair, Oconee County Council

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY  
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE: March 3, 2026  
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 6:00 PM**

**ITEM TITLE: [Brief Statement]**

Approval for the Transfer of Funds, within the Administrator Department, in the Amount of \$125,000

**BACKGROUND DESCRIPTION:**

The Oconee County Administrator is authorized to transfer salary appropriations within a department provided that the sum of such transfers for the entire fiscal year does not exceed One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 (\$100,000.00) Dollars.

Any other transfers by the County Administrator require Council authorization.

On November 21, 2025, former Administrator Amanda Brock executed a General Release Agreement with Oconee County.

Pursuant to the terms of the Master Employment Agreement, the County paid Ms. Amanda Brock an amount equal to nine (9) months of current annual wages, totaling One Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Nine and 99/100 (\$131,249.99) Dollars.

The funds were paid out of Administrator Salaries, resulting in an overage in the Account.

Oconee County Administrator requires a transfer from Contingency to cover the remaining amount needed for staff, including current Administrator Stewart Jones, the Grants Administrator and Risk Manager.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS: [only if applicable]**

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Contingency funds are utilized throughout the Fiscal Year to assist departments with unforeseen expenditures. This transfer will utilize a large portion of these funds, reducing the amount available for certain situations.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Transfer Request Form  
General Release Agreement

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends Council approve the transfer of funds from Administrator Contingency to Administrator Salaries to cover personnel costs for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

**Prepared and Submitted to Council By:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stewart Jones, County Administrator

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*A calendar with due dates marked may be obtained from the Clerk to Council.*

- Description Change
- Transfer Request

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA  
BUDGET REVISION FORM

02/03/2026  
DATE OF REQUEST

FY 25-26  
FISCAL YEAR

Administrator  
DEPARTMENT NAME

*Brittney Martin*  
SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

T R A N S F E R  T O	010	717	10110	00000	Salaries	\$125,000	
	LINE ITEM ACCOUNT NUMBER				LINE ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT TO TRANSFER <i>(Round up to the nearest whole dollar.)</i>	
	<small>(Use the "Transfer To" box when submitting a Description Revision Form OR a Transfer Request Form.)</small>						
	<b>PLEASE BE DETAILED - EXPLAIN WHY THIS ITEM(S) IS NEEDED AND WHY IT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL BUDGET.</b> <i>current: &lt; 24,408.62 &gt;</i>						
	Funds paid out of salaries to cover former Administrator Amanda Brock's severance, per agreement. The budget transfer is necessary to cover salaries for the remainder of the fiscal year.						
<b>CHECK ONE: WAS THIS ITEM PREVIOUSLY CUT DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS?</b> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							

T R A N S F E R  F O R M	010	717	60767	00000	Contingency <i>current: 252,062.00</i>	\$ 125,000.00	
	LINE ITEM ACCOUNT NUMBER				LINE ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT TO TRANSFER <i>(Round up to the nearest whole dollar.)</i>	
	<small>(Use the "Transfer To" AND the "Transfer From" box when submitting a Transfer Request Form. DO NOT use the "Transfer From" box if requesting only a Description Revision.)</small>						
	<b>PLEASE BE DETAILED - WHY ARE THERE EXCESS FUNDS IN THIS ACCOUNT? WHAT ITEM WILL NOT BE NEEDED THAT WAS APPROVED DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS?</b>						
	Contingency funds are utilized throughout the year to cover expenditures necessitated through unforeseen circumstances.						

A P P R O V A L	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DECLINED
	<hr/> Stewart Jones, County Administrator

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FUNDS AVAILABLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DENIED
<hr/> Finance Department <i>2/4/26</i>

*Over \$50K  
over \$10K SL*

Oconee County  
**DETAIL ACCOUNT INQUIRY BY ACCOUNT**

FY 2025-2026

PERIOD: 07/01/2025 TO 06/30/2026

010-717-60767-00000 Contingency	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>PERIOD TO DATE</u>	<u>ENC AMT</u>	<u>REM BAL</u>
	252,062.00	0.00	0.00	252,062.00
010-717-60767-00190 Contingency-COVID-19	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>PERIOD TO DATE</u>	<u>ENC AMT</u>	<u>REM BAL</u>
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
010-717-60767-00702 Contingency - Building Codes	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>PERIOD TO DATE</u>	<u>ENC AMT</u>	<u>REM BAL</u>
	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
340-717-60767-00000 Contingency	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>PERIOD TO DATE</u>	<u>ENC AMT</u>	<u>REM BAL</u>
	1,024,987.00	0.00	0.00	1,024,987.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	

This General Release Agreement ("**Agreement**"), pursuant to Section 3(C) of the Master Employment Agreement, constitutes a valid and binding agreement between Oconee County (the "**County**") and Amanda Brock ("**Employee**"). Employee and the County are collectively referred to as the "**Parties**" in this Agreement, or they may be individually referred to as a "**Party**" in this Agreement.

1. Employee works as an employee for the County. Most recently, Employee held the position of County Administrator.
2. The effective date of Employee's termination from the County is November 24, 2025 (the "**Effective Date**"). This is Employee's last day of employment with the County.
3. Employee acknowledges and agrees that she has received all wages, benefits, and compensation (including, but not limited to, any applicable overtime, variable compensation commissions, bonuses, vacation pay, and/or sick pay) due to her for all services performed during her employment with the County. Employee further agrees that she is not entitled to any further payments of any kind from the County except as set forth herein. Employee specifically agrees that the County does not owe any additional wages of any kind to Employee. Employee also agrees that the County is not in breach of any type of agreements or contracts that exist between the County and Employee. Notwithstanding the forgoing, the Parties acknowledge that Employee shall be paid out the balance of her vacation time (413.27 hours) in the gross amount of Thirty-Seven Thousand Eighty-Six and 85/100 (\$37,086.85) Dollars, as well as payment of 408.65 hours for sick time in the gross amount of Thirty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Seventy-Two Cents (\$36,673.72). This sum shall be paid in accordance with the County's policies, subject to regular deductions, and shall be paid on December 12, 2025.
4. Pursuant to the terms of the Master Employment Agreement, the County will pay Employee an amount equal to nine (9) months of Employee's current annual wages totaling One Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Nine and 99/100 Dollars (\$131,249.99) in a lump sum contemporaneously with the execution of this Agreement.
5. In exchange for the Payment agreed upon in Paragraph 4 and in accordance with the terms of Section 3(C) of the Master Employment Agreement, Employee agrees to release, forever discharge, and acquit the County, including any of its past and present council members, employees, agents, assigns, affiliates, attorneys, insurers, successors, and other representatives (collectively, the "**Released Parties**"), from any and all claims, causes of actions, demands, and damages of any kind, which existed at any time prior to the execution of this Agreement, whether known or unknown, in law, equity, or otherwise, whether based on state law, federal law or otherwise, including, without limiting the generality of this General Release, any and all claims or causes of action arising under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000(e), *et seq.*, the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201, *et seq.*, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. § 621, *et seq.*, the Americans with Disability Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101, *et seq.* and all amendments thereto, including but not limited to the Amendments to the Americans with Disability Act, the Family

and Medical Leave Act, 29 U.S.C. § 2601, *et seq.*, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. § 1001, *et seq.*, the Equal Pay Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201, *et seq.*, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, the South Carolina Payment of Wages Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 41-10-10, *et seq.*, the South Carolina Human Affairs Law, S.C. Code Ann. § 1-13-10, *et seq.*, the wrongful termination doctrine of the State of South Carolina, and any other similar federal, state, and local laws. Employee also agrees to release, forever discharge, and acquit the Released Parties from any and all claims, causes of actions, demands, and damages of any kind, known or unknown, for retaliation, claims sounding in tort, contract, or any other area of statutory, common or other law and including any and all claims of any kind for attorney's fees and/or costs (collectively referred to hereinafter as the "Released Claims").

6. Employee promises, agrees, and covenants not to file any lawsuit, administrative charge, complaint, or proceeding of any nature whatsoever against the Released Parties with any federal, state, or local court, commission, board, or other administrative tribunal with regard to any claim or cause of action which Employee has or may have had, known or unknown, arising prior to the date of this Agreement and arising out of her employment with the County or the termination of her employment with the County. Employee agrees that this Agreement shall be an absolute bar to any such action, suit, or other proceeding. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing contained in this Agreement limits Employee's ability to file a complaint with any governmental agency or limits her ability to provide information to or communicate with any government agency. However, to the maximum extent permitted by law, Employee agrees that if such a charge or complaint is made, Employee shall not be entitled to recover any individual monetary relief or other individual remedies arising from Employee's Released Claims. This Agreement does not limit or prohibit Employee's right to receive an award for information provided to any Government Agency to the extent that such limitation or prohibition is a violation of law.
7. Employee covenants that she will not initiate, participate in, file, or assert any action, motion, proceeding, lawsuit, claim, or cause of action (whether common law, statutory, regulatory, federal, state, legal, or equitable) against the Released Parties for any event, transaction, or occurrence related to or arising from any past conduct predating this Agreement. This covenant not to sue is intended to have the broadest interpretation possible and shall absolutely prohibit Employee from any action against the Released Parties arising from any past conduct predating this Agreement. Employee agrees that this Agreement shall be an absolute bar to any such action, suit, or other proceeding.
8. With respect to the Payment agreed upon in Paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Agreement, Employee agrees that she is solely responsible for the payment of any and all taxes, penalties, and interest that any appropriate taxing authority may determine is due or owing. Employee further agrees to release and to indemnify the Released Parties from any liability of any sort pertaining to the employee portion of any taxes, penalties, and interest that may be due or may be assessed as a result of the payments agreed upon in Paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Agreement. To the extent Employee has any tax obligations of any sort that may arise as a

result of the payments agreed upon in Paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Agreement, it shall not serve as a basis to set aside this Agreement.

9. Employee has returned all identified documents, property, materials, and things that belong to the County and County is unaware of any property Employee has not returned.
10. Should either party commence litigation relating to this Agreement, whether in defense of or to enforce this Agreement, the prevailing party shall recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.
11. The Parties agree that this Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and applied in accordance with the law of the State of South Carolina.
12. This Agreement was made and entered into in Walhalla, South Carolina. Any dispute between the Parties relating to or arising out of this Agreement or the Parties' rights or obligations under it shall be submitted for resolution exclusively either to the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, Anderson Division (if federal jurisdiction exists), or the Oconee County Court of Common Pleas in Walhalla, South Carolina.
13. The Parties hereby expressly waive their respective rights to a jury trial for any and all claims or causes of action based upon or arising out of this Agreement or any document referenced in or made part of this Agreement. The scope of this waiver is intended to be all encompassing for any and all disputes that may occur between the Parties thereto. This waiver is irrevocable and may only be modified by a written instrument executed by the Parties hereto. In the event of any litigation, this Agreement may be filed as a written consent to a trial (without a jury) by the court.
14. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the other provisions hereof, and this Agreement shall be construed in all respects as if such invalid or unenforceable provisions were omitted.
15. No provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted against any Party because such Party, or its legal representative, drafted such provision.

Date:

Nov. 21, 2025   
Amanda Brock

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY  
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE: March 3, 2026  
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 6:00 PM**

**ITEM TITLE: [Brief Statement]**

Approval for the Transfer of Funds, from the Oconee County Administrator Department to the Sheriff's Department, in the Amount of \$40,500

**BACKGROUND DESCRIPTION:**

The Oconee County Administrator is authorized to transfer between 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.

Any other transfers by the County Administrator require Council authorization.

The Safety Specialist position in the Administrator's Department must be transferred to the Sheriff's Department as this employee now reports to the Oconee County Sheriff.

The requested amount of the salary and fringe will cover the remaining FY25-26 payrolls (Payroll #18- Payroll #26).

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS: [only if applicable]**

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Transfer Request Form

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends Council approve the transfer of funds from Administrator to the Sheriff's Department to cover the Safety Specialist salary and fringe for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

**Prepared and Submitted to Council By:**

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**Stewart Jones, County Administrator**

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*A calendar with due dates marked may be obtained from the Clerk to Council.*

**OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**BUDGET REVISION FORM FOR SALARIES AND FRINGE**  
 Please complete the highlighted fields and check the appropriate boxes.  
 Print, sign, and send original completed form to Finance.

<b>FY25-26</b> <small>FISCAL YEAR</small>	<b>Administrator-717 to Sheriff-101</b> <small>DEPARTMENT NAME</small>	 <small>SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR</small>	<b>2/11/2026</b> <small>DATE OF REQUEST</small>
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**EXPLAIN WHY THE TRANSFER OF THE SALARY AND FRINGE NEEDS TO BE TRANSFERRED.**  
 The budget for the Safety Specialist position in the Administrator's Department must be transferred to the Sheriff's Department as this employee now reports to the Sheriff. The requested amount of salary and fringe will cover the remaining FY25-26 payrolls (Payroll #18 - Payroll #26).  
*Current Bal.*

**Approval**

<b>TRANSFER TO</b>	<b>0 1 0 - 1 0 1 - 1 0 1 1 0 - 0 0 0 0 0</b> <small>GL ACCOUNT NUMBER</small>	<b>Salary (101-Sheriff) 2,876,862.06</b> <b>\$23,248</b> <small>GL ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION     AMOUNT TO TRANSFER</small>	Stewart Jones, County Administrator
	<b>0 1 0 - 1 0 1 - 2 0 0 1 3 - 0 0 0 0 0</b> <small>GL ACCOUNT NUMBER</small>	<b>227,069.99</b> <b>\$1,778</b> <small>Social Security     AMOUNT TO TRANSFER</small> <small>(Round up to the nearest whole dollar)</small>	
	<b>0 1 0 - 1 0 1 - 2 0 0 1 4 - 0 0 0 0 0</b> <small>GL ACCOUNT NUMBER</small>	<b>595,252.93</b> <b>\$4,938</b> <small>Retirement     AMOUNT TO TRANSFER</small> <small>(Round up to the nearest whole dollar)</small>	
	<b>0 1 0 - 1 0 1 - 2 0 0 1 5 - 0 0 0 0 0</b> <small>GL ACCOUNT NUMBER</small>	<b>Le6,738.21</b> <b>\$740</b> <small>Workers Comp     AMOUNT TO TRANSFER</small> <small>(Round up to the nearest whole dollar)</small>	
	<b>0 1 0 - 1 0 1 - 2 0 0 1 6 - 0 0 0 0 0</b> <small>GL ACCOUNT NUMBER</small>	<b>611,549.97</b> <b>\$9,139</b> <small>Health Insurance     AMOUNT TO TRANSFER</small> <small>(Round up to the nearest whole dollar)</small>	
	<b>0 1 0 - 1 0 1 - 2 0 0 2 7 - 0 0 0 0 0</b> <small>GL ACCOUNT NUMBER</small>	<b>28,634.26</b> <b>\$550</b> <small>Dental Insurance     AMOUNT TO TRANSFER</small> <small>(Round up to the nearest whole dollar)</small>	
	<b>0 1 0 - 1 0 1 - 2 0 0 2 8 - 0 0 0 0 0</b> <small>GL ACCOUNT NUMBER</small>	<b>5,198.07</b> <b>\$100</b> <small>Vision Insurance     AMOUNT TO TRANSFER</small> <small>(Round up to the nearest whole dollar)</small>	

Approved

Declined

<b>TRANSFER FROM</b>	<b>0 1 0 - 7 1 7 - 1 0 1 1 0 - 0 0 0 0 0</b> <small>GL ACCOUNT NUMBER</small>	<b>Salary (717-Adminstrator) (37,647.24)</b> <b>\$23,248</b> <small>GL ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION     AMOUNT TO TRANSFER</small>	Finance Department
	<b>0 1 0 - 7 1 7 - 2 0 0 1 3 - 0 0 0 0 0</b> <small>GL ACCOUNT NUMBER</small>	<b>7,802.55</b> <b>\$1,778</b> <small>Social Security     AMOUNT TO TRANSFER</small> <small>(Round up to the nearest whole dollar)</small>	
	<b>0 1 0 - 7 1 7 - 2 0 0 1 4 - 0 0 0 0 0</b> <small>GL ACCOUNT NUMBER</small>	<b>15,261.41</b> <b>\$4,938</b> <small>Retirement     AMOUNT TO TRANSFER</small> <small>(Round up to the nearest whole dollar)</small>	
	<b>0 1 0 - 7 1 7 - 2 0 0 1 5 - 0 0 0 0 0</b> <small>GL ACCOUNT NUMBER</small>	<b>(3,060.34)</b> <b>\$740</b> <small>Workers Comp     AMOUNT TO TRANSFER</small> <small>(Round up to the nearest whole dollar)</small>	
	<b>0 1 0 - 7 1 7 - 2 0 0 1 6 - 0 0 0 0 0</b> <small>GL ACCOUNT NUMBER</small>	<b>27,753.12</b> <b>\$9,139</b> <small>Health Insurance     AMOUNT TO TRANSFER</small> <small>(Round up to the nearest whole dollar)</small>	
	<b>0 1 0 - 7 1 7 - 2 0 0 2 7 - 0 0 0 0 0</b> <small>GL ACCOUNT NUMBER</small>	<b>1,516.50</b> <b>\$550</b> <small>Dental Insurance     AMOUNT TO TRANSFER</small> <small>(Round up to the nearest whole dollar)</small>	
	<b>0 1 0 - 7 1 7 - 2 0 0 2 8 - 0 0 0 0 0</b> <small>GL ACCOUNT NUMBER</small>	<b>284.50</b> <b>\$100</b> <small>Vision Insurance     AMOUNT TO TRANSFER</small> <small>(Round up to the nearest whole dollar)</small>	

Funds Available

Approved

Declined

*Total \$40,493.00*

# FY 2025 Administrator 717

Status	Employee ID	Last Name	First Name	Slot #	JobTitle	Hire Date	Salary	PR#18 - #26	Grade	W/C Rate	W/C Codes	Retiree Type	Retiree Rate	FICA	Retirement	W/C	Health	Dental	Vision	Total Fringe	Total Fringe and Salary
RFT	100819			717003	Safety Specialist	7/22/2024	67,161	23,248	1112-75	0.031832	7720	PORS	0.2124	1,778	4,938	740	9,139	550	100	17,245	40,493
F		Vacant		717005	Risk Manager	10/22/2018	-		2101	0.042780	8720	SCRS	0.1856	1,778	4,938	740	9,139	550	100	27,034	9,789
							67,161														50,282

67,161 / 26 =

2,583.12 \*9 Payroll 23,248.04

Salary	23,248	010-717-10110-00000
FICA	1,778	010-717-20013-00000
Retirement	4,938	010-717-20014-00000
W/C	740	010-717-20015-00000
Health	9,139	010-717-20016-00000
Dental	550	010-717-20027-00000
Vision	100	010-717-20028-00000

40,493.00

## Letitia Marcengill

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**From:** Stewart Jones  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026 4:06 PM  
**To:** Letitia Marcengill; Mike Crenshaw; Kevin Davis; Sheila Wald  
**Cc:** Susan Carmichael  
**Subject:** RE: Personnel Transfer-Shane Ugliono Effective 2/16/2026

Yes, approved. Thank you,

Stewart Jones, *Administrator*  
*Oconee County, South Carolina*  
[sjones@oconeesc.com](mailto:sjones@oconeesc.com)

415 S. Pine Street  
Walhalla, SC 29691  
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**From:** Letitia Marcengill <[lmarcengill@oconeesc.com](mailto:lmarcengill@oconeesc.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026 12:30 PM  
**To:** Stewart Jones <[sjones@oconeesc.com](mailto:sjones@oconeesc.com)>; Mike Crenshaw <[mcrenshaw@oconeelaw.com](mailto:mcrenshaw@oconeelaw.com)>; Kevin Davis <[kdavis@oconeelaw.com](mailto:kdavis@oconeelaw.com)>; Sheila Wald <[swald@oconeesc.com](mailto:swald@oconeesc.com)>  
**Cc:** Susan Carmichael <[scarmichael@oconeesc.com](mailto:scarmichael@oconeesc.com)>

**Subject:** Personnel Transfer-Shane Ugliono Effective 2/16/2026

**Importance:** High

Good Afternoon,

This email is to confirm that Shane Ugliono will be transferred from Administration to the Sheriff's Office effective February 16, 2026.

The following changes will be implemented:

- Department transfer from 717 (Administration) to 101 (Sheriff's Office)
- Budget transfer from 717 to 101 in the amount of \$40,493.00 to cover nine payrolls (salary and fringe)
- Change from 75-hour schedule to 85.5-hour schedule
- Workers' Compensation code updated to 7720
- Retirement plan changing to PORS
- Possible job title change and updated job description (Safety Specialist/Deputy)

If I have omitted any important details, please let me know.

Thank you,

**Letitia Marcengill**  
**Payroll Manager**

**Oconee County Finance Office**  
**415 S Pine St.**  
**Walhalla SC 29691**  
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# THE JOURNAL

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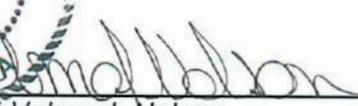
IN RE:

*BEFORE ME* the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State and County above named, This day personally came before me, Larry Davidson, who being first duly sworn according to law, says that he is the General Manager of **THE JOURNAL**, a newspaper published Tuesday through Saturday in Seneca, SC and distributed in **Oconee County, Pickens County** and the Pendleton area of **Anderson County** and the notice (of which the annexed is a true copy) was inserted in said papers on

**January 10, 2026**

the rate charged therefore is not in excess of the regular rates charged private individuals for similar insertions.

  
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Larry Davidson  
General Manager

  
  
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State of South Carolina

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
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## LEGALS

### Public Notice

Linda A. Traylor, Director of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, is a Non-Construction in Navigable Waters Permit to remove 177 cubic yards of silt by using an excavator on a barge at the edge of the shoreline and transported by barge to the off-load staging area. The silt will be removed from under and around the privately owned dock located at 122 Fair Haven Ct in Seneca, SC on Lake Keowee. Comments will be received by South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control at 2600 Bull St, Columbia SC 29201, ATTN: Charles Hightower, Division of Water Quality, until January 23, 2025.

### Public Notice

Sharon Swindale has applied to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for a Construction in Navigable Waters Permit to remove 256 cubic yards of silt by using an excavator on a barge at the edge of the shoreline and transported by barge to the off-load staging area. The silt will be removed from under and around the privately owned dock located at 13058 Janda Road in Seneca, SC on Lake Keowee. Comments will be received by South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control at 2600 Bull St, Columbia SC 29201, ATTN: Charles Hightower, Division of Water Quality, until January 23, 2025.

The Oconee County Aeronautics Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday January 29, 2026 has been canceled.

The meeting will instead be held on Tuesday January 27, 2026 at 3:30 pm in the Oconee County Chambers located at 415 S. Pine St., Walhalla, SC.

### MEETING NOTICE OF THE PIONEER RURAL WATER DISTRICT

5500 West-Oak Hwy., Westminster, SC  
Tuesday January 13, 2026 @ 3:00 pm

Agenda:  
Call To Order  
Concerns of the District  
Limited: 2 citizens per meeting, for 5 minutes, prior scheduling required.  
Agenda & Non Agenda Items: Combined both are limited to a total of forty (40) minutes, four (4) minutes per person.  
Approval of Minutes  
Financial Report / System Report  
Treatment Plant PER Discussion  
Old Business  
New Business  
Adjourn

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Oconee County Council will also hold a Planning Retreat beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 20, 2026 to establish short- and long-term goals.

This meeting will be held off-site at Tri-County Technical College, Oconee Campus, conference room located at 552 Education Way, Westminster, South Carolina.

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The Corinth-Shiloh Fire Commission will meet during 2026 on the third Thursday of each month. All Commission meetings, unless otherwise noted, will be held at the Corinth-Shiloh Fire Department, 940 Old Clemson Highway, Seneca, SC 29672, at 6:00 p.m. in the training room.

The Commission will hold two budget workshops on Tuesday, February 12, and Tuesday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the fire department. The annual budget meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Additional Commission meetings and/or workshops may be scheduled throughout the year as needed. A monthly schedule is available at the fire department.

Members of the Commission are invited to attend Corinth-Shiloh Volunteer Fire Department meetings, trainings, and community activities. These events will have no Commission agenda items and no Commission action will be taken. The monthly department meeting is held on the first Monday of each month. Training is held on the third Monday of each month, as well as the Saturday following the third Monday. A monthly schedule of activities, including dates and times, is available at the fire department.

Several fire department ceremonies are planned for 2026, to which the Fire Commission is invited. These events will have no Commission agenda items and no Commission action will be taken. Scheduled events include Meet the Chief on January 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and the Transfer of Command on Friday, February 27, at 6:00 p.m. Summer and fall family events, Station Open Houses and other community fire department events, and the annual Christmas dinner has not yet been scheduled. Once

finalized, dates, times, and locations will be available at the fire department. These events will have no Commission agenda items and no Commission action will be taken.

Commission agendas will be available and publicized no later than the day prior to the scheduled meeting and/or workshop at [www.corinthshilohfd.com](http://www.corinthshilohfd.com). All meetings and workshops, with the exception of executive sessions, are open to the public.

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Sec. 2-61. - Access to and conduct at county meetings, facilities and property.

(a) *Purpose.* The county council has determined that it is necessary to regulate access to county facilities, grounds and property in order to ensure the safety and security of the public who visit these areas or the county employees who serve them. **The conduct of persons who visit county facilities and/or who have contact with county employees must also be regulated to preserve public order, peace and safety.** The regulation of access and conduct must be balanced with the right of the public to have reasonable access to public facilities and to receive friendly, professional service from county employees. These regulations apply to all county facilities and meetings, as defined below, for and over which county council exercises control and regulation, and to the extent, only, not pre-empted by state or federal law.

(b) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Facility* means any building, structure, or real property owned, leased, rented, operated or occupied by the county or one of its departments, offices or agencies.

***Meeting* means any assemblage of persons for the purpose of conducting county governmental business, operations or functions or any assemblage of persons within a county governmental facility.** The term "meeting" includes, but is not limited to, county council meetings, county board and committee and staff meetings, trials, hearings and other proceedings conducted in the courts of general sessions and common pleas, family court, master-in-equity, probate court and magistrate's court; and other meetings by entities duly authorized by the county council.

(c) *Prohibited acts.* It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) **Utter loud, obscene, profane, threatening, disruptive or abusive language or to engage in any disorderly or disruptive conduct that impedes, disrupts or disturbs the orderly proceedings of any meeting,** or operations of any department or function of the county government, including, without limitation, speaking when not explicitly recognized and authorized to do so by the presiding official in such meeting.
- (2) Bring, carry, or otherwise introduce any firearm, knife with blade longer than two inches or other dangerous weapon, concealed or not concealed, into any facility or meeting. This prohibition does not apply to law enforcement personnel or any other person whose official, governmental duties require them to carry such firearm, knife, or other weapon.
- (3) Engage in partisan political activity, including speech, in any meeting not authorized and called for the purpose of partisan political activity and explicitly authorized for such purpose in the facility in which such activity is to be conducted, or refusing to cease such activity when

the presiding official of the meeting in question has ruled that the activity in question is partisan political activity and has directed that such activity stop.

- (4) Interfere with, impede, hinder or obstruct any county governmental official or employee in the performance of his duties, whether or not on county government property.
- (5) Enter any area of a county government facility, grounds or property when such entry is prohibited by signs, or obstructed or enclosed by gates, fencing or other physical barriers. Such areas include rooms if clearly marked with signs to prohibit unauthorized entry.
- (6) Enter by vehicle any area of a county governmental facility, grounds or property when such area is prohibited by signs or markings or are obstructed by physical barriers; or park a vehicle in such restricted areas; or park in a manner to block, partially block or impede the passage of traffic in driveways; or park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or in a fire zone; or park in any area not designated as a parking space; or park in a handicapped parking space without proper placarding or license plate; or park in a reserved parking space without authorization.
- (7) Use any county governmental facility, grounds or other property for any purpose not authorized by law or expressly permitted by officials responsible for the premises.
- (8) Enter without authorization or permission or refuse to leave any county governmental facility, grounds or other property after hours of operation.
- (9) Obstruct or impede passage within a building, grounds or other property of any county governmental facility.
- (10) Enter, without legal cause or good excuse, a county governmental facility, grounds or property after having been warned not to do so; or, having entered such property, fail and refuse without legal cause or good excuse to leave immediately upon being ordered or requested to do so by an official, employee, agent or representative responsible for premises.
- (11) Damage, deface, injure or attempt to damage, deface or injure a county governmental property, whether real property or otherwise.
- (12) Enter or attempt to enter any restricted or nonpublic ingress point or any restricted access area, or bypass or attempt to bypass the designated public entrance or security checkpoint of a facility without authorization or permission.
- (13) Perform any act which circumvents, disables or interferes with or attempts to circumvent, disable or interfere with a facility's security system, alarm system, camera system, door lock or other intrusion prevention or detection device. This includes, without limitation, opening, blocking open, or otherwise disabling an alarmed or locked door or other opening that would allow the entry of an unauthorized person into a facility or restricted access area of the facility.
- (14) Exit or attempt to exit a facility through an unauthorized egress point or alarmed door.

(d) *Penalty for violation of section.* Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished in accordance with section 1-7. In addition, vehicles that are improperly parked on any county property, facility, or other premises may be towed at the owner's expense.

(Ord. No. 2003-04, §§ 1—4, 4-15-2003; Ord. No. 2012-06, § 1, 4-3-2012)



**Public Comment  
SIGN IN SHEET  
6:00 PM**

**March 03, 2026**

The Public Comment Sessions at this meeting is limited to a total of 50 minutes, 5 minutes per person. Please be advised that citizens not utilizing their full four [5] minutes may not "donate" their remaining time to another speaker.

**PLEASE PRINT**

	<b>FULL NAME</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF COMMENT</b>
1	Lee Hill	Fraternity Party
2	BYRON OSWALD	OCONEE Humane Society
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**2025 SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY**

1. Manage all adoptions for the County  
1,503 pets found their forever home
  
2. Pets transported to Rescues throughout the Country 253
  
3. Community Cat TNR (Trapped, Neuter/Spay,Return) 1,707  
Abandoned kittens fostered, spayed/neutered and adopted 808
  
4. Our Clinic opened almost 3 years ago to offer low cost spay/neuter and vaccinations to the community.

In 2025 alone:

Spay Neuter surgeries performed	5,621
Free Vaccines	3,258
Low Cost Spay/Neuter Certificates	2,133
Low cost vaccinations	11,580

For the first time, we have seen a reduction in abandoned kittens. We have hopes that this is a sign that spaying and neutering is working to reduce pet overpopulation.

5. Community Food Pantry
 

Citizens enrolled	400+
Food Distributed	83,400 Lbs.
  
6. We operate with only 10 paid staff members and over 25,372 volunteer hours
  
7. Economic Impact to Oconee County \$49 MILLION
  
8. OHS is spending between \$130,000 to \$170,000 to improve the county facility that houses both the Humane Society and Animal Control.

**OCONEE HUMANE SOCIETY**

March 3, 2026

In April 2025, the County advised that SNAC (Spay/Neuter Assistance Coalition) funds for fiscal year 2024-2025 had been exhausted. Co-payments collected by Oconee Humane Society (OHS) for the sale of vouchers for that period plus copayments carried over from prior years were used to cover most of the expense. Because OHS wanted to preserve this valuable program, we paid the \$41,000 shortfall including direct reimbursements to participating veterinarians.

In early January 2026, we learned the SNAC voucher annual allotment of 1,050 had already been oversold by 53 through December 2025 — only the first 6 months of the fiscal year.

Hoping to avoid a similar situation in the current fiscal year as had happened in the previous, Janet Barwick spoke with Sheriff Crenshaw who stated that if we don't have the money, we would have to suspend the program.

We believe we were being fiscally responsible on behalf of the County and Oconee Humane Society by pausing the sale of vouchers effective February 1, 2026. This decision was reinforced when January 2026 data revealed the program was oversold by 203 vouchers or \$20,300.

We are aware not all vouchers sold will be redeemed by June 30, 2026, but we cannot predict with any accuracy that unredeemed vouchers will leave sufficient funds for surgeries performed. We sincerely hope the program can be reinstated pending additional funding.

We are asking the County to provide an additional \$20,000 to ensure that this valuable spay and neuter program available to low-income households will continue to benefit the residents of Oconee County and their pets.

To ensure this will not be a continuous problem, OHS and Animal Control are working together to restructure the SNAC program effective July 1, 2026. We look forward to presenting it to Council.

## OCONEE COUNTY SPAY/NEUTER ASSISTANCE COALITION HISTORY

For residents of Oconee County who qualify, there is a program to assist with the cost of a spay/neuter surgery. Oconee Humane Society (OHS) solicited commitments from local veterinarians and obtained funding from Oconee County to administer the program. This partnership is called the Spay/Neuter Assistance Coalition (SNAC) program. It is designed to provide low-household income Oconee County residents (up to 200% over poverty level) with an affordable option to have their pets spayed/neutered.

OHS sells SNAC vouchers for a \$10, \$20 or \$30 copay.\* Residents have six months to take their pet to a participating vet to have the surgery performed; vets send documentation to the County for reimbursement.

The SNAC partnership began in 2011 with \$71,000 initial funding from the County. Since that time, County funding increased to \$105,000, which has been in effect since fiscal July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024.

Over the years, several veterinarians dropped the program because they felt the reimbursement was too low. The original reimbursement was \$75/pet regardless of size or species. The County raised this to \$100/pet effective July 1, 2022.

The success of SNAC has greatly reduced the number of pets taken in by Animal Control. Spaying and neutering cats and dogs is the only way to effectively reduce overpopulation.

\*For extreme hardship cases, OHS may provide a \$0 voucher. Animal Control officers also issue \$0 vouchers when they encounter situations they believe justify doing so.

March 3, 2026