

Minutes

6:00 PM, Monday, June 9, 2025

Council Chambers

415 S Pine St Walhalla SC 29691

Members Present

Rex Blanton

Tessa Moxley

Kim Alexander

Nate Duncan

Chris Talley

Staff Present

James Coley

Elise Dunaway

Media Present

None

Call to order – Mr. Blanton called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Moment of silence

Invocation – led by Mr. Blanton

Pledge of allegiance – led by Mr. Duncan

Minutes approval – Approved motion made by Ms. Alexander, second by Mr. Blanton.
Approved Unanimously.

Public Comments –

None

Discussion –

Ag signage – “Agribusiness annual input: *the dollar figure*” short and sweet may be the best option because it is quick to read because you are driving by.

This includes just product sold, including agritourism will be a difficult number to find because of how broad it spans.

40-character limit is a challenging amount of room. More research is needed

Rep Biggs at the farm center, multiple members present. Rep Biggs seemed to be very supportive. Whole premise was more of an express your concern and we will follow up, which is good because she is following up person to person.

District reports

District 1 and District 2 on the north side need a timber supportive business. We are very rich in trees but there is nowhere to utilize them.

The county council had a meeting and mentioned what the money from the conservation bank will do. Duke cannot give the money to the conservation bank because of the nature of the rules. The money that they provide should stay in the county.

Motion made by Mr. Blanton to draft a letter to be read at the county council meeting on July 15, in support of the conservation bank fund being used for the preservation of agricultural land in Oconee County second by Ms. Moxley. Approved unanimously.

Conservation of farmland, conservation easement is still the best option to saving land.

Motion made by Ms. Moxley to adjourn. Approved unanimously.