



MINUTES
BUDGET, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
WORKSHOP MEETING
May 15, 2009
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WALHALLA, SC

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Reg Dexter, Chairman, District V
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II
Mr. Mario Suarez, District III
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV

The Budget, Finance & Administration Committee on Friday, May 15, 2009 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers to review the proposed FY 2009-2010 Oconee County budget. All Council Members were present along with Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council.

Oconee County Staff Present:

Ms. Kendra Brown, Asst. Administrator for Administrative Services & Finance
Ms. Kim Wilbanks, Finance Department

Press:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Carlos Galarza – Daily Journal & Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent.

Call to Order:

Chairman Dexter called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Budget Related Issues:

Mr. Jim Alexander, Economic Development Director, addressed the committee and discussed the Capital Project Fund as it relates to the proposed sewer development at the Golden Corner Commerce Park [GCCP]. After lengthy discussion it was decided to table any action regarding funding for FY 2009-2010 related to this project until after joint workshops with the Oconee County Economic Development Commission and the Oconee County Joint Regional Sewer Authority [OJRSA] could be scheduled.

Mr. Dexter announced two workshop meetings with full council as follows:

- o Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. – Workshop meeting with the Oconee County Economic Development Commission [agenda to be determined]
- o Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. – Workshop meeting with the OJRSA [agenda to be determined].

Line by Line Budget Analysis for FY 2009-2010 [Departments representative present for discussion]:

[unless otherwise noted the following departments were approved for the administrator's recommended budget amount with the proviso that they may be revisited in a future meeting]

- Facilities Maintenance, Dept 714 Lake Julian

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 3 – 0 to alter the description for approved projects for line item 010-714-83000 to reflect approval of \$15,000 for patching the Seneca Health Department parking lot and the reduction of \$15,000 from the \$92,000 for a new roof at the Walhalla Health Department.

- PRT, Depts 202, 203, 204, 205 Phil Shirley

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to enter into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter related to PRT.

The Committee entered Executive Session at 7:08 p.m.

The Committee returned from Executive Session upon a motion by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 3 – 0 at 7:31 p.m. Mr. Dexter stated that no action was taken on matter discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 3 – 0 to forward to the County Attorney for an opinion the proposed lease agreement with the Army Corp of Engineers for boat ramps located on Lake Hartwell.

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to approve \$5,000 for line item 010-204-50850 for South Cove to renovate campsites.

- County Council, Dept 704 Beth Hulse

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 3 – 0 to change Council policy to stop reimbursement to Council member for the use of their person cell telephones.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 3 – 0 to amend the Council budget as follows:

- Reduce line item 010-704-30018 by \$800 for a total of \$3,200
- Reduce line item 010-704-30041 by \$900 for a total of \$2,100
- Reduce line item 010-704-30084 by \$3,000 for a total of \$12,000
- Reduce line item 010-704-40031 by \$2,500 for a total of \$150
- State Aid to Subdivisons [010-081-00810-20005]

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to amend the budget as follows:

- Add to line item 010-081-00810-20005 in the amount of \$235,434
- Add new line item [Direct Aid] 010-705-TBD in the amount of \$610,000

Mr. Suarez arrived at this time.

- Direct Aid, Dept 705

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 4 – 0 to amend line item 010-705-95100-20209 removing \$150,000 from the line for a total approved amount of \$101,112.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 4 – 0 to reduce line item 010-705-95100-20207 [Seneca Recreation Dept] by \$1,000 and add \$1,000 to line item 010-705-95100 [Golden Harvest Food Bank].

- Detention Center, Dept 106

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Suarez, approved 4 – 0 to increase line item 010-106-30084 by \$2,000 for a total approved amount of \$10,000.

- Department of Social Services, Dept 402

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 4 – 0 to approve \$7,000 for line item 010-402-60831-0 [Pauper Funerals].

- Magistrate's Office, Dept 509

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 4 – 0 to reduce line item 010-509-30080 [Dues] by \$100 for a total approved amount of \$100.

Budget Meeting Schedule:

Mr. Dexter made the following announcement regarding upcoming budget meetings:

Saturday, May 16, 2009, Council Chambers, 9 am

Monday, May 18, 2009, Council Chambers, 6 pm

[if needed – announcement will be forthcoming]

Adjourn:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Suarez, approved 4 – 0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council