



MINUTES
BUDGET, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
WORKSHOP MEETING
June 11, 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 Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers to review the proposed FY 2009-2010 Oconee County budget. All Council Members were present [except Mr. Suarez] along with Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council.

Oconee County Staff Present:

Ms. Kendra Brown, Asst. Administrator for Administrative Services & Finance
Ms. Ladale Price, Budget Analyst

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, Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio & Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent.

Call to Order:

Chairman Dexter called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 that the minutes from the May 30, 2009 Budget, Finance & Administration Committee meeting be adopted as printed.

Keowee Fire District Adjustment:

Ms. Brown reviewed with the committee an issue identified regarding the Keowee Fire District. Previously milage was being collected at 13,5 not 14.5. This has been corrected for this fiscal year as reflected in the chart below.

Keowee Fire District	2008-2009 ADOPTED	2009-2010 REQUESTED	2009-2010 REVISED REQUEST	2009-2010 COUNCIL APPROVED
BUDGET	639,133	657,100	670,050	670,050
Mills (tax income only)	14.5	13.5	14.5	14.5
Mill Value	39,458	43,361	43,361	43,361
Millage increase		0	1	0

Rollovers:

Ms. Brown provided the committee members with a letter from solicitor, Chrissy Adams, asking that her staff be exempted from the furloughs and offered to transfer funds into the general fund to cover the equivalent dollar amount. Ms. Brown stated that she checked with county attorney, Tom Martin, who verified that we can not furlough elected officials but Council does have the authority to furlough their staffs.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to approve the transfer of funds as outlined above.

Ms. Brown provided the committee members with a worksheet that was discussed line by line regarding rollover requests from specific county departments. She stated that the criteria for bringing a request before Council were as follows:

- [1] funds had be remain in the current budget and be designated for a specific project
- [2] funds were not used in current budget for valid reason, and
- [3] funds must be designated for the completion of the project in the upcoming year

Discussion followed regarding specific departmental requests.

See *Attachment #1* for approvals and/or denials.

Changes:

Ms. Brown provided the committee members with a worksheet that was discussed line by line regarding changes requested for specific county departments.

Discussion followed regarding specific departmental requests.

See *Attachment #2* for approvals and/or denials.

Potential Capital Projects:

Discussion of Capital Projects was deferred to a future Budget, Finance & Administration meeting for in depth study and action.

New Business:

No New Business was discussed at this meeting.

Old Business:

No Old Business was discussed at this meeting.

Next Meeting:

It was the consensus of the Committee to delay scheduling a Budget, Finance & Administration Committee meeting until after the special election to fill the vacant District I seat is completed and the new Council member is sworn into office.

Adjourn:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council