



MINUTES
BUDGET, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OCONEE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, WALHALLA, SC
May 3, 2012

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Reg Dexter, District V, Chairman
Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II
Mr. Archie Barron, District III
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV

The Oconee County Budget, Finance & Administration Committee met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members; Administrator Scott Moulder, Assistant Administrator Glen Breed and Clerk to Council, Elizabeth G. Hulse were present.

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 [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent, Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio & Mike Eads - Daily Journal

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Dexter.

Council Discussion with Administrator regarding [1] FY 2012-2013 Administrator Recommended Budget Priorities, and [2] Projected Revenues, Capital Projects, Special Funds, etc.

Mr. Dexter prior to opening the floor for discussion noted that this meeting will focus on policy direction for the Administrator and staff and budget priorities.

Mr. Moulder noted that this budget reflects the monies needed to accomplish the goals as set by Council for Fiscal year 2012-2013 and nothing more.

Council discussed various issues in the budget to include: salary increases for staff [including COLA and merit increases], cost savings related to calculating salary increases based on anniversary dates, the proposed 1 mill increase for Emergency Services, the municipal fire contracts, the School District of Oconee County [SDOC] budget, SDOC Bonds, reductions in the Local Government Fund [LGF] and funding challenges for state mandated programs.

Council also discussed increasing Direct Aid funding for the Oconee Medical Center EMS services and the Mountain Lakes Business Development Center.

Lengthy discussions followed.

Council directed the Administrator to provide the following information at a future meeting:

- merit increases based on anniversary date – identification of potential available funds
- funding options for increases to Direct Aid as discussed
- scheduling a meeting with the Delegation to discuss the LGF
- review if additional 1 mill required to meet Fire Plan goals in this budget
- request line item budget and additional meeting with the SDOC

Public Comment

Mr. C. W. Richards addressed Council voicing concerns regarding the SDOC budget.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council