



**MINUTES**  
**BUDGET, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OCONEE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, WALHALLA, SC**  
**May 31, 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 p.m. 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](http://www.oconeese.com/council)]. In addition it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Mike Eads – Daily Journal

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Dexter.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2012, the two March 13, 2012 and the May 3, 2012 Budget, Finance & Administration Committee minutes as presented.

**Council Discussion with Administrator regarding the FY 2012-2013 Budget Priorities:**

Mr. Dexter turned the meeting over to Mr. Moulder asking that he update and review with the committee changes made to date and any additional recommended changes.

Mr. Moulder provided the Committee with three documents:

- *Updated line by line FY13 budget book*
- *FY13 Budget Changes through 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, and*
- *FY13 Budget Amendments requested after 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2012-01*

He reviewed the two FY13 Budget change sheets with the Committee outlining the changes previously approved and recommended changes to be made at the final reading.

Lengthy discussions followed.

The Committee directed the Administrator as follows:

- Write a letter to the County Delegation [*Rep. Whitmire & Rep. Sandifer*] requesting that they pass the Senate's version of the FY 13 budget bill.
- Contact the School District of Oconee stating that if the state approves additional funding for the district that Council's requests that they reduce their request to the county by an equal amount.
- Develop specific criteria / specific formula for evaluating funding for fire contracts with the three municipalities to allow Council to feel confident they are appropriately allocating funds.
- Provide a brief summary report regarding Solid Waste's requirements for the roll over for the Oil & Water Separator.
- Prepare a brief summary of the FY13 budget priorities and obstacles for Council and the public to be presented prior to the public hearing scheduled for June 11, 2012.

The Committee also briefly discussed various ongoing concerns with the School District of Oconee budget request for FY13 including non-school site funding, fund balance, etc.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Dexter opened the floor for public comment.

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

Mr. Tom Markovich addressed the Committee voicing concerns that Building Code fees as they are currently applied are not actually a fee – they equal a tax and the County is prohibited from this type of taxation. Mr. Moulder stated Mr. Markovich was incorrect and cautioned the Committee regarding acceptance of Mr. Markovich's opinion.

### **Adjourn:**

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to adjourn at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Elizabeth G. Hulse  
Clerk to Council