



MINUTES
BUDGET, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OCONEE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, WALHALLA, SC
May 12, 2015

MEMBERS, ALL OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Ms. Edda Cammick, District I, Chairman
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV
Mr. Paul Cain, District III Mr. Reg Dexter, District V

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 and Clerk to Council 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 & Steven Bradley – Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Ms. Cammick called meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. as the Special Council Meeting prior to this meeting ran over time.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2015 meeting as presented.

Council Discussion regarding FY 2015-2016 Operating Budget

Ms. Cammick addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Budget Considerations” [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the following:

- Issues if we cannot raise money
 - No millage increase
 - No new taxes
 - No expectation that Local Government Fund [LGF] will be fully funded
 - New Detention Center officers
- Need to cut spending / Areas to consider
 - Travel that doesn't generate revenue
 - Staff Development Budgets
 - Food Budgets
 - Paper/printing cost reductions
 - Shared services with School District of Oconee County [SDOC] for vehicle maintenance and procurement
- Special Considerations
 - Tri County Technical College [TCTC] Campus
 - Impasse with Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority [OJRSA]
 - Real Estate

Ms. Cammick opened the floor to other committee members to address questions, concerns or to make recommendations. The committee discussed issues related to the following issues:

- TCTC Campus
 - Need to have formal agreement with TCTC prior to purchasing land for an Oconee County campus
- OJRSA
 - Mr. Moulder has had meeting with the new OJRSA attorney [Mr. Larry Brandt] and talks are ongoing to remedy the annual \$610,000 payments that the County has been holding
 - Councils wish to partner with the OJRSA and to have a seat at the table when decisions being made regarding sewer in the unincorporated areas of the county.
- Oconee County Detention Center Staff
- Community Development Professional Services Line Item
 - Initial request included \$250,000 for the Great Outdoor Initiative; Mr. Moulder recommended funding for only \$10,000 for the overlay design
- Convention Visitor's Bureau [CVB] Staff
 - Discussion if CVB staff should be county employees
 - Accommodation Tax [ATAX] funding current and projected for CVB staff and operations
- Professional Services Line Item
 - Discussed varied uses for this line item in departmental budgets
- Combining SDOC and County Vehicle Maintenance & Procurement
- Request for Administrator/Finance to include in future budget documents the number of staff in each individual department as part of the information provided along with salary information
- Future Goals/Objectives to include a permanent home for the Heritage Fair and sewer expansion to Exits #1, #2 and #4 on Highway 85

Mr. Moulder requested specific direction from the Committee regarding changes/additions and/or deletions from the budget document. No motions were made to amend the document at this meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

Ms. Cammick announced a Budget, Finance & Administration Committee meeting to be held on **Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.**

Adjourn

Ms. Cammick adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council