



# MINUTES

## BUDGET, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

November 8, 2016

MEMBERS, ALL OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

*No Recording was made of this meeting.*

The Oconee County Budget, Finance & Administration Committee met at 5:30 PM [immediately following the Real Estate, Facility & Land Management Committee meeting also scheduled at 5:30 p.m.] in the Conference Room, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee Members, Administrator Scott Moulder, County Attorney David Root and Elizabeth G. Hulse, 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](http://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: Dick Mangrum – WGOG, Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent & Steven Bradley – Daily Journal.

**Call to Order:** Mr. Cain called meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2016 meeting as presented.

### Discussion Items

#### School Resource Officers [SRO] / Program & Funding Discussion

Mr. Cain recognized Sheriff Mike Crenshaw who addressed the Committee regarding various aspects to a SRO program to add officers to have one in all Oconee County publicly funded schools [to include NEXT Eagle Ridge] to include but not limited to:

- Not an option to train school teachers at the Academy to certify them to carry as it violates state law
- SRO class 2 weeks on top of required Academy training
- Potential to add one additional SRO to float to cover illness, vacations, etc.

Mr. Root addressed previous discussions regarding options for funding officers for the county's private and religion based schools. He noted two citations [below] that prohibit public dollars funding these institutions; however, he stated that they can contract on their own to provide security for their institutions if they wish.

*No money shall be paid from public funds nor shall the credit of the State or any of its political subdivisions be used for the direct benefit of any religious or other private educational institution. S.C. Const. art. XI, § 4*

*The credit of neither the State nor of any of its political subdivisions shall be pledged or loaned for the benefit of any individual, company, association, corporation, or any religious or other private education institution except as permitted by Section 3, Article XI of this Constitution. S.C. Const. art. X, § 11*

Discussion followed with various opinions offered to include but not limited to:

- State activity to address SRO's in all schools / Funding
- Anderson County direction to their District IV to fund and hire an SRO after the Townville shooting
- School District of Oconee [SDOC] contribution to funding for officers; minimum 50% will be requested
- Candidate recruitment to ensure proper selection [Sheriff Crenshaw noted several qualified staff on board at present interested in the positions]

Sheriff Crenshaw noted that he hopes to have the two recently funded officers in place after the Christmas school break and if additional positions are funded to have those officers in place for the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

Lastly, Mr. Moulder provided the following funding estimates for Council's consideration.

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Years 2+</u>
8 Officers [including salary, fringe, new vehicles & equipment]	\$766,896	\$455,520
8 Officers [including salary, fringe, "hand me down" vehicles & equipment]	\$517,000	\$455,520
8 Officers [including salary, fringe, half new and half "hand me down" vehicles & equipment]	\$642,000	\$455,520

Mr. Cain suggested that all interested parties [Oconee County Council & Administration, Oconee County Sheriff, SDOC representatives and municipality representatives] meet to discuss options and funding commitments

### Live Broadcasting of Council Meetings

Mr. Moulder noted that costs to begin live broadcasting of meetings from Council Chambers would be minimal at approximately \$4,000 for the camera equipment. He stated that our IT department recommended we use the YouTube platform to live broadcast meetings through a link on the County website. He noted that:

1. It would be a "locked" platform and that users would have to go through the county website to view
2. There would not be storage or server issues as YouTube houses the files
3. Council would need to pass an ordinance related to retention of these videos

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 - 0 to direct the Administrator to proceed with the purchase of equipment and other related matters in order to begin live broadcasting of meetings in Council Chambers.

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## FY 2017-2018 Budget Process Discussion / Mr. Moulder

Mr. Moulder reviewed with the Committee work begun to begin the 3-year budget process as discussed previously. He discussed early revenue estimates based on actual assessed values today [see chart below].

	<u>Revenue [Millions]</u>	<u>Expenditures [Millions]</u>
FY 2016-2017	\$45.9	\$44.6
FY 2017-2018	\$44.2	<b>-\$400,000 Shortfall from LY</b> +\$350,000 Full Carry for Sheriff Office Raises +\$250,000 Estimated SRO costs <b>-\$1,000,000 FY 17-18 as of today</b>
FY 2018-2019	\$44.4	
FY 2019-2020	\$44.7	

Mr. Moulder noted that over the past 5 years that Operations has been cut in excess of \$4,000,000 and that personnel costs have risen dramatically.

Next, Mr. Moulder addressed a 10-Year Vehicle Replacement Schedule; noting that Council has avoided significant replacements in the past that need to be now be addressed.

Estimated Funding [Millions Per Year]	Years
\$4	1-4
\$3	5-6
\$2	7-10

### Other Business

None discussed at this meeting.

### Adjourn

Mr. Thrift made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Elizabeth G. Hulse  
Clerk to Council