



# MINUTES

## BUDGET, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

### June 2, 2020

#### MEMBERS, ALL OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. John Elliott, District I, Chairman  
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II      Mr. Paul Cain, District III  
Mr. Julian Davis, District IV      Mr. Glenn Hart, District V

The Oconee County Budget, Finance & Administration Committee met Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 4:30 PM in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee members present, as well as County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, and Clerk to Council Katie D. Smith 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.oconeesc.com/council](http://www.oconeesc.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: Caitlin Herrington / The Journal

#### **Call to Order:**

Mr. Elliott called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve the May 19, 2020 minutes as presented.

Mr. Elliott noted the State budget will not be approved until later in the year and can pass a continuing resolution that will continue with the current budget, however, the County cannot by law. Discussion continued to include local government fund, projected budget for next year, and SC losing sales tax revenue. He noted his recommendation to the Committee is to cap the new budget at the current level of \$49,989,000 and if we do not get additional revenue later in the year, expenses be cut and if that is not enough, the last resort would be to dip into the General Fund Reserve balance. Additionally, he noted there would not be a tax increase or a millage increase, which includes the County and the School District of Oconee County [SDOC].

#### **Discussion Items**

##### Continued FY2020-2021 Oconee County Budget Discussion

Ms. Brock addressed the Committee and noted the recommendation to hold the current year's budget into the future year so that amendments could be made and cuts could potentially be looked at should the local government fund be cut is the wisest choice for Oconee County.

Lengthy discussion followed by all Council members.

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Ms. Brock wrapped up the meeting and thanked the Committee and noted the request for the capital request for the County is not being ignored. She further noted she anticipates bringing amendments to the current year budget as we go into the next year and may be well into August and noted the budget that was adopted for the year we are in now has specific requests that may have been a one time or were specific to this budget year.

Discussion continued to include:

- Potential requests that are similar that will be taken to Council for approval
- May need to have funds shifted from a capital line item into an operational line item
- Currently in Phase II of several endeavors in cybersecurity and communications
- Budget will still be capped at \$49,989,000 but may be shifting funds around

### **Adjourn**

Mr. Davis made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Katie D. Smith  
Clerk to Council

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