

# MINUTES BUDGET, FINANCE, & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE April 19, 2022

### MEMBERS, ALL OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. John Elliott, District I, Chairman

Mr. Matthew Durham, 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, April 19, 2022 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 Jennifer C. Adams 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]. In addition, it was made available [upon request] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Riley Morningstar / The Journal

Staff members present: Ladale Price / Finance Director, Connie Bellotte / Accounting Analyst

# Call to Order:

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

### **Moment of Silence**

Mr. Elliott asked for a moment of silence prior to the Invocation by County Council Chaplain.

### **Invocation by County Chaplain**

Mr. Root, County Council Chaplain, gave the invocation.

# **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

# **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 - 0, to approve the March 18, 2022 minutes as presented.

### **Discussion Items**

### FY 2022-2023 Budget Discussion and Review

Mr. Elliott reminded everyone that it is each Councilman and citizen's responsibility to make an appointment with the County Administrator to discuss any budget line questions that they may have.

Mr. Elliott also noted that the proposed budget increase will reflect growth in our tax base before reassessment and that Council will decrease the millage to negate the increased revenue due to the reassessment.

Ms. Brock stated she was in agreeance with this statement.

Ms. Brock addressed the Committee utilizing a handout entitled "Oconee County 2022-2023 Administrator Recommended Annual Budget" [copy filed with backup] and noted this budget document was created in line with the Council's priorities that were established at the Strategic Planning Retreat in February and approved by Council in March of this year.

Ms. Brock continued by giving an extended overview of the proposed budget document to the Committee.

Lengthy discussion followed between Committee members and Ms. Brock related to the proposed budget.

# **Adjourn**

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Council