



**MINUTES**  
**BUDGET, FINANCE, & ADMINISTRATION**  
**COMMITTEE SPECIAL WORKSHOP**  
**May 9, 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 Monday, May 9, 2022 at 9:30 AM 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](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: Riley Morningstar / The Journal

Staff members present: Ladale Price / Finance Director, Connie Bellotte / Accounting Analyst, Christy Hubbard / Oconee County Auditor

**Call to Order:**

Mr. Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.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. Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve the May 3, 2022 regular minutes as presented.

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## **Discussion Items**

### FY 2022-2023 Budget Discussion and Review

Ms. Brock started the meeting by welcoming the Committee and pointed out the handouts that were on each Committee member's desk, noting these are replacement pages for the proposed budget book [copies filed in backup].

Mr. Durham also presented a handout [copy filed in backup], that he had completed, to the Committee and Ms. Brock related to the fuel/diesel budget line item in the proposed budget.

Lengthy discussion followed between Ms. Brock and the Committee related to fuel/diesel budget line item and the rise in fuel/diesel prices.

Ms. Brock presented to the Committee the following and possible contingency plans if the County should go over the budgeted amount related to fuel and diesel:

1. Establish a Fuel Gasoline/Diesel Contingency Account beginning with the balance of the savings from the updated 6% proposed cost of living raise in the amount of \$64,788.00.
2. Utilize the savings from the current year's utilities in the amount of \$50,000.
3. Utilize unexpended funds from vacated salaries up to \$100,000, contingent upon the verification of those funds.

Ms. Brock requested that the above contingency plans be added to the Budget Ordinance 2022-01 as a proviso.

Mr. Root advised the Committee that a motion would be needed at the next Council meeting on May 17, 2022 to approve the addition of the requested proviso to Ordinance 2022-01.

The Committee continued discussions related to the fuel/diesel budget line item and the schedule of public hearings related to the County's budget ordinances in the future.

Mr. Davis requested that a special workshop be added in September to discuss millage.

A Special Millage Workshop has been scheduled for September 13, 2022 at 6 p.m. in Council chambers.

## **Adjourn**

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Jennifer C. Adams  
Clerk to Council

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