



**MINUTES**  
**BUDGET, FINANCE, & ADMINISTRATION**  
**COMMITTEE**  
**BUDGET WORKSHOP**  
**March 24, 2023**

**MEMBERS, ALL OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Mr. John Elliott, District I, Chairman  
Mr. Don Mize, District III  
Mr. Julian Davis, District IV  
Mr. Glenn Hart, District V  
District II

The Oconee County Budget, Finance & Administration Committee met Friday, March 24, 2024 at 9:00 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, Dick Mangrum / WGOG

Members of the staff present: Ladale Price / Finance Director, Amber Turner / Accounting Analyst

**Call to Order:**

Mr. Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:04 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. Hart, approved 4 - 0, to approve the March 7, 2023 minutes as presented.

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## **Discussion Items**

### **FY 2023-2024 Budget Discussion and Workshop**

[copy of FY 2023-2024 Budget document filed in backup]

Mr. Elliott noted that the proposed budget increase will reflect growth in our tax base, therefore there is no tax increase in this budget cycle.

Ms. Brock started the meeting with a review of current grants and upcoming grants that the County may be eligible to receive.

Ms. Brock continued to provide details related to the following budget items the Committee:

1. General Fund Summary 2023-2024 Budget
2. Property Taxes 2022-2023 Budget
3. Intergovernmental 2023-2024 Budget
4. Charges for Services 2023-2024 Budget
5. One Time Capital Request 2023-2024 Budget
6. Bond Items
7. Department New Position Requests

Mr. Davis made a motion at 10:24 a.m., seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 4 – 0, to take a short break and reconvene at 10:30 a.m.

The Committee reconvened at 10:31 a.m. on a motion made by Mr. Mize, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 4 – 0.

Ms. Brock resumed her review of budget items with the Committee as follows:

8. Fees Schedule
9. Sewer South Phase 1

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, to direct staff to explore bonding options for Sewer South.

Ms. Brock asked for clarification regarding which exits would need to be included.

Mr. Elliott directed Ms. Brock to include Exits 1, 2, and 4.

Mr. Hart inquired about Exit 3.

Mr. Davis stated he does not want this exploration of bonding to include the Annex Facility.

Motion approved 4 – 0.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to explore funding options and price estimates for the Pine Street Annex Facility.

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Mr. Davis noted that the Annex Facility is just a discussion and not a commitment to build at this point.

Mr. Elliott added comments related to voting security.

Ms. Brock added comments related to the inadequate storage and office space in the current Pine Street Administration Building.

Motion approved 4 – 0.

10. Departmental Expenditures – Administrator 2023-2024 Budget

11. FY 2023 – 2024 Budget Summary

Ms. Brock urged anyone with questions about the FY 2023-2024 Budget to make an appointment to meet with her to discuss.

Mr. Davis noted that the increase in this year’s budget is mainly related to public safety and citizen services.

### **Adjourn**

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Jennifer C. Adams  
Clerk to Council

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