



**MINUTES**  
**BUDGET, FINANCE, & ADMINISTRATION**  
**COMMITTEE**  
*Special Meeting*  
**April 7, 2026**

**MEMBERS, ALL OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Mr. John Elliott, District I  
Mr. Matthew Durham, District II, Chairman  
Mr. Don Mize, District III  
Mr. Tommy James, District IV  
Mr. Glenn Hart, District V

The Oconee County Budget, Finance & Administration Committee met Tuesday, April 07, 2026 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 Stewart Jones, Deputy Administrator Phil Shirley, County Attorney Rob Chumley, 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: None

**Call to Order:**

Mr. Durham called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**Moment of Silence**

Mr. Durham asked for a moment of silence.

**Invocation**

Mr. Shirley gave the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 5 - 0, to approve the March 11, 2026 special meeting minutes as presented.

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## **Discussion Items**

### FY 26/27 Budget Discussion and Review

Mr. Jamie Gilbert, Oconee County Economic Development Director, addressed the Committee utilizing a Power Point presentation entitled, "Economic Development FY 2027 Budget Presentation" and provided an extended overview of the Economic Development activities in the last fiscal year, ending the presentation with details of the FY 26/27 proposed departmental budget and vehicle request.

Mr. Elliott noted that the full-time employee count went from four to three but there was no change in requested salaries.

After a short discussion, Mr. Jones and Mr. Gilbert both agreed that the salaries reflected on the budget document were not accurate and Mr. Jones noted he would obtain clarification from Finance.

Short discussion followed regarding the request for a new vehicle for Economic Development.

Mr. Jones then provided the Committee with a short overview of the proposed Airport FY 26/27 departmental budget.

Mr. Durham pointed out several inconsistencies contained within the actual budget document related to salaries and revenues.

Committee members and Sheriff Crenshaw then discussed the hangar that was purchased with drug money as a possible revenue source for the Sheriff's Office Drug Fund.

*(Copies of all FY 26/27 proposed departmental budgets presented at this meeting are included in the backup materials.)*

Mr. Jones noted that he will be working Ms. Deanne Hurst, who start her employment on April 13, 2026 as the new Planning Director, to create a FY 26/27 budget for presentation to the Committee.

## **Adjourn**

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Jennifer C. Adams  
Clerk to Council

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