



MINUTES
BUDGET, FINANCE, & ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE
April 21, 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 21, 2026 at 4:00 PM in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee members present [Mr. Elliott absent], 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]. In addition, it was made available [upon request] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum / 101.7 WGOG

Call to Order:

Mr. Mize called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Mize asked for a moment of silence.

Invocation

Mr. James 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. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. James, approved 3 - 0, to approve the April 07, 2026 special meeting minutes as presented.

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Discussion Items

SDOC Budget Presentation

SDOC Superintendent, Mr. Andy Smith, provided an introductory statement, noting the budget presentation will include the following three elements:

1. Efficiency
2. Informed
3. Focused

Mr. Smith went on to provide several examples of considerations that the SDOC has taken to align to the value driven cost-effective approach to the FY 2027 SDOC operating budget.

Mr. Jay Schickling, SDOC Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "School District of Oconee County FY Operating Budget, First Read, April 21, 2026", and provided a detailed overview of the SDOC FY 2027 operating budget.

Mr. Durham entered the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Discussion related to the presented SDOC FY 2027 operating budget followed between Committee members, Mr. Schickling and Mr. Smith.

FY 26/27 Budget Discussion and Review

Oconee County Fire Chief, Chris Smith, presented the proposed FY 2026-2027 Emergency Services departmental budget to the Committee utilizing the following documents:

1. Fire/Emergency Services (107) 2026-2027 Budget
2. New Position Requests – presented by Chief Scott Smith
3. 2.9 Mil Unincorporated Protection Diestect Special Revenue Fund
4. 2026-2027 District Support/Basic Departmental Expenditures/Total Support Chart
5. Capital Budget
6. 3 Year Capital Vehicle Replacement Chart

Discussion followed by Committee members, Administrator Jones, Chief Chris Smith and Chief Scott Smith regarding employee count, salary funding, replacement of Emergency Services vehicles, asphalt repair, Emergency Services vehicle inventory and volunteer fire department supplements.

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

Adjourn

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Council

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