



MINUTES
BUDGET, FINANCE, & ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE
May 05, 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, May 5, 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]. 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. Jones gave the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 - 0, to approve the April 21, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented.

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Discussion Items

Discussion regarding the development of policy manuals for County Boards / Commissions

Mr. Durham began the discussion with with several questions for Mrs. Adams, Clerk to Council, regarding board and commission policy manuals.

Mrs. Adams informed the Committee that each new member of a board or commission receives an orientation packet that includes a copy of that specific board or commissions governing ordinance that is taken directly from the Oconee County Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Durham requested that each board/commission specific ordinance be edited to read plainly and requested that the staff liaisons complete this task by the first Council meeting of the fourth quarter.

FY 26/27 Budget Discussion and Review

Mr. Durham noted that County Administrator, Stewart Jones, has requested additional time for budget formation and an special meeting of the Budget, Finance and Administration Committee has been requested for a budget presentation.

Mr. Jones proposed a special meeting of the Committee on June 26, 2026.

Short discussion followed by the Committee, Mr. Jones and Mrs. Adams regarding the scheduling of a special Budget, Finance and Administration Committee and eventually landed the date of Monday, May 18, 2026 at 4 p.m.

Mr. Jones went on to provide updates related to the budget formation for FY 2026-2027.

Mr. Durham added that he and Mr. Mize have been in discussions with the SDOC regarding the creation of a new position for a floating School Resource Officer.

Mr. Mize then provided an update regarding the possible resurrection of a fire training class at the Hamilton Career Center.

Mr. Elliott inquired about the inventory level of jet fuel at the Oconee County Airport.

Mr. Jones was unsure but noted that the would find out the answer and report back to Mr. Elliott.

Adjourn

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Council

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