



MINUTES
BUDGET, FINANCE, & ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE
Special Meeting
May 18, 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 Monday, May 18, 2026 at 4:00 PM in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee members present [Mr. Hart 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: Caleb Gilbert / The Journal

Call to Order:

Mr. Durham called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Durham asked for a moment of silence.

Invocation

Mr. James gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Kevin Robinson 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. Mize, approved 4 - 0, to approve the May 5, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented.

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Discussion Items

FY 26/27 Budget Discussion and Review

County Administrator, Stewart Jones, addressed the Committee utilizing a power point presentation entitled, "FY27 Budget Presentation Oconee" [copy in backup], and provided the Committee with an extended update on the formation of the FY2026/2027 budget, noting the budget is approximately \$750,000.00 away from being balanced.

Following the presentation, Mr. Jones' provided answers to all questions posed by Committee members.

Mr. Durham ended the meeting by directing Mr. Jones and staff to find an additional one million dollars in savings to ensure a balance FY 2026/2027 budget.

Adjourn

Mr. James made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Council

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