



MINUTES
REAL ESTATE, FACILITIES & LAND MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
February 3, 2011

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Archie Barron, Chairman, District III
Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

The Real Estate, Facilities & Land Management Committee met Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, Administrator Scott Moulder & Elizabeth G. Hulse Clerk to Council 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.oconee.com/council]. In addition it was made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio, Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent & Carlos Gatarza – Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Chairman Barron called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Barron noted that previous members of the Committee were not present, therefore the minutes from the July 10, 2010 meeting will be accepted as information and posted to the Council website for viewing.

New Business:

Potential Use / Cost Estimates for Old Courthouse & Brown Building

Mr. Moulder addressed the Committee utilizing several handouts [copies filed with these minutes] requesting direction for uses of these two county owned facilities. Mr. Moulder presented the Committee with his recommendation for staff/department movement to utilize the Old Courthouse, Brown Building, Magistrate Offices and vacated space at Pine Street. Discussion followed.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 3 – 0 to direct the Administrator to move forward with his proposed plans for the various buildings and to identify costs and develop conceptual plans for review by the Committee and/or Council at an upcoming meeting.

Westminster Magistrate Offices

Mr. Moulder addressed the Committee noting that the City of Westminster currently provides office space for the Magistrate; however, they have space needs and wish to us to relocate the Magistrate to another location. Discussion followed.

Mr. Corbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to direct the Administrator to investigate [1] available lease property in the City of Westminster; and [2] to research a possible option of adding the Magistrate's office to the OCPL Westminster Branch property.

Law Enforcement Center (LEC) House

Mr. Moulder addressed the Committee requesting direction for the disposition of the house located at the Law Enforcement Center. Mr. Moulder provided the following options:

1. Tear the house down
2. Auction to sell and ultimately have the house moved
3. Move or transfer the house for county use
4. Donate to Habitat for Humanity for their use [if they still accept]

Mr. Corbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to direct the Administrator to sell the LEC house utilizing a sealed bid process with the proviso that the buyer is financially responsible for both moving the house and the clean up of the site (to the county's satisfaction).

Discussion regarding status of Oconee County Public Library (OCPL), Seneca Branch

Mr. Moulder outlined the current status regarding the proposed new OCPL, Seneca Branch, to be constructed on Highway 59 adjacent to Blue Ridge Elementary School. He noted that the Library Board submitted a grant request to the USDA but were not awarded the funds. It was noted that the agreement with the County was contingent upon the Board obtaining the grant. Discussion followed.

Chairman Barron directed the Administrator to notify the Library Board that it is this Committee's recommendation to Council that the Board review their existing plans and cost estimates and come back with a revised "best deal" for Council's discussion and possible action.

Old Business:

No Old Business was discussed at this meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. McCall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council