



MINUTES
REAL ESTATE, FACILITIES & LAND MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
August 14, 2018

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Julian Davis, III, Chairman, District V
Ms. Edda Cammick, District I
Mr. Wayne McCall, District III

The Real Estate, Facilities & Land Management Committee met at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, Interim Administrator Rick Martin, County Attorney David Root & Clerk to Council Katie D. Smith 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 to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

No member of the media present.

Call to Order:

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 3 – 0 to accept the February 13, 2018 minutes as presented.

Discussion Items

Lengthy discussion followed regarding the topics indicated below, with various opinions expressed, to include but not limited to:

Farm Center Update / Stanley Gibson

Mr. Stanley Gibson, Chairman of the FARM Center board, addressed Council highlighting the following:

- Secured a \$12,000 grant and private investment allowed the market building to be moved from the old site to the new site
- Purchased signs for location of the market
- Slow start this year due to moving the building and the weather
- Average of 327 citizens every Saturday and 178 on the second and fourth Friday evenings of each month
- 14 vendors and two to three seasonal vendors
- Firework show on Friday, June 29, 2018 with over 1,000 people

- Dog Days event with Seneca Animal Shelter and Oconee Humane Society with over 500 people and several dogs were adopted
- Sponsored two beginning canning classes; one on fruits and one on pickles
- High School Rodeo event with over 900 people in attendance and over 160 youth participants
- Close to launching website; www.farmoconee.org and will include the fair page and farmer's market page and will allow donations accepted online
- Fair is scheduled for September 25 – September 29, 2018

Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Gibson for presentation and also for the volunteers.

Ms. Cammick noted the South Carolina Equine Council gives out small grants for advertising purposes. She noted if there is something he needs to let her know and she can put in a word. She further noted there was a successful spring horse show at the Garrison arena that brought in money and give it to various organizations that sponsor mostly equine events but also to veterinary hospitals. Discussion continued.

The Committee took no action on this matter at this time.

Discussion regarding asbestos removal from Fair Play School

Mr. Davis noted Terracon completed a study [copy filed with these minutes] and while discussing the results, it was found it quite possibly was just the cafeteria area and not the entire school. Discussion continued to include:

- Lot of asbestos inside which is the majority of the cost to abate any kind of structure
- Bidding process

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, to recommend the Administrator send the study to several abatement companies to properly bid for the abatement process.

Further discussion continued to include:

- Crawl space and confined spaces will require additional costs
- Roofing materials
- Asbestos must go to Anderson or Homer or if County properly bags it up, it can be buried in our landfill depending on how big and how they take it out
- Not going to cost to bid out an abatement process
- Structure could potentially cost three times what it would cost to abate the cafeteria due to the size of the structure
- Procurement Department
- Single standing structure
- Cafeteria is what was talked about being saved

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Cammick, it was approved 3 – 0, to recommend the Administrator send the study to several abatement companies to properly bid for the abatement process.

Update regarding Westminster Magistrate

Mr. Martin updated the Committee regarding the Westminster Magistrate discussion to include but not limited to:

- In the process of securing architect to design a building
- Possibly locating building on the current location
- Ms. Cammick, Ms. Ladale Price, Finance Director, & Mr. Martin looked at the former Community First Bank property
- 9 month maximum commitment to work toward a partnership with the City of Westminster to construct a Magistrate/City Hall
- Location needs to be talked about with Mr. Carter, Westminster City Administrator

The Committee took no action on this matter at this time.

Other Business

Mr. McCall noted the Terracon study needs to be held onto because when people want to tear down a building, it's just not that easy. There are asbestos, lead paint, etc. that is potentially in the house or building.

Discussion continued to include:

- Terracon is one of our vendors
- Proper ways to control people from getting into these buildings/houses
- DHEC
- Abatement process
- Crime
- Focus was on Fair Play due to the close proximity to the Golden Corner Commerce Park

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 3 – 0, to direct the Administrator and staff to communicate with DHEC in the County building to receive information in regards to structures that are in need of being torn down within the County.

Adjourn:

Ms. Cammick made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council