



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
June 6, 2017

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Paul Cain, District III
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II
Ms. Edda Cammick, Chairwoman, District I
Mr. Julian Davis III, Vice Chair, District IV
Mr. Glenn Hart, Chair Pro Tem, District V

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Scott Moulder, County Attorney David Root and Katie D. Smith, 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.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

No members of the media present.

Call to Order

Ms. Cammick called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Public Comment Session

Sheriff Mike Crenshaw invited Council and the public to attend the graduation of 35 high school students from Leadership Camp on Friday, June 9, 2017 located at the Oconee County Sheriff's Department.

County Council Response to Public Comment

Mr. Davis thanked Sheriff Crenshaw and the deputies for all of their hard work regarding Leadership Camp.

Ms. Cammick thanked Christy Hubbard, Oconee County Auditor, for creating online capabilities to register vehicles.

Moment of Silence

Ms. Cammick asked for a moment of silence prior the Invocation by the County Chaplain.

Invocation by County Council Chaplain:

Mr. Root, County Council Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Jerry Barnett 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. McCall, to approve the May 16, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to amend the minutes under 2016-20 to remove the word “unlawful” and add “lawful operation of a shooting range.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve May 16, 2017 minutes as amended.

Administrator’s Report & Agenda Summary

Mr. Moulder noted he has no report.

Proclamation 2017-06

PROCLAMATION 2017-06 HONORING MR. ROBERT O. BROCK.

Ms. Cammick read the proclamation into the record.

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, for **Proclamation 2017-06** on First & Final Reading.

Mr. Robert O. Brock came forward to accept **Proclamation 2017-06** from Ms. Cammick.

Public Hearings for the Following Ordinances

No public hearings held.

Third Reading of the Following Ordinances

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2017-13 “AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CERTAIN EASEMENT RIGHTS TO DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOCATING AND MAINTAINING ELECTRIC AND/OR COMMUNICATION FACILITIES ON COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2017-13** on second reading.

Ordinance 2017-01 “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES, FOR THE TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE

VICTIM SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE BRIDGE AND CULVERT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, AND FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, ALL IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2017-01** on second reading.

Mr. Moulder noted he had provided a copy of the amended Administrator’s Recommended Budget.

Ordinance 2017-02 “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY (the “School District”) AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve **Ordinance 2017-02** on second reading.

Discussion followed to include but not limited to:

- \$4 million deficit in 3 to 4 years
- In the past, SDOC has presented to County Council concerns for the future and deficits they will have
- Spending into fund balance over the past few years
- State retirement
- State House to pay 1% directly into retirement system
- Debt millage
- Operational millage
- Ms. Cammick to send letter to SDOC with questions
- 1% cost of living raise
- Last raise for County employees was 2015-2016
- SDOC next work session scheduled for June 12, 2017

Regarding previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2017-02** on second reading.

Ordinance 2017-03 “AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE KEOWEE FIRE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT AND TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE KEOWEE FIRE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2017-03** on second reading.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2017-09 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE OCONEE

COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS PERTAINING TO SIGN CONTROL, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain to approve **Ordinance 2017-09** on first reading.

Per Mr. Hart’s request, Mr. Greg Gordos, Senior Planner with Planning and Zoning Division, addressed Council regarding the following:

- Two changes to the ordinance are refining the definition of a billboard to more accurately reflect what is commonly considered to advertising off premise and having a square footage limit for a sign
- 75 square foot limit
- State regulates right-of-way but has no authority or regulations off of that right-of-way to dictate what a sign can and cannot be
- Business sign in front of a building had to be 1,300 feet away from another billboard or sign and would have an issue if there is another sign already in place

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2017-09** on first reading.

Ordinance 2017-14 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATION OF THE OCONEE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER, AND FURTHER, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF THE LAND UPON WHICH THE OCONEE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER WILL BE LOCATED; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2017-14** on first reading.

Ordinance 2017-16 [Title Only] “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A REAL PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY AS LESSOR AND THE FAIR-OAK YOUTH CENTER, INC. AS LESSEE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2017-16** on first reading.

First & Final Reading for the Following Resolutions

Resolution 2017-07 “A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE OCONEE COUNTY RECREATION REVIEW TASK FORCE.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve **Resolution 2017-07** on first and final reading.

Discussion followed to include to include but not limited to:

- Recreation review task force
- Not only for youth but also senior citizens
- Mr. Davis appointed as Chair over the recreation review task force
- Representatives throughout the County will appoint two members to serve
- Bring the representatives to Council for approval, and if approved, this would be the task force
- Meetings would be consistent with Freedom of Information Act
- Report back to Council twice a year, once in October and once before the next Budget

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Resolution 2017-07** on first and final reading.

Resolution 2017-08 “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDING LEASE NO. DACW21-1-14-2011 BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ALSO AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF LEASE NO. DACW21-1-17-0022, A NEW LEASE BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ALL IN RELATION TO THE SENECA CREEK BOAT RAMP ACCESS AREA.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart to approve **Resolution 2017-08** on first and final reading.

Discussion followed to include but not limited to:

- Amendment to an existing lease and a renewal of the particular lease for the Seneca Creek boat landing
- Adding additional acreage that will allow for future expansion plans
- Additional parking and additional boat ramps

Per Mr. Davis’ request, Mr. Phil Shirley, Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism addressed Council regarding the following:

- Seneca Creek is one of the first ramp to go unusable as the water goes down
- Lease will remove the County for the 10-year lease, which is a regular lease with the Corp of Engineers, and enter into a 25-year lease which will allow for additional funds such as grants
- Need adequate access to Lake Hartwell

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hart, approve 5 – 0, to approve **Resolution 2017-08** on first and final reading.

Resolution R2017-09 “A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTENT TO CEASE COUNTY MAINTENANCE ON, AND TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY CONSENT TO JUDICIAL ABANDONMENT AND CLOSURE OF, A PORTION OF A LINHART ROAD, AN OCONEE COUNTY PUBLIC ROAD; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve **Resolution 2017-09** on first and final reading.

Discussion followed to include but not limited to:

- No residents in this particular section
- All residents that live on this road have been communicated with and contacted personally and all have supported closing the road
- Closed at the end near Sharpe Manufacturing and cul-de-sac will be put in

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Resolution 2017-09** on first and final reading.

Discussion Regarding Action Items

State & Local ATAX / Mountain Lakes CVB FY 2018

This request was unanimously approved by the PRT Commission on 5-11-2017. Estimated that \$125,000 will come from 65% State ATAX fund and \$27,000 will come from Local ATAX fund. Exact amounts from each account will be determined upon receipt of the 4th Quarter State ATAX check in August.

Local ATAX balance =\$161,908

State ATAX balance = \$85,107

Staff recommends Council approve \$152,000 from State & Local ATAX accounts noting exact amounts from each account will be determined upon receipt of the 4th Quarter State ATAX check in August.

PRT Commission Local ATAX grant requests

\$37,895 for upcoming events/projects:

- \$5,000 for South Carolina Sports Alliance
- \$25,000 for Road Titans 300 Cycling event
- \$3,200 for Discover Oconee weekly radio show
- \$2,195 for Destination Oconee photo kiosk
- \$2,500 for playground accessories

Staff recommends approval of ATAX recommendations by the PRT Commission

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve State & Local ATAX / Mountain Lakes CVB FY 2018 & PRT Commission Local ATAX grant requests.

Discussion followed to include but not limited to:

- Road Titans cycling event seems to be a lot of money
- Economic Impact Numbers

Mr. Phil Shirley addressed Council regarding the following:

- Fourth year hosting Road Titans 300
- 13 different countries and 14 different states last year

- Elite cyclists that travel
- \$15,000 to bring event to Oconee County and up to \$10,000 to pay Sheriff's Deputies
- Non-stop riding event
- Last year, Hurricane Matthew happened on that weekend
- Recognition that Oconee County is a premier cycling area

Mr. Davis noted under the list of sponsors the County logo does not appear and would like for it be added. Mr. Shirley noted it would be fixed.

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve State & Local ATAX / Mountain Lakes CVB FY 2018 & PRT Commission Local ATAX grant requests.

Engineering Services for Entrance Roadway Improvements for Seneca Rail Park / Oconee Economic Alliance / Amount: \$74,630.00

Budget: \$710,000 **Project Cost:** \$74,630 **Remaining Balance:** 635,370

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve the total award of \$74,630.00 to Thomas & Hutton, of Greenville, SC for engineering services for the above mentioned project.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve the Engineering Services for Entrance Roadway Improvements for Seneca Rail Park for the Oconee Economic Alliance Department in the amount of \$74,630.00.

Discussion followed to include but not limited to:

- Engineering work to design and manage the project and the bidding process
- Design and manage the project throughout the process
- Contractor to pave road

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve the total award of \$74,630.00 to Thomas & Hutton, of Greenville, SC for engineering services for the above mentioned project.

NimbleStorage Array / Department: IT / Amount: \$182,616.00

Budget: \$50,00.00 (in Capital Equipment) / **Project Cost:** \$40,629.68 (First Lease Payment) / **Balance:** \$9,370.32

It is the staff's recommendation that Council (1) approve the purchase of the NimbleStorage AF3000 storage array from Encore Technology Solutions of Greenville, SC, in the amount of \$182,616 and (2) authorize the five year capital lease agreement directly with VAR Technology Finance of Mesquite, TX for five annual payments of \$40,629.68.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve NimbleStorage Array for the IT Department in the amount of \$182,616.00.

Discussion followed to include but not limited to:

- System of pieces of equipment that manage data
- Issues with equipment the County has now is [1] equipment is outdated, [2] software that manages the data and the County pays a maintenance fee is outdated, [3] slows down entire network system
- Will provide speed and storage capability
- Expand number of virtual machines
- Will be paying the same amount for the new equipment plus the upgrades as the County is for the equipment currently being used
- Technology services online
- Zero impact to the budget

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve [1] approve the purchase of the NimbleStorage AF3000 storage array from Encore Technology Solutions of Greenville, SC, in the amount of \$182,616 and [2] authorize the five year capital lease agreement directly with VAR Technology Finance of Mesquite, TX for five annual payments of \$40,629.68.

Used Portable Recycling Plant / Department: Solid Waste/Roads/Quarry / Amount: \$146,000.00

Budget: \$146,000.00 / Project Cost: \$146,000.00 / Balance: \$0

It is the staff’s recommendation that Council approve the purchase of one used, 2006 KPT FT 4240CC Portable Recycling Plant from Stone Equipment Company, Inc., of Montgomery, AL, for the cost of \$146,000.00.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve the Used Portable Recycling Plant for the Solid Waste, Roads & Quarry Departments in the amount of \$146,000.00.

Discussion followed to include but not limited to:

- Recycling Plant
- Recycling equipment is for recycling of construction and demolition material
- Concrete, block, brick, asphalt, etc. can be crushed down to be used as a commodity
- Save landfill space
- Continue recycling efforts for the environment

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve the purchase of one used, 2006 KPT FT 4240CC Portable Recycling Plant from Stone Equipment Company, Inc., of Montgomery, AL, for the cost of \$146,000.00.

Used Dive Team Vehicle / Department: Emergency Services / Amount: \$60,000.00

Budget: \$75,000.00 Project Cost: \$60,000.00 Balance: \$15,000.00

It is the staff’s recommendation that Council approve the purchase of one used, 2010 Ford F-550 Light Rescue/Dive Team Vehicle from Brindle Mountain Fire Apparatus, of Union Grove, AL, for the cost of \$60,000.00.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve a Used Dive Team Vehicle for the Emergency Services Department in the amount of \$60,000.00.

Per Mr. McCall's request, Mr. Charlie King, Fire Chief, addressed Council regarding the following:

- Used Rescue Vehicle from Kingsport, TN
- Vehicle includes cascade system already installed to refill dive cylinders, diesel engine, low mileage, four wheel drive
- Can carry equipment and serve as a tow vehicle for boats

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, to approve the purchase of one used, 2010 Ford F-550 Light Rescue/Dive Team Vehicle from Brindle Mountain Fire Apparatus, of Union Grove, AL, for the cost of \$60,000.00.

Board & Commission Appointments

Building Codes Appeal Board

No nominations were made.

Old / Unfinished Business:

None at this meeting.

New Business:

None at this meeting.

Council Committee Reports:

None at this meeting.

Executive Session:

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0 to enter into Executive Session for the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

[1] "to receive legal advice and discuss contractual matters related to the proposed Consultant Agreement for Services between Oconee County and RCI of South Carolina, Inc."

Council entered Executive Session at 7:06 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0.

Ms. Cammick stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to amend the agenda to remove the decision for the inspection services for RCI.

Adjourn

Mr. Davis made a motion, approved unanimously 5 – 0, to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council