

**MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Mr. Steven R. Moore, District I Mr. Kenneth E. Johns, Jr., District II  
Mr. Harry R. Hamilton, District III Mr. Marion E. Lyles, District IV  
Mr. H. Frank Ables, Jr., District V

**MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Oconee County Council met Tuesday, June 18, 2002 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

**Press:**

Members of the press notified (by mail): Keowee Courier, Westminster News, Anderson Independent, WGOG Radio, Daily Journal, WYFF TV, WLOS TV.

Members of the press present: Amanda Rylander - Daily Journal & Dave Williams - Anderson Independent.

**Other Organizations Notified:**

Also notified were the Oconee County Tax Payers Association and the Oconee County Democratic Party.

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Ables in the absence of Supervisor-Chair Hughes. Mr. Ables welcomed those present for the meeting.

**Invocation:**

Mr. Johns gave the invocation.

**Minutes:**

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the June 4, 2002 meeting be adopted as printed.

**Department of Social Services:**

Mr. Dan Whitehurst, DSS Director & Ms. Leann Green, DHHS Director addressed Council regarding the county's responsibilities in providing office space and facility service as per Section 43-3-65, SC Code of Laws. (See attached)

Mr. Ables assigned this to the Purchasing, Contracting, Real Estate, Building & Grounds Committee, which scheduled a meeting Monday, July 8, 2002 at 8:30 AM in Council Chambers to discuss the matter.

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**First Steps:**

KA Associates presented the attached Oconee County First Steps Transportation Needs Assessment Executive Summary to Council. The focus of the survey was to develop a comprehensive view of the perceptions of County residents regarding transportation and unmet needs that may exist with the following questions:

- Are any persons in your household age 16 or older dependent on others for transportation because they do not have a car or do not drive?
- Are you or other members of your household avoiding or postponing trips because you do not have access to transportation?

**Public Hearing Regarding Ordinance 2002-10:**

The next item on the agenda was a public hearing to receive written and/or oral comments regarding Ordinance 2002-10, 'AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000) OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2002, TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO'.

To Mr. B. J. Littleton's question regarding the purpose of the bond and the method of payment of the bond, Mr. Bradley Love, HAYNSWORTH, SINKLER & BOYD, P.A., Bond Counsel stated the purpose of the bond is for phase one of the Public Safety Facility and the method of payment will be ad-valorem taxes.

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 2002-10 (titled above) be adopted on third and final reading.

**Assessor:**

Upon recommendation of Mr. Roger Williams, Assessor, Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 5 - 0 that the CD's of property rolls be sold at a cost of \$100 and the charge to update them be \$10 per month.

**Coroner (Contingency):**

Upon request of Mr. Karl Addis, Coroner, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 5 - 0 that \$5,000 be taken from contingency and placed in line item 010 103 30025. (See attached request)

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**Communications (Contingency):**

Upon request of Mr. John Murray, Emergency Communications Director, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 5 - 0 that \$8,500 be taken from contingency and placed in line item 010 104 50840.

Mr. Lyles then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 - 0 that the bid for the generator for Long Mountain be awarded to Matthews Electrical Contractors who was low bid at a cost of \$38,500. (See attached bid sheet)

**Airport:**

Upon recommendation of Mr. Robert Banks, Airport Director & Mrs. Ann Albertson, Procurement Department, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 5 - 0 that the bid for aviation fuel be awarded to Eastern Aviation Fuels, Inc. at an approximate cost of \$185,702.40 for approximate quantities. (See attached bid sheet)

**Resolution 2002-19:**

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 4 - 1 (Mr. Moore voting against) that Resolution 2002-19, 'A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE INTER BASIN WATER TRANSFER IN THE SAVANNAH RIVER BASIN' be adopted on first and final reading.

**Parks & Recreation:**

Upon request of Mrs. Lombard, on behalf of the County Supervisor, Mr. Moore made a motion that \$3,000 be taken from contingency to fund a PRT Director for the remainder of the fiscal year. This motion died for lack of a second.

**Short Street Agreement:**

Mr. Norton presented the attached agreement between Karen Ballenger and Oconee County for improvement of Short Street to Council. Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 4 - 1 (Mr. Johns abstaining due to family connection) that the agreement be adopted.

**Emergency Management:**

Mr. Johns congratulated Emergency Management and Rescue Workers on awards received for services to the county citizens.

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**Commission Appointments:**

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 5 - 0 that Dennis Pearson be reappointed to represent District II on the Solid Waste Commission and Larry Brandt be reappointed to represent District II on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 - 0 that Louise Bell be reappointed to represent District III on the Arts & Historical Commission.

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 - 0 that Phil Soper be appointed to represent District IV on the Water Commission.

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Lee Keese be reappointed to represent District V on the Solid Waste Commission, Mr. Tony Grant be reappointed to represent District V on the Emergency Management Commission, Mr. Ryan Honea be reappointed to represent District V on the Planning Commission and Mr. Jerry Barlowe be reappointed as an at-large member on the Sewer Commission.

**Recommendation of Roads & Transportation Committee:**

Upon recommendation of the Roads & Transportation Committee, Council voted 4 - 1 (Mr. Hamilton voting against) that roadways accepted under the previous administration that did not meet the Ordinance 91-1 be taken out of the system until such time they do meet the specifications. (See attached listing)

**Public Comment Session:**

Mr. B. J. Littleton expressed appreciation regarding the comments made on the generator for communications and also expressed an opinion that Council should go ahead with the Rock Building.

**Executive Session:**

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 5 - 0 that Council go into executive session for the discussion of a contractual matter and a personnel matter.

**Open Session:**

When open session resumed, Council voted unanimously that the salary study completed by MGT be amended to include a \$2,500 supplement for the Council Clerk.

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**Big Brothers/Big Sisters:**

Ms. Melva Warrick addressed Council requesting \$3,000 funding for advertising for the 'Bowl for Kids' Sake 2002'. This request was referred to the Budget & Finance Committee.

**Adjourn:**

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Respectfully Submitted:

Opal O. Green  
Council Clerk