



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Special Meeting
April 29, 2014

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV, Council Chairman
Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I, Vice Chairman
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II, Chairman Pro Tem
VACANT, District III
Mr. Reg Dexter, District V

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, Administrator Scott Moulder; County Finance Director Mark Pullium; Budget Analyst Ladale Price, and Clerk to Council, Elizabeth Hulse present.

SDOC Staff & Board Members Present: Dr. Michael Lucas, Superintendent; Dr. Michael Thorsland; Ms. Gloria Moore; Mr. Steve Hanvey; and Board members Mr. Andy Inabinet, Mr. Jerry Lee & Ms. Denise McCormick.

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.

Member of the press present: Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent, Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio & Norman Cannada - Daily Journal.

Call to Order: Mr. Thrift called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

School District of Oconee County [SDOC] FY 2014-2015 Budget Presentation

Mr. Thrift turned the floor over to Dr. Lucas, Dr. Thorsland and Ms. Moore who utilizing a PowerPoint presentation and handouts [copies filed with these minutes] highlighted the following key areas:

- State Funding of Education / Finance Act Obligation
- SDOC History of Local Revenue
- SDOC General Fund Balance
- Seven [7] Year History of School Millage
- **Total Request for Operational Budget for FY 2014-2015: Dr. Thorsland requested \$42,006,424 in local tax revenue. Additionally, he requested that Council consider in the alternative that council approved dedicated millage for the operating budget at 110.1 mills.**

Discussion followed. Dr. Lucas noted that he is retiring and thanked Council for working well with the SDOC over the years to improve the education for Oconee County students. Mr. Thrift thanked Dr. Lucas for his years of dedicated service. Additionally, he thanks the staff and the SDOC Board for their hard work on this budget presentation.

Break Council did not take a break at this meeting.

County Administrator's FY 2014-2015 Budget Presentation

Mr. Thrift turned the floor over to Mr. Moulder who provided each Council member with a budget book [copy filed with these minutes on CD] and he addressed Council utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] reviewing with Council the following issues related to the FY2014-2015 proposed budget:

- Vision, Mission & Strategic Plan Goals
- Strategic Plan Goals
- FY 2015 Appropriation Focus
- Interfund Transfers
- Special Revenue Funds
- Rock Quarry Fund
- Bridges & Culverts Fund
- Road Maintenance Fee Fund
- General Fund:
 - Total Requests
 - New Personnel Requests
 - Capital Outlay
 - General Fund Summary
 - General Revenues & Expenditures
 - General Fund Other Financing Sources / Uses
- Emergency Services Protection District Fund
- Economic Development Capital Projects Fund

Discussion followed regarding various aspects of the proposed budget to include: Golden Corner Commerce Park Phase I & II Sewer, Sewer Authority Funding, Fund Balance, Broadband Project, CVB Staff/Funding, Magistrate Court needs, Capital needs, Airport paving, Local Government under Funding as it relates to state mandated agencies, etc.

Mr. Dexter noted that at the first budget committee meeting where the FY2014-2015 budget will be discussed that public comment/questions will be allowed.

Adjourn:

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, approved unanimously to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council