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OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

10:30 A.M., Friday, March 19, 2021

Council Chambers

Oconee County Administrative Offices

415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, South Carolina 29691

Call to Order

Discussion Items *[to include Vote and/or Action on matter brought up for discussion, if required]*

- Discussion regarding Westminster Magistrate Office

Adjourn

*The public is invited to attend the meeting, however, an opportunity for public comment **will not** be offered at this meeting.*

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Elliott, Chair, District I

Paul Cain, Vice-Chair, District III

Julian Davis, III, Chair Pro Tem, District IV

Matthew Durham, District II

Glenn Hart, District V

OCONEE CODE OF ORDINANCES

Sec. 2-61. - Access to and conduct at county meetings, facilities and property.

(a) *Purpose.* The county council has determined that it is necessary to regulate access to county facilities, grounds and property in order to ensure the safety and security of the public who visit these areas or the county employees who serve them. The conduct of persons who visit county facilities and/or who have contact with county employees must also be regulated to preserve public order, peace and safety. The regulation of access and conduct must be balanced with the right of the public to have reasonable access to public facilities and to receive friendly, professional service from county employees. These regulations apply to all county facilities and meetings, as defined below, for and over which county council exercises control and regulation, and to the extent, only, not preempted by state or federal law.

(b) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Facility means any building, structure, or real property owned, leased, rented, operated or occupied by the county or one of its departments, offices or agencies.

Meeting means any assemblage of persons for the purpose of conducting county governmental business, operations or functions or any assemblage of persons within a county governmental facility. The term "meeting" includes, but is not limited to, county council meetings, county board and committee and staff meetings, trials, hearings and other proceedings conducted in the courts of general sessions and common pleas, family court, master-in-equity, probate court and magistrate's court; and other meetings by entities duly authorized by the county council.

(c) *Prohibited acts.* It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) Utter loud, obscene, profane, threatening, disruptive or abusive language or to engage in any disorderly or disruptive conduct that impedes, disrupts or disturbs the orderly proceedings of any meeting, or operations of any department or function of the county government, including, without limitation, speaking when not explicitly recognized and authorized to do so by the presiding official in such meeting.
- (2) Bring, carry, or otherwise introduce any firearm, knife with blade longer than two inches or other dangerous weapon, concealed or not concealed, into any facility or meeting. This prohibition does not apply to law enforcement personnel or any other person whose official, governmental duties require them to carry such firearm, knife, or other weapon.
- (3) Engage in partisan political activity, including speech, in any meeting not authorized and called for the purpose of partisan political activity and explicitly authorized for such purpose in the facility in which such activity is to be conducted, or refusing to cease such activity when the presiding official of the meeting in question has ruled that the activity in question is partisan political activity and has directed that such activity stop.
- (4) Interfere with, impede, hinder or obstruct any county governmental official or employee in the performance of his duties, whether or not on county government property.
- (5) Enter any area of a county government facility, grounds or property when such entry is prohibited by signs, or obstructed or enclosed by gates, fencing or other physical barriers. Such areas include rooms if clearly marked with signs to prohibit unauthorized entry.
- (6) Enter by vehicle any area of a county governmental facility, grounds or property when such area is prohibited by signs or markings or are obstructed by physical barriers; or park a vehicle in such restricted areas; or park in a manner to block, partially block or impede the passage of traffic in driveways; or park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or in a fire zone; or park in any area not designated as a parking space; or park in a handicapped parking space without proper placarding or license plate; or park in a reserved parking space without authorization.

- (7) Use any county governmental facility, grounds or other property for any purpose not authorized by law or expressly permitted by officials responsible for the premises.
 - (8) Enter without authorization or permission or refuse to leave any county governmental facility, grounds or other property after hours of operation.
 - (9) Obstruct or impede passage within a building, grounds or other property of any county governmental facility.
 - (10) Enter, without legal cause or good excuse, a county governmental facility, grounds or property after having been warned not to do so; or, having entered such property, fail and refuse without legal cause or good excuse to leave immediately upon being ordered or requested to do so by an official, employee, agent or representative responsible for premises.
 - (11) Damage, deface, injure or attempt to damage, deface or injure a county governmental property, whether real property or otherwise.
 - (12) Enter or attempt to enter any restricted or nonpublic ingress point or any restricted access area, or bypass or attempt to bypass the designated public entrance or security checkpoint of a facility without authorization or permission.
 - (13) Perform any act which circumvents, disables or interferes with or attempts to circumvent, disable or interfere with a facility's security system, alarm system, camera system, door lock or other intrusion prevention or detection device. This includes, without limitation, opening, blocking open, or otherwise disabling an alarmed or locked door or other opening that would allow the entry of an unauthorized person into a facility or restricted access area of the facility.
 - (14) Exit or attempt to exit a facility through an unauthorized egress point or alarmed door.
- (d) *Penalty for violation of section.* Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished in accordance with section 1-7. In addition, vehicles that are improperly parked on any county property, facility, or other premises may be towed at the owner's expense.

(Ord. No. 2003-04, §§ 1—4, 4-15-2003; Ord. No. 2012-06, § 1, 4-3-2012)

Katie Smith

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“Public Notice

Oconee County Council will hold a special meeting at 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 19, 2021 in Council Chambers located at 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691 for discussion regarding the Westminster Magistrate Office.”

Please confirm receipt of this email by way of reply.

Best Regards,

Katie

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council
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March 19, 2021

Mr. John Elliott
Chairman, Oconee County Council
Oconee County
415 South Pine Street
Walhalla, SC 29691

Dear Chairman Elliott:

We appreciate your service and that of County Councilmen, Davis, Cain, Hart and Durham. As elected officials, we are often called upon to make decisions that affect our community in both large and small ways. Please accept this letter as a statement of our full support and our City's dedication to serve as a stakeholder in the construction of a magistrate court facility at 1606 E. Main Street in downtown Westminster.

We understand, and we very much appreciate, that many of you and many of the County's staff have worked persistently over a period of years to do the necessary due diligence to evaluate alternative sites within the City of Westminster, and that you have thoughtfully selected 1606 East Main Street as what is the most economical and universally accessible for the citizens. Further, we know you considered all aspects of the cost of this project and believe your planned investment in a public facility to serve all Oconeeans is a wise investment of what is known as the "people's court." This is of critical importance. Not to elected officials, but to the people – to the citizens we serve. It is one of the last places a citizen can avail him or her self of the right to be self-represented, represented or otherwise be heard on matters within the court's jurisdiction. Given the due diligence afforded by all of you and the reverence of this building, we feel it is critical to move this project forward.

We especially appreciate and recognize Councilman Julian Davis's leadership in support of the City and citizens of Westminster. As his district includes our City and all of our citizens, his efforts to create this new magistrate office will have a lasting impact. Access to justice is a critical endeavor, especially where economic resources among the citizenry are disparate. As the saying goes, "A rising tide floats all boats." We look forward to celebrating his footstep on this cornerstone of justice.

We believe this investment in Westminster by each of you is a vital investment for all Oconeeans. We believe this location is the best location. Since the property has been non-taxable for many years, new construction for a public facility on this property will increase the value of the surrounding properties that do generate taxable income. Rehabilitation of property can only serve the future good of Oconee and other counties, particularly for the cause of justice.

We understand and appreciate the challenge of balancing the investment of tax dollars in a new magistrate facility. We the members of the Westminster City Council join the citizens in thanking you for your consideration.

We respectfully ask that you move this project forward as you had previously planned, with the intended goal of providing liberty and justice for all regardless of means. We join you in the belief that our citizens deserve that from both the County and City level.

Sincerely,

The Westminster City Council

RESOLUTION

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

SUPPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE OCONEE
COUNTY MAGISTRATE OFFICE AT 1606 EAST MAIN
STREET, WESTMINSTER SC

CITY OF WESTMINSTER)

WHEREAS, Oconee County Councilmembers and Oconee County staff has performed its due diligence in selecting 1606 East Main Street, Westminster for the location of a Oconee County Magistrate Office; and

WHEREAS, Oconee County has analyzed, planned and developed a site design and facility design which will provide Oconee County residents adequate Magistrate Court facilities; and

WHEREAS, Oconee County has the financial resources either set aside or planned for the construction of a Magistrate Court Facility; and

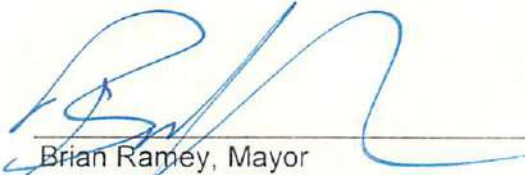
WHEREAS, the investment and the construction of a Magistrate Court facility at 1606 East Main Street, Westminster, SC by Oconee County will enhance the access to all who seek justice through the Magistrate Court; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Westminster City Council does affirm its support for the construction of the Oconee County Magistrate Office at 1606 East Main Street, Westminster, SC for the City of Westminster, SC:


RESOLVED, this 16th day of March 2021.

ATTEST:


Jennifer Adams, City Clerk




Brian Ramey, Mayor



Danny Duncan, Mayor Pro Tem



Reid Adams, Councilmember



Rusty Cater, Councilmember



Brad Chastain, Councilmember



Yousef Mefleh, Councilmember

Jimmy Powell, Councilmember

New Westminster Magistrates Office

1-16-2020 RFP 19-03 For Design Build Services for a New Westminster Magistrates Office was issued and sent to 16 firms

2-11-2020 RFP 19-03 opened, 4 Proposals were received.

Hogan Construction

J. Davis Construction

Marsh Bell Construction

Trehel, Inc

2-13-2020 1st Committee Meeting to handout and discuss proposals received

2-20-2020 2nd Committee Meeting to review and recommend Award

Committee Recommended Award to Trehel, Inc

3-3-2020 County Council Approved the Award for Schematics and Design to Trehel, Inc in the amount of \$15,000.00

3-6-2020 Purchase Order was issued to Trehel, Inc and they began the Schematics and Design for the Renovation or New Build for the Westminster Magistrates Office.

5-26-2020 Staff met with Trehel and reviewed 2 construction options provided

1. Demo and rebuild 5142 sq ft. \$917,144.00

2. Renovate current building 5142 sq. ft. \$979,865.00

Staff negotiated with Trehel and reviewed some value engineering (VE) options and requested revised pricing based on those options.

6-3-2020 Revised proposals received utilizing VE options.

There are unknown issues with the current concrete slab. It will require testing and possible additional work in order to get the slab to a useable condition that will meet current code requirements.

1. Demo and Abate building utilizing the current footprint / concrete slab, vinyl siding and stone veneer

\$900,371.00

2. Demo and Abate building reducing the square footage to 4707 sq. feet, utilizing current slab, cementitious siding with stone veneer.

\$971,549.00

Requested Trehel to provide proposal for the County Roads and Bridges to do some or most of the demolition and asphalt work

1. Proposal received 6-16-2020 REVD Value Engr – New Facility, Existing Slab with Vinyl Siding and brick veneer.

\$805,416.00 + footing alternate the total is \$823,657.00

6-23-2020 Staff met and reviewed several scenarios in pricing provided by Trehel

1. Renovate existing
2. Demo existing facility and build back on the existing concrete slab
3. Demo the existing facility and remove the existing slab and build new
4. Demo existing, leave the slab and do various finishes such as brick vs stone, vinyl vs painted siding, different entry

There were numerous issues to address and it was determined

1. When comparing "apples to apples" as close as possible, it was determined that it is more expensive to renovate the existing structure vs. tearing down and leaving the existing slab and building from there.
2. There would be additional costs to address what we assume would be some structural issues with the existing concrete slab to support the 'Hut' structure as we performed demo and abatements inside.
3. We couldn't reuse most, if any, of the existing exposed beam structure, raised stage, walls in the 'existing Sanctuary' because of abatements and structural issues. That was most of the reason that renovating the existing facility wasn't economical.

It was decided to request pricing to abate and demo the current structure and start from ground up with reduced square footage and new building.

7-15-2020 received new floor plan (3581 sq. ft.) for review. Chief Magistrate, William Derrick reviewed the plan and advised it would meet the needs of the Westminster Office / Court.

7-27-2020 Received proposal for the new floor plan, with the County doing minimal work

\$745,637.00

\$ 8573.00 Automated Fire and Security Alarm System

\$13,324.00 Cementitious Siding and Stone wainscot (exterior)

\$767,534.00

\$ 76,753.40 10% Contingency for unforeseen items / issues

\$844,287.40

We obtained a better product for a better price by tearing the building down and doing new construction.

Once we receive County Council approval to move forward, construction should be completed in or around the Month of April.

Tentative timing below:

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| a. Complete engineering and drawings for permitting | 3 weeks |
| b. Submit for permit approval | 30-45 days |
| c. Construction Duration | 5 months |



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LEGALS

City of Walhalla Board of Zoning Appeals April 5th, 2021 AGENDA 5:30 PM Walhalla Depot

1. Call to Order
2. Elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
3. Set quarterly meeting dates.
4. Discuss a variance to place a business in 207 Booker Dr.
5. Discuss a Special exception to place a mobile home on 114 Norton St.
6. Further discussion by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
7. Adjournment

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that **Los Arcos Mexican Grill, LLC** intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license and/or permit that will allow the sale and On premises consumption of beer, wine, and liquor at 124F E. Main Street, Walhalla, SC 29691
To object to the issuance of this license and/or permit, written protest must be postmarked no later than March 30, 2021

For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:

- (1) The name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest;
- (2) The specific reasons why the application should be denied;
- (3) That the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);
- (4) That the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,
- (5) The name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed.

Protests must be mailed to: SCDOR, ABL SECTION, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, SC 29214-0907; or faxed to: (803) 896-0110.

On February 2, 2021, the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing suspended the license of Myrna Schneck Green, RN PA license no. RN612403, of Mountain Rest, South Carolina, for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty.

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Public Notice

The Oconee County Fire Service Advisory Commission meeting that was scheduled for 6pm, Thursday, March 18,

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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF OCONEE**

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

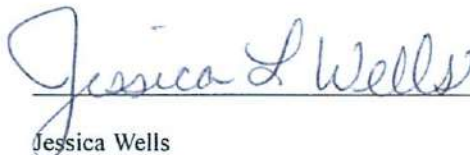
IN RE: Public Notice Oconee County Council Friday, March 19, 2021

BEFORE ME the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State and County above named, This day personally came before me, Hal Welch, who being first duly sworn according to law, says that he is the General Manager of **THE JOURNAL**, a newspaper published Tuesday through Saturday in Seneca, SC and distributed in **Oconee County, Pickens County** and the Pendleton area of **Anderson County** and the notice (of which the annexed is a true copy) was inserted in said papers on 03/18/2021 and the rate charged therefore is not in excess of the regular rates charged private individuals for similar insertions.



Hal Welch
General Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
03/18/2021



Jessica Wells
Notary Public
State of South Carolina
My Commission Expires November 12, 2030



Jessica Lee Wells
NOTARY PUBLIC
State of South Carolina
My Commission Expires
November 13, 2030