



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
JOINT MEETING WITH
OJRSA
September 6, 2022

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. John Elliott, Chairman, District I
Mr. Paul Cain, Vice Chairman, District III
Mr. Julian Davis III, Chairman Pro Tem, District IV
Mr. Glenn Hart, District V
District II

Oconee County Council along with the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority [OJRSA] met at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, and Jennifer C. Adams, Clerk to Council present.

OJRSA board members present include Chris Eleazer [OJRSA Director], Tyler Grant, Brian Ramey [Board Chair], Brandon Burton, Scott Parris, Bob Faries, Scott Moulder, and Leigh Baker.

Facilitating the joint meeting was Mr. Chip Bentley, Deputy Director of Appalachian Council of Governments [ACOG].

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 [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Norm Cannada / The Journal

Call to Order

Mr. Elliott called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Elliott asked for a moment of silence prior to the Invocation by County Council Chaplain.

Invocation by County Council Chaplain

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Brian Ramey led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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

Oconee County Council and the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority [OJRSA] held a joint meeting to discuss the following topics related to sewer growth and infrastructure within Oconee County:

- Vision for Growth – Identifying the County’s projected/desired growth pattern and associated infrastructure needs in desired development areas.
- Options for Organizational Structure / Partnerships – Identifying the roles of the County, cities, and OJRSA in regards to construction, operations, and plans for future sewer.
- Growth / Partnerships – What is the potential for developing partnerships with other agencies that could benefit future potential growth?

Mr. Elliott turned the meeting over to facilitator, Mr. Chip Bentley, Deputy Director of ACOG, who then asked Mr. Chris Eleazer, OJRSA Director, to present an announcement to members of Council and OJRSA.

Mr. Eleazer informed Council and OJRSA members in attendance that he received approval today to advertise the Sewer South Project for bidding.

Mr. Bentley then presented the above topics related to sewer growth and infrastructure within Oconee County to both Council and OJRSA to open conversations.

Lengthy discussion between Council, present staff, and OJRSA followed.

Mr. Elliott concluded the meeting noting communication is important and suggested that future meetings may be needed.

Adjourn:

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Council

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