

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Steven R. Moore, District I Mr. Kenneth E. Johns, District II
Mr. William “Bill Rinehart, District III Mr. Marion E. Lyles, District IV
Mr. H. Frank Ables, Jr., District V

MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Oconee County Council held a special meeting Tuesday, May 25, 2004 in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members except Mr. Johns present. Mr. Norton, County Attorney, was also present.

Press:

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

Members of the press present: & Ray Chandler – Daily Journal.

Other Organizations Notified:

- Other organizations notified were the Oconee County Tax Payers Association and the Oconee County Democratic Party.

Call to Order:

- Chairman Ables called the meeting to order.

Invocation:

- Mr. Rinehart gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

- Mr. Norton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.

Ordinance 2004-12:

- Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 4 – 0 that Ordinance 2004-12, “THE 2004-05 OCONEE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE” be adopted on second reading with a total of \$34,219,666 in the County operational budget and \$47,019,000 in the School District budget.

RESOLUTION 2004-03:

- Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 4 – 0 that Resolution 2004-03, “A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ACQUIRE BY INITIAL CONSTRUCTION OR PURCHASE, ESTABLISH, IMPLEMENT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A WATER SYSTEM OR SYSTEMS AND, WHETHER OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, ACTING THROUGH THE OCONEE COUNTY SEWER COMMISSION, SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ACQUIRE BY INITIAL CONSTRUCTION OR PURCHASE, ESTABLISH, IMPLEMENT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A SEWER SYSTEM OR SYSTEMS AND APPLY TO THE COSTS OF SAID WATER SYSTEM OR SYSTEMS AND SAID SEWER SYSTEM OR SYSTEMS TAXES, REVENUES OF SUCH SYSTEM OR SYSTEMS AND OTHER FUNDS AS DETERMINED BY OCONEE COUNTY” be adopted on first and final reading.

Educational Committee:

Upon recommendation of Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 4 – 0 that Ms. Susie Cornelius & Dr. Berlethia Pitts be appointed to the educational committee regarding the above mentioned referendum question.

Budget & Finance Committee Recommendations:

- Upon recommendation of the Budget & Finance Committee, Council voted unanimously to release the \$525,228 that was set aside in the 2003-04 budget if needed by the School District contingent upon their requesting a waiver on maintenance of effort and operating at last year’s funding level.

Also, upon recommendation of the Budget & Finance Committee, Council voted unanimously to restore direct aid to the cities at the same amount as last year and further, that we begin working toward a funding formula, which will include the cities assistance with rural fire and recreational needs before next fiscal year.

Adjourn:

- Adjourn: 11:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted:

Opal O. Green, Clerk to Council