

Comments to Oconee County Council June 20th, 2006

The following statement is taken from the assessors Q&A web page

5. How does reassessment affect my tax bill?

In the year of reassessment the millage rate for all real and personal property must not exceed the rollback millage, except that the rollback millage may be increased by the percentage increase in the consumer price index for the year immediately preceding the year of reassessment, exceptions can be made under extraordinary circumstances.

My understanding of this rather obtuse sentence is (I believe under State law) that with reassessment, the county is required to stay essentially "revenue neutral". That is to say that if total reassessment of the county would increase revenue by 15.5% then the mil rate should be reduced by a like amount, so that county income stays the same. There is an option of increasing the revenue by the 3% inflation rate. There can also be an addition for "extraordinary circumstances."

From what I understand, this means that if the estimated revenue increase caused by reassessment is 15.5%, last years mil rate should be reduced by a like amount of 15.5%, less inflation of say 3%.

In other words last years rate of 216.6 mils would be reduced by 12.5%, (22.1 mils) to 194.5 mils. The proposed rate is 206.5, 12 mils higher.

If indeed, there is an "extraordinary circumstance" for that addition, I think the Council ought to explain to the population what it is.

All that aside for a moment, the purpose of a reassessment is not to raise taxes, but to redistribute the tax load among the population to reflect the changed nature of the assets within the community. (Example) While this may seem eminently fair on the surface, in certain cases it is an unfair burden on many of your constituents. The case in point is the very dramatic rise in land and building prices caused by extremely rapid demand and growth in certain areas. In our case, near the lakes ... in other areas of the State it is riverfront or beach properties. The result is that many bought property that was within their budget at the time, but would be way out of reach today. That can present a serious tax burden for many.

This is true to such an extent that the State Legislature passed a bill which would limit the amount of increase in an individual reassessment to 15% over 5 years, unless it is improved or sold. Still high, but nothing like it could be given current market forces. The current Council plans, are to ignore this situation and overtly pass an ordinance to bypass that legislative intent. I ask that you reconsider that action, bite the bullet and fix this.

State law REQUIRES property tax reassessment every 5 years, 2006 for us. There are certain to be MANY cases of DOUBLED and TRIPLED assessments. The law allows it to be postponed for this year IF the County gets permission from the State Dept of Revenue to do so.

Oconee County did not request a delay, because purely and simply, they wanted to use existing property values, brought on by rapidly escalating land prices, over which homeowners have absolutely no control, to raise assessments as much as possible BEFORE the new tax limitation amendment begins protecting us on 1/1/07. The amendment is subject to approval by the voters in November, but passage is widely expected. It will limit assessments to 1% over a five year period.

Our legislators even CHANGED the law, making deferral of reassessments AUTOMATIC for this year, unless the Council votes specifically to reassess now. The intent is to give the voters a chance to speak before any further reassessments occur. The Council is now acting to reassess THIS YEAR, as ROW RABUN planned all along. Help us stop it.

All three of our legislators, Bill Sandifer, Bill Whitmore, and Thomas Alexander have worked hard all year, along with legislators from throughout the state, to protect ALL state residents from bearing reassessments. The Council's plan to reassess this year will totally deny to the legislature's intended protection from this round of reassessments.

It doesn't matter where you live; their plan will deny ALL property taxpayers (farmers, lifetime residents, lake owners, every one of us) the permanent benefits of the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity provided to Oconee County by the State legislature just two weeks ago. Failure to alter the Council's ill-intent will leave us with higher assessments, PERMANENTLY, as the base for FUTURE reassessments every five years. Make no mistake: Reassessment this year will hurt farmers, lifelong residents, and retirees in fixed incomes badly. It will absolutely devastate owners on Lakes Hartwell and Keowee, and quickly kill our largest remaining source of income growth.

This is EXACTLY why the legislature acted, because a train wreck was already occurring along the coast. We have received several copies of the emails being sent to the Council, and they make it very clear that tripling their taxes will cause it to happen to them right here. They will be forced to move.

WE CAN NOT ALLOW THIS HAPPEN.

EVERY SIGNATURE MAKES A DIFFERENCE. If you are concerned, contact ALL of our Councilmen and Administrator Tom Hendrix. If you do not live in Oconee County, you are STILL a taxpayer. You will STILL get hit with potentially tripled assessments. You should join TOO.

The next two council meetings are crucial. The one on Tuesday 6/20 at 7pm is probably make or break, given all the support we have. The final meeting is Tuesday 6/27 at 3pm. After that, it's all over.

Stop the train wreck heading toward Oconee County THIS YEAR, when our reassessment notices and tax bills arrive, by signing this petition to defer reassessment until 2007.

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Waterford subdivision

Waterside Crossing

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Waterside Crossing (Lot #132)

Keowee II Development, Lot 5

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521 Beacon Shores, Seneca, SC

211 Luther Land Rd

#338 Tallships486 Yawl Bldg Salem

315 Willow Oak Ct. South Oak Pointe
110 Crest Pointe Dr.
315 Willow Oak Court

15 & 16 at Waterford Pt
110 Crest Pointe Dr Seneca, SC
134 Pinnacle Pointe Dr. Seneca, SC
134 Pinnacle Pointe Dr. Seneca, SC

735 Navigators Pt Seneca, SC 29672
309 Vaughan Rd Salem SC 29676

Keowee Key Lot 30, Unit 5
300 Lake Wmnds Ct.

437 Cane Creek Landing Rd.

Waterside Crossing Lot 43

5 Sail Maker Court Keowee Key

WaterSide Crossing
122 N. Wynward Pointe Dr.

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Waterside Crossing- lot #5

Unit 10, Lot 11, Keowee Key

Unit 10, Lot 11, Keowee Key

Lot #13 Waterside Crossing
Lot 7 in Knox Point subdivision
Lot #13 Waterside Crossing

1 Day Beacon Ct Salem, SC

lot 130 waterside crossing

Waterside Crossing Lot Owner

Waterside Crossing

Lot 5 Cane Creek Harbor Phase 2

8 Dinghy Ct. Salem, SC 29678
150 in Waterside Crossing

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC
COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 6/20/06
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 7:00 pm

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Third & Final Reading of Ordinance 2006-13, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2003-12 WHICH ESTABLISHED THE KEOWEE FIRE TAX DISTRICT AND THE KEOWEE FIRE COMMISSION"

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

This ordinance will amend the ordinance that created the Keowee Fire Commission as requested by the Keowee Fire Commission. The amendments will respond to changing state requirements and stagger the terms of office for the Commissioners. The amendment will also allow the Commission to appoint an interim Commissioner in case of a vacancy and will remove the requirement to send a year ending report to the State of South Carolina.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Adoption of Ordinance 2006-13 on third and final reading.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Submitted or Prepared By:

Brad A. Norton

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed by/initials:

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_____:Finance

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2003-12 WHICH ESTABLISHED THE KEOWEE FIRE TAX DISTRICT AND THE KEOWEE FIRE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Keowee Fire Tax District and the Keowee Fire Commission were established by Ordinance 2003-12 on August 19, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Keowee Fire Commission has requested that Ordinance 2003-12 be amended; and

WHEREAS, the Oconee County Council finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Oconee County and especially the citizens with the Keowee Fire Tax District to amend Ordinance 2003-12;

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Ordained, by the Oconee County Council, in session, duly assembled, and upon third and final reading, that Ordinance 2003-12 be amended as follows:

1. Section 3.02, Election of Commissioners is amended as follows:

Section 3.02 Election of Commissioners. The Commission shall consist of five commissioners, each elected to a four-year term in the regular November general election in even numbered years. The three candidates with the highest number of votes in the November 7, 2006 election shall serve four-year terms beginning on January 1, 2007 and ending on December 31, 2010. The two candidates with the fourth and fifth highest number of votes shall initially serve a two-year term beginning on January 1, 2007 and ending on December 31, 2008. Thereafter the candidates elected to these two positions shall serve four-year terms. The candidates for Commissioner shall be qualified electors for the tax district and shall meet the candidate filing reporting requirements of the County.

2. Section 3.03, Filling of Vacancies is amended as follows:

Section 3.03. Filling of vacancies. Any vacant seat on the Commission may be filled by appointment of an interim Commissioner by the remaining members of the Commission. The seat of this interim Commissioner shall be filled at the next general election. In the event all five

Commission seats become vacant, County Council shall appoint one person, who is a qualified elector of the Tax District, to serve as Acting Commissioner only until such time as an election can be held and one or more new Commissioners are elected.

3. Section 4.04, Reporting responsibilities is amended as follows:

4.04 Reporting responsibilities. Each year the Commission shall prepare an annual report on operating and financial results, shall provide copies to citizens on request, and shall hold a public hearing to present the report and hear citizen comments within three months of the fiscal year end.

4. Section 4.01, Budget Authority is amended as follows:

Section 4.01, Budget Authority. The Commission shall have the authority and responsibility to adopt an annual fiscal year budget for the Fire Department, negotiate an annual fee for fire protection with Duke Power, and identify the net amount to be funded by the county as a special property tax subject to a "not to exceed" tax rate of 14.5 mills or an amended "not to exceed" tax rate as provided in Article VI herein, and to borrow for temporary cash needs or capital expenses which are budgeted for funding over more than a single calendar year.

5. Section 5.01(a) of Budget Submission Requirements is amended as follows:

Section 5.01, Budget Submission Requirements. The Commission shall meet the following requirements for submitting its annual budget request for special property tax funding of the Fire Department.

- a) The submitted budget shall identify the total amount of Fire Department expenses for the next full fiscal year, and shall show a breakdown of the total by general categories of expense. The budget shall also show a breakdown of expected sources of fee revenue and the net amount to be billed and collected by the county as a special property tax levy.

6. The amendments to Ordinance 2003-12 shall take effect on third and final reading of this Ordinance by the Oconee County Council.

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE: June 20, 2006
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 7:00 pm**

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2006-15, "THE 2006-2007 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR OCONEE COUNTY".

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

The County Administrator has presented his proposed 2006-2007 appropriations ordinance for Oconee County to Council for their review in the amount of \$52,218,350 for the fiscal year 2006-2007 budget.

Budget workshops have been held with the Budget and Finance Committee regarding the proposed budget and the implementing ordinance on May 1, May 3, May 4, May 8, May 11, May 16, May 30, May 31, June 6, and June 19, 2006.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 2006-15 on this Third and Final Reading.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The estimated total financial impact of this Ordinance 2006-15 has been included in the information previously submitted to Council.

	<u>2006-2007 Budget</u>
General Fund:	\$ 39,467,960
Capital Projects Fund:	\$ 4,863,564
Enterprise Funds:	\$ 7,886,826
GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 52,218,350

ATTACHMENTS:

Ordinance #2006-15

Submitted or Prepared By:


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Department Head

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

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**OCONEE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE
FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007
ORDINANCE 2006-15**

SECTION 1:

NAME: This Ordinance shall be known as 'The 2006-15 Appropriations Ordinance For Oconee County'. All Ordinances or sections of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby amended.

SECTION 2:

PURPOSE: To provide for the levy of taxes and to make appropriations in Oconee County for School and County purposes; to provide for appropriations and direct expenditures of the County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007; to provide for the tax millage for general County purposes, capital expenditures and the payment of debt, and for School operational purposes.

SECTION 3:

THE AUDITOR of Oconee County is hereby directed to recommend to the Oconee County Council sufficient levy, and the Treasurer of Oconee County is herein directed to collect sufficient millage on taxable property of Oconee County to meet County and School purposes herein appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007, and to sufficiently levy for the payment of any outstanding bonded indebtedness.

SECTION 4:

THAT from the general fund of the County and the revenues derived under Section 3 of this Ordinance, the following appropriations are hereby made to be expended in conformity and according to Annual Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2006-2007, and the Annual Capital Budget for the Fiscal Year 2006-2007, attached hereto.

SECTION 5:

ASSESSMENTS: The Assessor of Oconee County is hereby directed to determine true market value of all taxable real property and the Auditor of Oconee County is hereby directed to determine true market value of all taxable personal property located within the County, or in lieu thereof to obtain from the South Carolina Department of Revenue and Taxation the assessment for such property, both real and personal (manufacturing property, both real and personal, automobiles, boats, etc.) and shall assess such property not assessed by the South Carolina Department of Revenue and Taxation as provided by law for the basis of levy of ad valorem taxes necessary to carry out the general purposes of this act.

SECTION 6:

INVENTORY: An accurate inventory of all supplies, materials, and equipment shall be maintained by each department head having such materials, supplies or equipment in his/her charge. From time to time, as County Council may direct, a physical inventory shall be taken to determine the correctness of the records of the County reflecting the inventory charged to such department head.

SECTION 7:

ALL past or previous transfer of funds by order of this Council or previous Councils including present and immediate previous year appropriations are hereby validated and confirmed.

SECTION 8:

THE appropriations made herein shall not be exceeded without proper authority or Council amendment, and any officer incurring indebtedness on the part of the County in excess of the appropriations herein made shall be liable upon his official bond.

SECTION 9:

NO officer, elected official or employee of the County shall furnish any services or sell any materials or supplies to the County for pay, except upon open bid.

SECTION 10:

ALL COUNTY FUNDS received by the Treasurer of Oconee County shall be deposited in the general or special funds of Oconee County and identified by an account number.

THE FINANCE DIRECTOR AND TREASURER of Oconee County shall prepare such separate records and books of account as may be required by the United States Government or any of its agencies, or by the Government of the State of South Carolina or any of its agencies, reflecting the receipt and disposition of special funds, debt accounts, and grants.

SECTION 11:

UNEXPENDED appropriated funds for the fiscal year 2006-2008 not previously transferred by July 01, 2006 shall revert to the general fund of the County, except as noted in the attached schedule of appropriated funds, which will rollover to 2006-2007.

SECTION 12:

THE GOVERNING BODY OF OCONEE COUNTY, upon recommendation of the Auditor shall levy sufficient mills upon all taxable property in Oconee County, and the Treasurer shall collect all revenues arising there from, as may be necessary or desirable for general County and School purposes as provided in SECTION 3 hereof and as may be necessary for the funding of such contingency funds and capital improvements as may be directed by the Oconee County Council. In addition thereto, the Auditor and Treasurer of Oconee County are hereby ordered and directed to fund, from such tax revenues, such bond repayment sinking fund(s), in such amounts as are necessary so as to provide for an orderly and timely payment of the bonded indebtedness of Oconee County and of the School District of Oconee County, PROVIDED HOWEVER, the size and extent of each such fund(s) shall never exceed the total amount necessary to meet one annual payment of interest and principal upon each such sub-obligation. In this regard, it is specifically directed that transfers during the 2006-2007 fiscal year of funds made from the general fund to sinking funds established or required for outstanding bonded indebtedness are hereby specifically ratified and the

same shall constitute a lawful and legal transfer from the general fund without necessity of repayment to the general fund from monies collected specifically for the payment of such obligations of the County or of the School District.

SECTION 13:

IN DEPARTMENT 705, DIRECT AID, Revenue Sharing Funds have been continued to the cities by Coconee County for a number of years.

SECTION 14:

Provisos pertaining to this ordinance are listed in detail in the Policies Section page B-7.

SECTION 15:

IF ANY PROVISION, PARAGRAPH, WORD, SECTION OR ARTICLE of this ordinance is invalidated by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions, paragraphs, words, sections and articles shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

APPROVED & ADOPTED on third and final reading this 20th day June 2006 by a vote of YES to NO.

Opal O. Green
Council Clerk

1 st Reading:	May 2, 2006
2 nd Reading:	May 16, 2006
Public Hearing:	June 8, 2006
3 rd Reading:	June 20, 2006

2006-2007 Budget Summary
Revenue and Expenditures by Fund and Category
 (07/01/06 – 06/30/07)
 3rd and Final Reading

Fund 10, General Fund – Revenues

Local Revenues (80)	\$	35,042,654
State Revenues (81)	\$	3,305,506
Federal Revenues (82)	\$	120,000
Fund 10 – Total Revenues	\$	38,468,160

Fund 10, General Fund – Expenditures

Public Safety

Sheriff's Department (101)	\$	5,579,870
Rural Fire Department (102)	\$	1,798,767
Coroner (103)	\$	161,554
Communications (104)	\$	1,235,235
Emergency Management (105)	\$	406,426
Detention Center (106)	\$	2,129,166
Probation, Parole and Pardon (109)	\$	3,200
Animal Control (110)	\$	329,119
Total Public Safety	\$	11,643,337

Culture & Recreation

Arts & Historical Commission (201)	\$	207,117
Parks, Recreation & Tourism (202)	\$	1,008,861
Library (206)	\$	1,261,012
Total Culture & Recreation	\$	2,476,990

Taxes

Assessor (301)	\$	1,018,230
Auditor (302)	\$	348,860
Board of Assessment Appeals (303)	\$	12,762
Computer Tax Center (304)	\$	150,830
Delinquent Tax (305)	\$	200,572
Treasurer (308)	\$	382,834
Total Taxes	\$	2,114,088

Budget Summary by Fund, Continued

Health & Welfare

Charity Medical (401)	\$	290,224
Department of Social Services (402)	\$	14,510
Health Department (403)	\$	112,150
Department of Veterans' Affairs (404)	\$	177,446
Total Health & Welfare	\$	594,330

Judicial

Clerk of Court (501)	\$	654,398
Probate Court (502)	\$	368,547
Solicitor (504)	\$	425,854
Magistrate Court (509)	\$	580,406
Total Judicial	\$	2,029,205

Highways & Streets

Road Department (601)	\$	4,835,873
Total Highways & Streets	\$	4,835,873

General Services

Building Codes (702)	\$	614,365
Capital Improvements (703)	\$	-
County Council (704)	\$	577,325
Direct Aid (705)	\$	1,057,335
Legislative Delegation (706)	\$	64,314
Economic Development (707)	\$	658,970
Finance (708)	\$	492,053
General Expense (709)	\$	576,500
Human Resources (710)	\$	1,428,952
Information Technology (711)	\$	1,224,121
Planning (712)	\$	268,234
Procurement (713)	\$	285,496
Public Buildings Maintenance (714)	\$	1,252,076
Registration and Elections (715)	\$	136,297
Soil and Water Conservation (716)	\$	42,604
Office of the County Administrator (717)	\$	210,864
Solid Waste Department (718)	\$	3,413,252
(Transfer to Fund 15 only)		
Ocoee Regional Airport (720)	\$	753,528
Vehicle Maintenance Facility (721)	\$	1,788,578
Register of Deeds (735)	\$	388,038
Grants Administration (736)	\$	49,137
Occupational Business License (742)	\$	2,000
Engineering Services (743)	\$	85,000
Water & Sewer (744)	\$	2,200
Storm Water Management	\$	5,000
Total General Services	\$	15,774,337

Fund 10 - Total Expenditures \$ 38,467,969 3

Budget Summary by Fund, Continued

Fund 12, Capital Project Fund

Revenue

Fund Balance Duke Power additional taxes pty	\$	4,228,564
Fund Balance Undesignated (reimburse courtroom)	\$	335,000
State Aid (SWAG Agreement)	\$	300,000
Total Capital Project Fund-Revenues	\$	4,863,564

Expenditures

Capital Infrastructure (DSS, I-85, Animal Control)	\$	3,000,000
SWAG Agreement	\$	300,000
4th Floor Main Courtroom	\$	335,000
Gas Pumps	\$	220,000
GIS Mapping Phase III & Final	\$	350,000
GIS Fire Suppression	\$	91,564
2 Communications Towers	\$	160,000
Fire Truck Kenway Ebenezer	\$	910,000
Digitize of Land Use Map	\$	97,000
Total Capital Fund-Expenditures	\$	4,853,564

Fund 13, Special Revenues Fund

State Revenues (81)	\$	455,114
Federal Revenues (62)	\$	35,000
Fund 13 - Total Revenues	\$	490,114

Sheriff's Department (101)	\$	188,736
Emergency Management (105)	\$	35,000
Library (208)	\$	132,430
Solicitor (504)	\$	48,948
Local Accommodations Tax (705)	\$	85,000
Fund 13 - Total Expenditures	\$	490,114

Fund 14, Trust and Agency Fund

Tri-County Tech Operating	\$	867,544	\$	1,143,244	* Includes \$275,700 LAN Program Start-Up
School Operating	\$	50,459,900	\$	50,459,900	
Tri-County Tech Debt	\$	273,790	\$	273,790	
School Debt	\$	7,803,119	\$	7,803,119	
Fund 14 - Total Revenues	\$	59,404,353	\$	59,680,053	

Tri-County Tech Operating	\$	867,544	\$	1,143,244	* Includes \$275,700 LAN Program Start-Up
School Operating	\$	50,459,900	\$	50,459,900	
Tri-County Tech Debt	\$	273,790	\$	273,790	
School Debt	\$	7,803,119	\$	7,803,119	
Fund 14 - Total Expenditures	\$	59,404,353	\$	59,680,053	

Budget Summary by Fund, Cont

Fund 16, Solid Waste Enterprise Fund

Local Revenues (80) Transfer from General Fund	\$	3,413,252
Local Revenues (80)	\$	735,149
State Revenues (81)	\$	28,000
Fund 16 - Total Revenues	\$	<u>4,176,401</u>
Solid Waste Department	\$	4,176,401
Fund 16 - Total Expenses	\$	<u>4,176,401</u>

Fund 17, Rock Quarry Enterprise Fund

Local Revenues (80)	\$	3,700,200
Fund 17 - Total Revenues	\$	<u>3,700,200</u>
Rock Quarry	\$	3,319,700
Vehicle Maintenance for Rock Quarry	\$	380,500
Fund 17 - Total Expenses	\$	<u>3,700,200</u>

Fund 90, Debt Service Fund

2001 Courthouse Bond	\$	692,980
2002 Emergency Services Facility Bond	\$	651,050
90 Fund Debt Services Revenues	\$	<u>1,344,030</u>
2001 Courthouse Bond	\$	692,980
2002 Emergency Services Facility Bond	\$	651,050
90 Fund Debt Services Expenditures	\$	<u>1,344,030</u>

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE: June 20, 2006
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 7:00 pm**

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2006-16. "THE 2006-2007 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY AND TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE".

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

The School District presented their proposed appropriations request to Council on Monday, May 8, 2006 for their review.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 2006-16 on this Third and Final Reading.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

School District of Oconee County

- The School District's estimated total general fund operations and capital budget for fiscal year 2006-2007 is \$77,893,000.
- The total requested funds from local tax levy are \$50,459,900, which includes \$1,633,000 local funds requested for the State mandated Maintenance of Effort. The remainder of the School budget is funded by the State.
- The estimated total tax impact of the Oconee County School District budget ordinance is approximately 131.4 mills (utilizing an estimate of 98% collections rate). This breaks down into 113.8 mills for operations and 17.6 for school bond debt. The millage will not actually be set until sometime in September or October 2006.

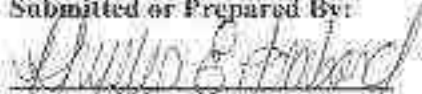
Tri-County Technical College

- The total requested funds from local tax levy are \$1,146,244 of which \$867,544 is for operations and \$278,700 is for LPN Program Start-up. This is an increase of \$322,800 from the prior year.

ATTACHMENTS:


Ordinance #2006-16

Submitted or Prepared By:



Phyllis E. Lombard, CGFO
Department Head

Approved for Submittal to Council:



Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney

_____ DOAS

_____ N/A Other

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF OCONEE
ORDINANCE 2006-16**

"THE FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY AND TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE."

Section I: Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the levy of taxes and to make appropriations in Oconee County for the School District of Oconee County and Tri-County Technical College; to provide for appropriations beginning July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007; to provide for the tax millage for School operational, capital, and debt purposes and Tri-County Technical College operational purposes.

Section II: SC State Law Provisions

Pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws § 59-20-40, Oconee County is required to increase the Maintenance of Effort in the amount of \$1,633,000 for the School District of Oconee County.

Section III: 2006-2007 Budget

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY

School Operations	\$ 50,459,900
1998 School Bond	\$ 448,738
2001 School Bond	\$ 1,358,600
2003 School Bond	\$ 1,672,888
2004 School Bond	\$ 1,510,288
2005 School Bond	\$ 1,756,950
2006 School Bond	\$ 1,058,655

TOTAL SCHOOLS: \$ 58,263,019

TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Tri-County Tech. Operations	\$ 1,146,244
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TOTAL TRI-COUNTY TECH: \$ 1,146,244

GRAND TOTAL SCHOOLS AND TRI-COUNTY TECH \$ 59,409,263

APPROVED & ADOPTED on third and final reading this 20th day June 2006 by a vote of YES to NO.

Opal O. Green
Council Clerk

1 st Reading	May 16, 2006
2 nd Reading	June 6, 2006
Public Hearing	June 8, 2006
3 rd Reading	June 20, 2006

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP DATE: June 20, 2006
COUNCIL WORKSHOP TIME: 7PM**

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Second reading of Ordinance 2006-19, "AN ORDINANCE FORMALLY ADOPTING VALUES ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR AND SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE BASED ON A DECEMBER 31, 2005 VALUATION DATE FOR TAX YEAR 2006".

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

Section 12-43-217 requires that all counties reassess every 5 years. However, the local governing body may delay implementation for up to one year for good and sufficient cause. Oconee County is scheduled for implementation in 2006. Consequently, all work being performed pertinent to the preparation of tax bills for tax year 2006 are based on reassessment values. Senate Bill S, 1245 was passed on June 1, 2006 automatically postponing Oconee County's implementation of reassessment until 2007, unless the local governing body adopts an ordinance affirmatively implementing the values during the current property tax year.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

Since all work toward the preparation of the tax roll for the mailing of tax bills in October are based on newly complete reassessment values, it will be very costly to reverse this process and will likely result in the very late mailing of tax bills. This of course will create an additional problem, that being cash flow problems for Oconee County governmental agencies, including all cities and schools dependent upon property tax revenue.

It should also be pointed out that recent statistical studies indicate that due to changes in the market over the past 5 years our assessment are no longer equitable, meaning that some taxpayers are paying more than their fair share of the tax burden. Generally speaking this means that the most valuable properties are under assessed resulting in a greater share of the tax burden for the owners of lower and average priced properties.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends this ordinance be adopted on second reading.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

It is estimated that it would cost a minimum of \$50,000 in labor cost to postpone reassessment. The cost of computer software modifications could not be determined at this time, but may be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars since the work could not be performed by county personnel.

Projected revenue from the implementation of the reassessment is \$2,006,743 (4.9 mills).

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Ordinance 2806-19
2. Section 12-43-217 South Carolina Code of Laws
3. Section 59 of Senate Bill S. 1245

Submitted or Prepared By:



Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:



Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney

 _____ Finance

_____ Other

C: Clerk to Council

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

ORDINANCE 2006-19

COUNTY OF OCONEE)

AN ORDINANCE FORMALLY ADOPTING VALUES ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR AND SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE BASED ON A DECEMBER 31, 2005 VALUATION DATE FOR TAX YEAR 2006.

WHEREAS, Section 12-43-217 of the Code of laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended, requires each county in the state of South Carolina to implement a countywide reassessment program every 5 years to ensure uniformity and equality in property assessments; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S. 1245 (Section 59) was recently enacted requiring the local governing body to either postpone reassessment or enact an ordinance affirmatively implementing reassessment values for tax year 2006; and

WHEREAS, all appraisal work performed in the preparation of the tax roll for the mailing of tax bills in October 2006 have been based on reassessment values, and the cost of reversing this process would cost the taxpayers of Oconee County thousands of dollars and delay the mailing of tax bills; and

WHEREAS, the delay in the mailing of tax notices might result in cash flow problems for local government entities whose primary source of funding is property tax revenue;

WHEREAS, recent statistical studies indicate that due to changes in the real estate market over the past 5 years our assessment are no longer fair and equitable, meaning some taxpayers are paying more than their fair share of the tax burden.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Oconee County to implement reassessment for tax year 2006 in accordance with Section 12-43-217 of the South Carolina Code of Laws; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of the County of Oconee, in session, duly assembled with quorum present and voting as follows:

That an ordinance be implemented formally adopting values established by the County Assessor and South Carolina Department of Revenue based on a December 31, 2005 valuation date for tax year 2006.

Adopted on 1st Reading on the 6th day of June, 2006.

SECTION 12-43-217. Quadrennial reassessment; postponement ordinance.

(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, once every fifth year each county or the State shall appraise and equalize those properties under its jurisdiction. Property valuation must be complete at the end of December of the fourth year and the county or State shall notify every taxpayer of any change in value or classification if the change is one thousand dollars or more. In the fifth year, the county or State shall implement the program and assess all property on the newly appraised values.

(B) A county by ordinance may postpone for not more than one property tax year the implementation of revised values resulting from the equalization program provided pursuant to subsection (A). The postponement ordinance applies to all revised values, including values for state-appraised property. The postponement allowed pursuant to this subsection does not affect the schedule of the appraisal and equalization program required pursuant to subsection (A) of this section.

(C) Postponement of the implementation of revised values pursuant to subsection (B) shall also postpone any requirement for submission of a reassessment program for approval by the Department of Revenue.

Big Annual Tax (BAT) Bill - S. 1245

The BAT bill was adopted on Thursday and contains several items of interest. One last minute addition is contained in two different sections of the bill in different forms. Essentially, Section 49 and 50 of the bill require a county council to affirmatively vote to implement any reassessment and equalization program scheduled for 2006.

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: June 20, 2006
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 7:00 pm

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Recommended Amendments to Land Development and Subdivision Chapter (Chapter 6) of the Unified Performance Standards Ordinance

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

County Council adopted Ordinance 2006-7 in May of 2006, requiring the establishment and maintenance of natural vegetative buffers as part of new construction projects on lake front properties, and the upgrade of substandard county roads at the developer's expense for some subdivision development projects. In order to meet state requirements, the standards in Ordinance 2006-7 became a new chapter (Chapter 7) of the Oconee County Unified Performance Standards Ordinance. As a result, all appeals and variance requests resulting from the regulations are directed by the state to the Board of Zoning Appeals. However, as all other subdivision-related matters in Oconee County are within the purview of the Planning Commission, the County Attorney and the Planning Director feel that the requirements should be moved into the Land Development and Subdivision Regulations (Chapter 6), and Chapter 7 abolished. On June 12, 2006, the Oconee County Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend that County Council amend Chapter 6 of the Performance Standards with the standards contained in Chapter 7.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend first reading on ordinance authorizing the amendment of Chapter 6 of the Performance Standards Ordinance with the requirements contained in Chapter 7, and abolishing Chapter 7.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

"Recommended Amendments to Land Development and Subdivision Chapter (Chapter 6) of the Unified Performance Standards Ordinance: Oconee County Planning Commission, June 12, 2006"- This was referenced by the Planning Commission during their discussion of the matter.

Submitted or Prepared by:

Ant Holmberg

(Department Head/Elected Official)

Approved By:

Tom Hendricks

Tom Hendricks,
Oconee County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney

_____ Finance

_____ Other

C: Clerk to Council

**Recommended Amendments to Land
Development and Subdivision Chapter
(Chapter 6) of the Unified Performance
Standards Ordinance**

**Oconee County Planning Commission
June 12, 2006**

Part 1- Definitions

***Definitions to Add, or Amend to Define as Noted, in the Land Development and Subdivision Regulations (Chapter 6) of the Unified Performance Standards Ordinance:**

Apartment Complex – A building or portion thereof, other than a hotel, divided into more than two dwelling units which are arranged in such a manner as to be used for lodging by separate households.

Condominium Complex – A building or group of buildings containing more than two dwelling units in which dwelling units are individually owned and where the structure, common areas and other facilities are owned by the developer and/or the owners of the individual units on a proportional or individual basis.

Dwelling - A building or portion of a building arranged and/or designed to provide living quarters for one or more families where each dwelling is provided with separate kitchen and bathroom facilities.

A. Single Family Dwelling- A detached dwelling designed for or occupied exclusively by one family on a single lot.

B. Duplex- A building arranged or designed to be occupied by two (2) families living independently of each other on a single lot.

C. Group Dwelling- A group of two or more principal structures built on a single lot, parcel or tract of land and designed for occupancy by separate families.

D. Multi-Family Dwelling- A building or series of buildings on the same lot used or designed as a dwelling place for two (2) or more families living independently of each other. *(Existing Definition in Subdivision Regulations is 3 families)*

Full Pond Level – Full pond level is 800 feet above mean sea level on Lake Keowee, 1110 feet above mean sea level on Lake Jocassee and 660 feet above mean sea level on Lake Hartwell.

Natural Vegetative Buffer – Plants, trees, and vegetation that normally survive in Oconee County without the need of fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides.

Oconee County Road – Any paved road, gravel road, dirt road or bridge that is owned and/or regularly maintained by Oconee County and considered part of the County road system.

Perennial Stream- Any creek, river, or other water course that has flowing water year-round during a typical year. The water table is located above the stream bed for most of the year, and groundwater is the primary source of water for stream flow. Run-off from rainfall is a supplemental source of water for stream flow.

Potable Water - Water used or treated by a water company or utility to be sold for human consumption.

Road, County - Roads, avenues, boulevards, highways, freeways, lanes, courts, thoroughfares, collectors, minor roads, cul-de-sacs and other ways including the entire right-of-way considered public and both dedicated to and accepted by Oconee County. The following classifications shall be used in reference to roads regulated by the standards put forth in this ordinance:

A. Arterial Road - A major road that serves as an avenue for circulation into, out of, or around the County. Typical number of average daily traffic (ADT) exceeds 5000.

B. Collector Road - A road that has the primary purpose of intersecting traffic from intersecting local roads and handling movements to the nearest arterial road. A secondary function is to provide direct access to abutting properties. Typical number of average daily traffic (ADT) exceeds 800.

C. Local Road (major) - A road that has two or more access points. The primary purpose is to provide access to abutting properties. Typical number of average daily traffic (ADT) ranges from 401 to 800.

D. Local Road (minor) - A road that has the primary purpose of providing access to abutting properties. Typical number of average daily traffic (ADT) ranges from 0 to 400.

Public Road - Roads, avenues, boulevards, roads, highways, freeways, lanes, courts, thoroughfares, collectors, minor roads, cul-de-sacs and other ways including the entire right-of-way considered public and both dedicated to and accepted by the State of South Carolina or Oconee County Council.

A. Arterial Road - A major road that serves as an avenue for circulation into, out of, or around the County.

B. Collector Road - A road that has the primary purpose of intersecting traffic from intersecting local roads and handling movements to the

nearest arterial road. A secondary function is to provide direct access to abutting properties. Typical number of average daily traffic (ADT) exceeds 800.

E. Local Road (major) – A road that has two or more access points. The primary purpose is to provide access to abutting properties. Typical number of average daily traffic (ADT) ranges from 401 to 800.

F. Local Road (minor) - A road that has the primary purpose of providing access to abutting properties. Typical number of average daily traffic (ADT) ranges from 0 to 400.

Road Classification- Upgrades of County roads, including paving specifications, shall be in accordance with the standards set forth in Oconee County's Performance Standards Subdivision Regulations. Minimum right-of-way and pavement widths shall be as follows:

Road Type	Right-of-Way	Pavement
Arterial	66 feet	28 feet
Collector	50 feet	24 feet
Local (Major)	50 feet	22 feet
Local (Minor)	50 feet	20 feet

Road Right-of-Way Width – The distance between property lines measured at right angles to the centerline of the street on a platted right-of-way, or the distance on each side of the center line of the road as set forth in a deeded right-of-way.

Site Plan – The development plan for one or more lots on which is shown the existing and proposed conditions of the lot, including topography, vegetation, drainage, flood plains, wetlands, and waterways, landscaping and open spaces, walkways, means of ingress and egress, circulation, utility services, structures and buildings, signs and lighting, berms, buffers, and screening devices, surrounding development, and other information that reasonably may be required in order that an informed decision can be made by Oconee County.

Subdivision - All divisions of a tract or parcel of land into two or more lots, building sites, or other divisions for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of sale, lease, or building development, and includes all division of land involving a new street or change in existing streets, and includes re-subdivision which would involve the further division or relocation of lot lines of any lot or lots within a subdivision previously made and approved or recorded according to law; or, the alteration of any streets or the establishment of any new streets within any subdivision previously made and approved or

recorded according to law, and includes combinations of lots of record. *A subdivision shall include townhouses, condominiums, apartments and multi-family housing.*

The following exceptions are included within this definition only for the purpose of requiring that the local planning agency be informed and have a record of the subdivisions:

(a) the combination or recombination of portions of previously platted lots where the total number of lots is not increased and the resultant lots are equal to the standards of the County,

(b) the division of land into parcels of five acres or more where no new street is involved and plats of these exceptions must be received as information by the County Planning Commission which shall indicate that fact on the plats, and

(c) the combination or recombination of entire lots of record where no new street or change in existing streets is involved.

Townhouse – A building or group of buildings containing a dwelling unit or units constructed in a series or group of attached units with property lines separating such units.

View Lane- The portion of a natural buffer utilized and maintained by the property owner to enhance observation of the lake and surrounding landscapes. Typically, the vegetation in the view lane is lower in height and/or smaller in diameter than that found in the rest of the buffer.

***All definitions contained in this document were taken from Chapter 7 of the Unified Performance Standards Ordinance (Adopted under Oconee County Ordinance 2006-7). It is the intent of this recommendation to add all definitions contained in Chapter 7 to Chapter 6; or, in the event that a definition already exists, but is not consistent, amend the existing definition in Chapter 6 to conform to the wording adopted under Ordinance 2006-7.**

Part 2- Buffer Requirements

This part of the document shows the location of where the buffer requirements *may* best fit. The regulations put forth in the new section (6.5.13) are exactly as adopted in Ordinance 2086-7; however, it is understood that the County Attorney may determine that the requirements should be amended to a different section of the chapter.

6.5 LOT IMPROVEMENTS

6.5.1 Lot Arrangements – All lots shall be arranged such that there will no apparent difficulties in securing building permits for reasons of topography or other conditions and must have driveway access from an approved road. The developer shall assure compliance with Chapter 6 (Subdivision and Land Development Regulations) of the County Performance Standards.

6.5.2 Lot Dimensions – Except where circumstances such as topography, water course, road alignments or existing site boundary configuration dictate otherwise, the following requirements shall be effective. In general,

1. Dimensions of corner lots shall be large enough to allow for the erection of buildings observing the minimum yard setbacks from both streets.
2. Depth and width of properties reserved or laid out for business, commercial, or industrial purposes shall be adequate to provide for off-street parking and loading facilities required for that type of development.

6.5.3 Lot Size – Minimum lot size shall be .57 acres with septic tank and public water, unless DHEC requires greater area or dimensions.

6.5.4 Septic System Setback-

1. Septic systems shall be constructed so that the extreme extent of the proposed leaching area's outside edge shall be no closer than one hundred (100) linear feet from any existing or proposed well; fifty (50) linear feet from the ordinary high water (within the banks) elevation of any impounded or natural body of water, to include lakes, ponds, rivers and streams; five (5) linear feet from all lot lines; and ten (10) linear feet from any proposed or existing structure. In the case of a mound septic system, the toe of the mound shall be considered to be the edge of the leaching area.

2. The applicant shall provide the Planning Director a copy of all South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) permit drawings and an approved DHEC permit application for the proposed septic system. The Planning Director shall ensure that the septic system is installed in accordance with these drawings and the subdivision and land development regulations put forth in the Oconee County Unified Performance Standards Ordinance (#99-14).
3. The applicant must demonstrate to the Planning Director that the proposed development will not adversely affect existing water supplies. The applicant must further demonstrate that the proposed water systems will not be adversely affected by existing septic systems.

6.5.5 Building Lines - Single family residential building setback lines shall be: Front Yard twenty five (25) feet from the front right of way on lots abutting local roads and forty (40) feet from the front right of way on lots abutting collector roads. Side Yard setback of ten (10) feet from each property line or right of way and Rear Yard setback of twenty five (25) feet from the rear property line or right of way. Corner lots shall have a setback of twenty five (25) feet from all road right of ways except for those abutting collector roads, which shall have a setback of forty feet (40) feet.

6.5.6 Double Frontage Lots and Access to Lots

- A. Every lot shall have at least twenty five (25) feet of frontage on a public or private road.
- B. Double Frontage and reversed frontage lots shall be avoided except where necessary to provide separation of residential traffic from traffic arterials or to overcome specific disadvantages of topography and orientation.
- C. Lots shall not in general derive access exclusively from arterial and collector roads. Where possible, driveways should be designed and arranged so as to avoid requiring vehicles to back into traffic on arterial and collector roads.

6.5.7 Lot Drainage - Lots shall be laid out so as to provide positive drainage away from all buildings, and individual lot drainage shall be coordinated with the general storm drainage pattern for the area. Drainage shall be designed so as to avoid concentration of storm water from each lot to adjacent lots.

6.5.8 Lakes and Streams - If a tract being subdivided contains a water body, or portion thereof, the ownership of and the responsibility for safe maintenance of the water body is to be placed so that it will not become a local government responsibility. The minimum area of a lot required under this ordinance may not be satisfied by land that is under water. Where a watercourse other than storm drainage separates the lot's buildable area from the road providing access, an engineer's certified structure shall be provided linking the buildable

area to the road. Unless approved by the Planning Director, all watercourses shall remain free of obstructions.

6.5.9 Easements - Easements having a minimum width of (10) feet and located along the front, side or rear lot lines shall be provided as required for utilities and drainage.

6.5.10 Usable Area - All lots adjacent to flood plains, creeks, and swamps should use these natural boundaries as lot boundaries when possible. Lots containing areas unsuitable for usage shall not use these areas in calculating minimum lot area.

6.5.11 Entrances - One entrance is required for every one-hundred (100) lots in a proposed subdivision, or a limit of one-hundred (100) lots on a dead end road. This requirement may be waived by the Planning Director due to topography and feasibility.

6.5.12 Trees

Lot trees. The owner shall make every effort to preserve as many trees as possible and remove only those trees necessary for the development of the lot. This stipulation shall not be a subjective basis for the withholding of approval.

Street trees. Any trees or shrubs located in the right-of-way are the responsibility of the property owner, but may be removed by the County.

6.5.13 Vegetative Buffers- The approval of subdivisions, site plans and/or building permits for construction of new residential units or commercial projects to be located within one thousand feet (1000') of Lakes Keowee, Hartwell and Jocassee shall be contingent upon the establishment of a natural vegetative buffer of a width no less than twenty-five (25') feet, with a view lane width of no more than 15% of the total length of a natural vegetative buffer. The buffer shall meet the following standards:

- a. To reduce non-point source pollution, a natural buffer of 25 feet shall be maintained with no grasses or ornamental vegetation established within that buffer. To reduce non-point pollution a vegetative buffer of 25 feet measured horizontally from the full pond elevation shall be maintained with no manicured lawns or other managed grasses established within that buffer. A diverse mix of native plants and unmanaged (uncut below 12 inches and untreated) native grasses are preferred vegetation where available and suited to the site. Additionally, no clear cutting or mowing, cultivation activities, fertilization, use of

herbicides, fungicides, or pesticides shall occur within the 25 foot buffer area.

- b. No trees larger than six-inch caliper at four feet from the ground shall be removed unless certified to be a hazard by a registered forester.
- c. Trees may be limbed up to 50 percent of their height.

This regulation shall exempt projects that are located on parcels lying no closer than twenty-five (25') feet from a lake shoreline or are located on parcels that are not traversed, either in full or in part, by a perennial stream, designated wetland, or other water course within one thousand (1000') feet of Lakes Keowee, Hartwell and Jocassee. The buffer shall begin at the lake's full pond level.

Part 3- Road Upgrade Requirements

This part of the document shows the location of where the road upgrade requirements may best fit. The regulations put forth in the new section (6.5.13) are exactly as adopted in Ordinance 2006-7; however, it is understood that the County Attorney may determine that the requirements should be amended to a different section of the chapter.

6.7 PUBLIC ROADS

6.7.1 Continuation of Adjoining Road System - The proposed road layout shall extend existing roads on a logical course at a width which meets the minimum required by this ordinance. A minimum ten to one (10:1) taper section shall be used to transition from one width to another.

6.7.2 Road System Coordination - The road system of a subdivision shall be coordinated with existing, proposed, and anticipated roads outside the subdivision or outside the portion of a single tract that is being divided into lots (hereinafter, "surrounding roads"). Roads shall intersect with surrounding collector or arterial roads at safe and convenient locations and shall connect with surrounding roads where necessary to permit the convenient movement of traffic between residential neighborhoods by emergency service vehicles or for other sufficient reasons. Whenever connections to surrounding roads are required by this section, the road right-of-way shall be extended and the street developed to the property line of the subdivided property (or to the edge of the remaining undeveloped portion of a single tract) at the point where the connection to the anticipated or proposed street is expected. In addition, the permit-issuing authority may require temporary turnarounds to be constructed at the end of such streets pending their extension when such turnarounds appear necessary to facilitate the flow of traffic or accommodate emergency vehicles. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this subsection, no temporary dead-end street in excess of one thousand (1,000) feet may be created unless no other practicable alternative is available.

6.7.3 Impact on Existing Road System- In order for Oconee County to approve a subdivision site plan, a subdivision plat or a building permit for a subdivision project, the county road or network of county roads that serve said proposed development must be adequate to accommodate any increase in traffic resulting from said proposed development. For all developments consisting of more than ten (10) dwelling units, the developer/subdivider shall submit a traffic impact/road capacity study demonstrating the impact of traffic upon any County road servicing the subdivision, either directly or indirectly. The traffic impact/road capacity study shall be reviewed by the Oconee County Planning Director and the County Engineer. In the event that

the County Planning Director and the County Engineer determine that the subdivision will increase the average daily traffic (ADT) on a County road to the extent that said road will need to be upgraded to safely accommodate the increase in traffic, improvements to the road must be made in accordance with the Road Classification set forth below in the Definitions section of this Ordinance. The developer/subdivider shall be responsible for all costs (including right of way acquisition) necessary to upgrade the road.

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: June 28, 2006
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 7:00 p.m.

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Bid #05-19 Wheel Loader for Solid Waste.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

The current wheel loader was purchased in 1994. This piece of equipment is used to manage the large stockpile of yard waste and load mulch for customers. The current loader will be utilized as a back up to the department in the event of equipment failure. The age and condition of the current loader necessitates the purchase of a new loader in order to serve citizens more efficiently.

BID SOLICITATION HISTORY:

On June 1, 2006, formal sealed bids were opened for this equipment. Thirteen companies were originally notified of this bid opportunity. Eight companies submitted bids, with Linder Industrial Machinery Company submitting the lowest bid of \$97,305 plus \$3,237 for an extended warranty.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

This piece of equipment was slated for replacement in FY06 in the Capital Improvement Schedule.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Award bid #05-19 to Linder Machinery Company of Greer, SC for the amount of \$100,542.00.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

For FY06, Council approved \$127,000 (budget code 16-718-50840) for the purchase of a new wheel loader for Solid Waste. Expenditures for repairs on the current wheel loader during the past two years have been in excess of \$20,000.

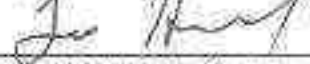
ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bid Tabulation

Submitted or Prepared By:


Marianne A. Dillard, Procurement Director

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

County Attorney


OMB

DOAS


Department
C: Clerk to Council

Approved Budget Ordinance amount for bid item: \$ 127,010.00

Budget Code: 16-716-60240

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge

the tabulation of bids is correct.

Marion Dillard
Procurement Director

Bidders	Greer, SC	Simpsonville, SC	Van Lott, Inc.	Greenville, SC	Seneca, SC	Statesville, NC	Raleigh, NC	Simpsonville, SC	Piedmont, SC
Address	Linder Industrial Machinery Co.	Greer, SC	Van Lott, Inc.	Briggs Construction Equipment, Inc.	Powell Brothers Tractor & Eq. Co. Inc.	Interstate Equipment Co.	Liebherr	Blanchard Machinery	ASC Construction Equipment USA Inc.
Make/Model	Komatsu WA200L-5	John Deere 444J	Case 521D	Hyundai HI-740-7	Kawasaki 60ZY	Liebherr L-524Z	Caterpillar 924G		Volvo L60E
Base Bid	\$ 67,305.00	\$ 105,750.00	\$ 107,124.00	\$ 107,359.58	\$ 112,975.00	\$ 118,084.38	\$ 120,125.00	\$ 121,915.00	
Option #1									
Extended Warranty	\$ 3,237.00	\$ 5,705.00	\$ 5,010.00	\$ 5,687.00	\$ 5,642.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,970.00	\$ 9,553.00	
Alternate #1 - Cummings Engine	n/a	n/a	n/a	standard	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	\$ 100,542.00	\$ 111,455.00	\$ 112,134.00	\$ 114,046.58	\$ 118,618.00	\$ 123,084.38	\$ 124,095.00	\$ 131,468.00	
Delivery Time:	8 weeks	30 days	90 - 120 days	90 days	45 - 60 days	60 days	6 - 8 weeks	60 days	

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE: June 20, 2006
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 7:00 p.m.**

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Bid 05-17, Compactors and Containers for Solid Waste

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

The garbage compactors at the Richland and Port Bass sites have been operational since 1996. Both of these sites manage large volumes of garbage as well as cardboard to be recycled. The compactor units currently being utilized for garbage will be converted to cardboard compactors. The cardboard compactor at the Ebenezer site will replace a 40yd open-top container that is currently being utilized for cardboard collection. The installation of these three cardboard compactors will eliminate numerous pulls from these locations and will result in a cost savings. The additional containers will be utilized for the collection and storage of recyclables. The installation of the additional power supply and pump at the Ebenezer site will ensure that one of the garbage compactors is operational at all times.

BID SOLICITATION HISTORY:

On June 7, 2006, three bids were received in response to our formal advertised Invitation to Bid for stationary compactors, containers, and pump for the Ebenezer site for Solid Waste. The low bidder was Bakers Waste Equipment of Greenville, SC (see Bid Tabulation attached).

After review of the bids, Mack Kelly, Public Works Director, and Marianne Dillard, Procurement Director, recommend award of the low bid in the amount of \$83,697.50 to Bakers Waste Equipment of Greenville, SC.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

These items were slated for replacement in FY06 in the Capital Improvement Schedule.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Staff recommends that County Council award the low bid to **Bakers Waste Equipment of Greenville, SC** in the amount of \$83,697.50 for the compactors, containers and Alternate 1, pump for Ebenezer site.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funds are allocated in the FY 2005-06 budget (16-718-50840-00000) in the amount of \$88,000.

ATTACHMENTS:

- I. Bid Tabulation

Submitted or Prepared By:

Marianne A. Dillard
Marianne A. Dillard, Procurement Director

Approved for Submittal to Council:

Tom Hendricks
Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

n/a County Attorney

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PP DOAS

DB Department
C: Clerk to Council

Approved Budget Ordinance amount for bid item \$38,000.
Budget Code 016-716-00045-00008

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this
tabulation of bids to be correct.

Marianne D. Dillard
Procurement Director

Bidders		Bakers Waste Equipment	RJM Manufacturing		Nu-Life Environmental Inc		Arnick Equipment		
Address		Greenville, SC	Easley, SC		Easley, SC		Lexington, SC		
Item #	Approx Qty	Description	Unit Price	Extended Price	Unit Price	Extended Price	Unit Price	Extended Price	
A	2	Compactor Unit, 4 CY	12,700.00	25,400.00	16,849.00	33,698.00	17,517.00	35,034.00	No Bid
B	1	Compactor Unit, 3 CY	11,210.00	11,210.00	16,519.00	16,519.00	16,453.00	16,453.00	
C	5	Container closed octagon	5,900.00	29,500.00	6,180.00	30,900.00	6,900.00	34,500.00	
D	1	Container open top	4,080.00	4,080.00	4,697.00	4,697.00	4,750.00	4,750.00	
E	1	Container recycling	4,985.00	4,985.00	5,693.00	5,693.00	5,650.00	5,650.00	
F	1	Relocation of existing units	950.00	950.00	incl in item A	-	850.00	1,300.00	
G	1	Alternate 1: Pump for Freezer	4,400.00	4,400.00	3,839.00	3,839.00	4,130.00	4,130.00	
	3	Deduct Diamond Plate Cover from ea container	(85.00)	(255.00)	did not incl in bid price	-	(450.00)	(1,350.00)	
		Acknowledged Addendum 1	yes		yes		yes		
		Acknowledged Addendum 2	yes		yes		yes		
		Acknowledged Addendum 3	yes		yes		yes		
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		Subtotal		80,710.00		96,256.00		101,477.00	
		S. C. Sales Tax (5%)		2,957.50		3,421.85		3,748.20	
		Grand Total		83,667.50		99,677.85		105,225.20	

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: June 20, 2006
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 7:00 PM

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Request for approval of ATAX grant request from Walhalla Merchants Association in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the purchase of a multi purpose entertainment stage. This request was approved in ATAX Committee June 7, 2006, by unanimous vote to be an eligible expenditure of ATAX funds.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

State ATAX funds are received quarterly and 65% of those funds are Tourism Related funds that are to be disbursed as recommended by the ATAX committee and approved by County Council.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

This is an 18'x24" hydraulic stage, similar to the stage owned by Blue Ridge Electric, which will be housed in Walhalla but available for use by Oconee County and Oconee County Towns/Municipalities, at no charge, when available. Other interests groups and events may also use this stage for a rental and set up fee when available. This stage will be available for such events as Oktoberfest, Apple Festival, Steam Fling, Music Events, Cultural Festivals, Christmas Parades and Events, Memorial Day Services and any other occasion where a stage is needed. Entire cost of the stage and skirting will be \$25,782.00. The Walhalla Merchants Association is in the process of securing the remaining funding necessary to purchase this stage.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of ATAX grant request in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Walhalla Merchants Association for the purchase of a multi-purpose entertainment stage.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The current ATAX balance is \$59,870.23. This grant cycle has three recommendations to County Council totaling \$38,563.00, which if all are approved would leave a remaining balance of \$1,307.23.

ATTACHMENTS:

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PRT Director
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

County Attorney AF
C: Clerk to Council

Finance QB Other Comm. Services

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: June 20, 2006
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 7:00 PM

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Request for approval of ATAX grant request from Seneca Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$24,000.00 for promotion and hosting of the Steam Fling Celebration August 18-19, 2006.
This request was approved in ATAX Committee June 7, 2006, by unanimous vote to be an eligible expenditure of ATAX funds.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

State ATAX funds are received quarterly and 65% of those funds are Tourism Related funds that are to be disbursed as recommended by the ATAX committee and approved by County Council.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

The Steam Fling is the 100 year Celebration of the Chamber and these funds will be used for promotion and hosting multiple live entertainers on multiple stages including a major country music artist for the event. Advertising will consist of Radio, Newspaper, Cable TV and Internet. It is the goal of the Seneca Chamber of Commerce for this to become an annual event.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of ATAX grant request in the amount of \$24,000.00 to Seneca Chamber of Commerce for promotion and hosting of the Steam Fling Celebration August 18-19, 2006.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The current ATAX balance is \$39,870.23. This grant cycle has three recommendations to County Council totaling \$38,563.00, which if all are approved, would leave a remaining balance of \$1,307.23.

ATTACHMENTS:

Submitted or Prepared By:

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Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

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