

**MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Mr. Steven R. Moore, District I Mr. Thomas S. Crumpton, Jr., District II  
Rev. William S. “Bill” Rinehart, District III Mr. Marion E. Lyles, District IV  
Mr. H. Frank Ables, Jr., District V

**MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Oconee County Council met Tuesday, August 8, 2006 at 3:00 pm in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with Council Members Ables, Crumpton & Moore present. County Attorney Bradley A. Norton was also present.

**Press:**

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

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio, Dave Williams – Anderson Independent, Brett McLaughlin – Daily Journal & Ashton Hester – Keowee Courier.

**Other Organizations Notified:**

Also notified were the Oconee County Tax Payers Association, Citizens for Recreation Center and the Oconee County Democratic Party.

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Ables called the meeting to order.

**Invocation:**

Mr. Crumpton gave the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mr. Ables led the pledge of allegiance to the US Flag.

**Minutes:**

Mr. Crumpton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 2 – 0 (Mr. Moore abstaining due to his not being at the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting) that the minutes of the regular meeting held July 18, 2006 be adopted as printed.

**Public Comment Session:**

Ms. Susie Cornelius addressed Council regarding Rural Fire and the Community Economic Development Strategy.

Mr. B. J. Littleton addressed Council regarding County hiring policies and the taxing of properties.

**Ordinance 2006-17:**

Mr. Crumpton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 3 – 0 that Ordinance 2006-17, “AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUSPENSION OF SUNDAY WORK PROHIBITIONS UNDER SOUTH CAROLINA LAW” be adopted on third and final reading.

**Ordinance 2006-21:**

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 3 – 0 that Ordinance 2006-21, “AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX FOR OCONEE COUNTY” be adopted on second reading.

**Ordinance 2006-24:**

First Reading of Ordinance 2006-24, “AN ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH PICKENS COUNTY, SUCH INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN OCONEE COUNTY AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS FOR 1976, SECTION 4-1-170 ET SEQUITUR, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH PICKENS COUNTY PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE PARK, THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE OF THE PARK, THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE APPLICATION, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAX TO THE COUNTIES AND RELEVANT TAXING ENTITIES” was removed from the agenda.

**Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy:**

Mr. Crumpton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 3 – 0 that the attached annual progress report and update of the Oconee County Element of the Appalachian Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) be adopted.

**Memorandum of Agreement Between Oconee County & DHEC:**

Mr. Crumpton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 3 – 0 that the attached Memorandum of Agreement between Oconee County and the South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control, Region I to use the Council Chambers as a distribution/dispensing site of pharmaceutical and medical supplies/equipment during a declared state of emergency be adopted. This is an extension of the agreement entered into by both parties shortly after 9/11.

**Rural Fire:**

Mr. Crumpton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 2 – 1 (Mr. Ables voting against) that the bid for a HAZMAT truck for Rural Fire be awarded to Summit Fire Apparatus at a cost of \$343,821. This was the only bid received. (See attached bid sheet)

**Emergency Management:**

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 3 – 0 that the bid for audio/visual equipment for Emergency Management be awarded to Multi Media Services who was low bid at \$31,250.87. Funds for this equipment are being provided by a Local Emergency Management Planning Grant in the amount of \$21,280 and FNE Duke Power funds in the amount of \$9,970.87. (See attached bid sheet)

**Council Committee Reports:**

There were no Council Committee reports.

**County Administrator Report:**

Mr. Hendricks recognized Henry Gordon, Oconee County Emergency Management Director, and informed Council that the Oconee County Emergency Management Department had received the Barrett Lawrimore Award for Regional Cooperation among Emergency Management agencies.

Mr. Crumpton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 3 – 0 that Council affirm the recommendation of Mr. Hendricks to have the Rural Fire Department, Vehicle Maintenance and Emergency Management removed from the Planning Department on the organizational chart and have these departments answer directly to the Administrator and also that any mention of a liaison between the Administrator and elected/appointed officials be removed from the organizational chart.

**Administrator Report Continued:**

Mr. Hendricks also informed Council that the proposed one-cent sales tax for education and the proposed cap on reassessment values of owner/occupied homes is a transfer of wealth to the wealthy.

Mr. Hendricks informed Council there would be an executive session at the August 15<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting for the purpose of discussing a personnel/litigation matter.

**Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee Meeting:**

Mr. Crumpton scheduled a meeting of the Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee Friday, August 18, 2006 at 3:00 pm in the Conference Room, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC.

**Adjourn:**

Adjourn: 3:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Opal O. Green,  
Clerk to Council