

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF OCONEE
ORDINANCE 2011-01**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2012.

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council for Oconee County, South Carolina, (the "County Council"), in accordance with the general law of the State of South Carolina and the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the South Carolina General Assembly, as follows :

SECTION 1.

Pursuant to Section 4-9-140 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, the following amounts are hereby appropriated for the 2011-2012 fiscal year for Oconee County (the "County") for ordinary county purposes:

General Fund	\$ 42,594,868
Special Revenue Funds	
Victim Services Sheriff's Office	126,134
Victim Services Solicitor's Office	54,341
911 Fund	302,667
Enterprise Fund:	2,825,784
Debt Service Fund:	<u>1,709,466</u>
 TOTAL:	 \$47,613,260

SECTION 2.

A tax of sufficient millage to fund the aforesated appropriations for the Oconee County Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012, after crediting against such appropriations all other unrestricted revenue anticipated to accrue to Oconee County and any fund balance budgeted to be used during said fiscal year, is hereby directed to be levied upon all taxable property, eligible to be lawfully taxed for such purposes, in Oconee County. The Auditor of Oconee County is hereby requested to recommend to the Oconee County Council, for approval by Oconee County Council, a sufficient millage levy and the Treasurer of Oconee County is herein directed to collect sufficient millage on taxable property in Oconee County to provide for the aforesated operations appropriations and direct expenditures of Oconee County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012. The Auditor and Treasurer of Oconee County are hereby directed to fund such bond repayment sinking fund(s) as are necessary to provide for an orderly and timely payment of the debt service of Oconee County and to satisfy any debt covenants.

SECTION 3.

A tax of 2.1 mills to provide funding for the Tri-County Technical College Special Revenue Fund is hereby levied on all taxable property, eligible to be lawfully taxed for such purposes, in Oconee County. The revenue from this levy, not to exceed \$1,013,376

is hereby appropriated for support of Tri-County Technical College. The Auditor of Oconee County is hereby requested to levy and the Treasurer of Oconee County is herein directed to collect the millage on taxable property in Oconee County to provide for the aforesated appropriations of the Tri-County Technical College Special Revenue fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012. To the extent such levy results in revenues in excess of the amount appropriated above, all such revenues shall be retained and accounted for in the Tri-County Technical College Special Revenue Fund and shall be carried forward from year to year as fund balance in this fund to be appropriated by Oconee County Council through future budget adoption or budget amendments.

SECTION 4.

A tax of 2.9 mills to provide funding for the Emergency Services Protection Special Revenue Fund is hereby levied on all taxable property within the special tax district, eligible to be lawfully taxed for such purposes, in Oconee County. The revenue from this levy and a portion of fund balance, not to exceed \$2,070,400 combined is hereby appropriated for the Emergency Services Protection Special Revenue Fund. The Auditor of Oconee County is hereby requested to levy and the Treasurer of Oconee County is herein directed to collect the millage on taxable property within the special tax district in Oconee County to provide for the aforesated operations appropriations and direct expenditures of the Emergency Services Protection Special Revenue Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012. To the extent such levy results in revenues in excess of the amount appropriated above, all such revenues shall be retained and accounted for in the Emergency Services Protection Special Revenue Fund and shall be carried forward from year to year as fund balance in this fund to be appropriated by Oconee County Council through future budget adoption or budget amendments.

SECTION 5.

A tax of 1 mill to provide funding for the Bridge and Culvert Capital Project Fund is hereby levied on all taxable property, eligible to be lawfully taxed for such purposes, in Oconee County. The revenue from this levy, not to exceed \$150,000 is hereby appropriated for the Bridge and Culvert Capital Project Fund. The Auditor of Oconee County is hereby requested to levy and the Treasurer of Oconee County is herein directed to collect the millage on taxable property in Oconee County to provide for the aforesated operations appropriations and direct expenditures of the Bridge and Culvert Capital Project Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012. To the extent such levy results in revenues in excess of the amount appropriated above, all such revenues shall be retained and accounted for in the Bridge and Culvert Capital Project Fund and shall be carried forward from year to year as fund balance in this fund to be appropriated by Oconee County Council through future budget adoption or budget amendments.

SECTION 6.

A tax of 1 mill to provide funding for the Economic Development Capital Project Fund is hereby levied on all taxable property, eligible to be lawfully taxed for such purposes, in Oconee County. The revenue from this levy and a portion of fund balance, not to exceed \$500,000 combined is hereby appropriated for the Economic Development Capital Projects Fund. The Auditor of Oconee County is hereby requested to levy and the Treasurer of Oconee County is herein directed to collect the millage on taxable property

in Oconee County to provide for the aforesaid operations appropriations and direct expenditures of the Economic Development Capital Project Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012. To the extent such levy results in revenues in excess of the amount appropriated above, all such revenues shall be retained and accounted for in the Economic Development Capital Project Fund and shall be carried forward from year to year as fund balance in this fund to be appropriated by Oconee County Council through future budget adoption or budget amendments.

SECTION 7.

Oconee County receives certain recurring revenues that are restricted for certain purposes. These revenues are accounted for in various special revenue funds including the Victim Services-Sheriff's Office, Victim Services-Solicitor's Office, and 911 Fund, special revenue funds. Any surplus in these funds of the County or any moneys accruing therefrom shall be retained and accounted for in these funds and shall be carried forward from year to year as fund balances in such funds.

SECTION 8.

Oconee County receives federal, state and local grants for specified purposes. Oconee County is hereby authorized, absent any other factor, to apply for, receive, and expend all such grants for which no local match is required or for which such funds are budgeted herein, in addition to all other authority elsewhere given, and in accordance with all other policies and directives of Oconee County. These grants, including any local match, are deemed budgeted for the specified purposes upon acceptance of such grants. These grants are budgeted for on a project basis in accordance with the grantors' terms and conditions instead of an annual basis and as such, unexpended appropriations for uncompleted grant projects are carried forward as a part of the budget authorized by this ordinance.

SECTION 9.

All appropriations made by prior year budget ordinances for which the respective monies have been obligated or encumbered are hereby carried forward and reappropriated, as of July 1, 2011, as a part of the budget authorized by this Ordinance.

SECTION 10.

Capital projects are budgeted on a project basis instead of an annual basis and as such, unexpended appropriations for uncompleted capital projects are carried forward as a part of the budget authorized by this ordinance.

SECTION 11.

All unexpended appropriations as of June 30, 2011, except for those noted in Section 8, Section 9, and Section 10 of this ordinance shall lapse and expire and the monies involved shall revert to the fund balance of the fund from which the appropriation originated.

SECTION 12.

The County Administrator, as required by state law, shall oversee and supervise the day-to-day implementation of this budget ordinance, including the execution and delivery, on behalf of the County, of all contractual documents necessary or required for the expenditure of funds authorized by this budget ordinance, for the purposes for which such

funds are so authorized. Subject to the procurement policies of the County, the County Administrator is hereby authorized to contact and enter into contracts on behalf of the County for purposes, activities and matters budgeted for herein.

SECTION 13.

The fees authorized for all county departments to charge for services of the county and to use for operations of the county are as set forth in a schedule of fees. This schedule of fees is incorporated herein, by reference, as fully as if set forth verbatim herein, and adopted as part of this Ordinance and the fees are hereby approved to be charged by the appropriate county departments.

SECTION 14.

If any clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph, appropriation, or section of this Ordinance shall be held invalid for any reason, it shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or the remaining clauses, phrases, sentences, paragraphs, appropriations, or sections hereof, which are hereby declared separable.

SECTION 15.

All other orders, resolutions, and ordinances of Oconee County, inconsistent herewith, are, to the extent of such inconsistency only, hereby revoked, rescinded and repealed.

SECTION 16.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon approval on third reading and enforced from and after July 1, 2011.

Adopted in meeting duly assembled this ____ day of June, 2011.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Joel Thrift, Chairman
Oconee County Council

ATTEST

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to County Council

First Reading: May 3, 2011
Second Reading: May 17, 2011
Public Hearing: May 31, 2011
Third Reading:

**OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
BUDGET PROVISOS FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012
ORDINANCE 2011-01**

Section 1

The appropriations made herein shall not be exceeded without proper authority or amendment by Oconee County Council. 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 2

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 State of South Carolina or any of its agencies, reflecting the receipt and disposition of all funds.

Section 3

All purchasing and contracting for the acquisition of goods and services for County purposes shall be in accordance with procedures outlined in the County Procurement Ordinance, as codified. Subject to the provisions of Oconee County policies, whenever possible and practical, goods and services shall be purchased from firms and individuals located in Oconee County whenever goods and services of equal quality and specifications are available from local suppliers at prices less than or equal to prices submitted by nonresident suppliers.

Section 4

No bills or claims against Oconee County shall be approved for payment and no check will be issued for same unless such bills or claims are properly itemized showing the goods purchased or services rendered, dated as of the date of delivery of said goods and/or services and signed by the person receiving said goods or services.

Section 5

No officer, elected official or employee of Oconee County shall furnish any services or sell any materials or supplies to the County for pay, except upon open quote or bid in accordance with the County Procurement Ordinance, as codified.

Section 6

The County Council may transfer funds from any fund, department, activity or purpose to another by normal Council action, subject to all other applicable legal requirements. The County Administrator shall be authorized to transfer appropriations between departments within a fund. All transfers authorized by this section are subject to the overall appropriation limits of this Ordinance.

Section 7

Neither the Administrator, nor any Department Head, may establish or fund a new position without the consent of the County Council.

Section 8

For any equipment, vehicle or any other item that is approved in the budget as a replacement for existing items, the item being replaced will be relinquished to the Procurement Director for disposal or reassignment.

Section 9

The standard mileage rate reimbursed to County employees for use of their personal vehicles will be equal to the amount set, as the authorized rate, by the Internal Revenue Service, at any given time.

Section 10

Oconee County will pay County employees a per diem for meals while traveling on County business, including travel related to training. No per diem will be paid for meals that are included in registration fees. The rates will be \$8 for breakfast, \$12 for lunch and \$15 for dinner. Per Diem for breakfast will be reimbursed if the employee is required to leave home before 7:30 a.m. Per Diem for dinner will be reimbursed if the employee returns home after 6 p.m. For non-overnight travel reimbursement for meals will be based on actual expenditures for meals, limited to the per diem amounts above. Receipts for meals will be required for reimbursements.

Section 11

The Part-time Clerk position in the Clerk of Court's office first funded in the 2010-2011 budget is a temporary position, only, funding for this position is approved for an additional year, and is intended to increase the collection of past due fines and fees owed to the County. In order for this position to be considered in future budget years, the Clerk of Court's office must provide the Administrator with quarterly reports indicating the number of cases researched and the amount of fines and fees collected that are attributable to this position. These reports are due 15 days after the end of the quarter. Oconee County Council is not obligated to fund the position at such future time, however, all other factors notwithstanding. This position is never to be considered a permanent position unless and until Oconee County Council so designates it, so that this position is exempt from any provision of federal, state, or local law restricting the ability of Oconee County Council to decrease funding for the Office of the Clerk of Court. In other words, this position is not a part of the permanent funding of the Office of the Clerk of Court for Oconee County.

Section 12

Funding for the temporary Assistant Solicitor and Paralegal positions in the Solicitor's office first funded in the 2010-2011 budget is funded for an additional year and is intended to provide representation for Oconee County in the magistrate courts of Oconee County. These are temporary positions, only. In order for these positions to be considered in future budget years, the Solicitor's office must provide the Administrator with quarterly reports indicating the number of new cases referred each quarter, the number of court appearances each quarter and a certification from the Solicitor that these positions were only used for representation in magistrate court on Oconee County cases during the quarter. These reports are due 15 days after the end of the quarter. Oconee County Council is not obligated to fund these positions at such future time, however, all other factors notwithstanding. These positions are never to be considered permanent positions unless and until Oconee County Council so designates them, so that these positions are exempt from any provision of federal, state, or local law restricting the ability of Oconee County Council to decrease funding for the Office of the Tenth Circuit Solicitor. In other words, these positions are not a part of the permanent funding of the Office of the Tenth Circuit Solicitor for Oconee County.

Section 13

Building permit fees (under Building Codes on the attached, and incorporated Oconee County Departmental Fees Schedule for this budget year) and related and associated Building Code fees are, to the extent permitted by law, hereby waived and set at \$0 for any non-profit or eleemosynary entity duly recognized as such by the State of South Carolina and granted tax exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service of the United States ("IRS"), only for so long as such entity maintains such non-profit or eleemosynary status and tax exempt recognition by the IRS.

Section 14

Pursuant to authority given to governing bodies of South Carolina counties by the South Carolina General Assembly in Section 12-43-360 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, the Oconee County Council hereby reduces the assessment ratio otherwise applicable in determining the assessed value of general aviation aircraft subject to property tax in Oconee County to a ratio of four percent (4%) of the fair market value of such general aviation aircraft. Such assessment ratio shall apply uniformly to all general aviation aircraft subject to *ad valorem* property taxation in Oconee County. This proviso shall first become effective as of the effective date of the Oconee County budget ordinance to which it is affixed and, by incorporation by reference, a part of when first enacted by Oconee County Council, on July 1, 2011.

**Oconee County, South Carolina
FY 2011-2012 - Departmental Fees Schedule**

	FY 2011 Fees	FY 2012 Fees
GENERAL COUNTY FEES [applicable to all departments]:		

Copies

8 1/2 X 11 [per page]	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25
8 1/2 X 14 [per page]	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.50
11 X 17 [per page]	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.50
Blue Line Copies - See GIS/Map Room		

County Road Maps

County Road Map	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
County Road Map Bulk (50 or more)	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50

Fees Collected by Department [Alphabetical Order]
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Animal Control Fees

Dog Adoptions	\$75.00 per dog	\$75.00 per dog
Cat Adoptions	\$65.00 per cat	\$65.00 per cat
Horse Adoption Fee	\$100 - \$200	\$100 - \$200
Quarantine Fee	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Owner Pick-up Fee (Cat or Dog)	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Boarding Fee - (Cat or Dog)	\$5.00 per day	\$5.00 per day
Owner Pick -Up Fee - Large Animal	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Boarding Fee- Large Animal	\$10 per day	\$10 per day

Airport Fees

T-Hanger Rental Rates	\$145.00 per month	\$145.00 per month
	\$215.00 per month	\$215.00 per month
New 8-Unit Hangar Rental Rates	\$ -	\$250.00 per month
Aircraft Tie-down rate	\$30.00 per month	\$30.00 per month
Long term parking fee	\$10.00 per month per vehicle	\$10.00 per month per vehicle
After Hour Callout Fee	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
Ramp Fee for Transient Business Planes over 15,000 lbs	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00

Auditor

Temporary Tags	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
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**Oconee County, South Carolina
FY 2011-2012 - Departmental Fees Schedule**

	FY 2011 Fees	FY 2012 Fees
Building Codes		
(See Section 13 of Provisos to the Oconee County Budget for this year)		
All Buildings and Mechanical Trades \$10,000 or less	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
All Buildings and Mechanical Trades \$10,000 and up	\$50.00 plus \$4.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof	\$50.00 plus \$4.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof
Farm Exempt Structures	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Manufactured Home Permits		
Set-Up Permit (includes County Decal	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Decal Only	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Manufactured Home Detitle Fee		
Inspection Fee	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
Manufactured Home Moving Permit Fee	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Moving Permits (structures other than Manufactured Homes)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Demolition Inspection Fee	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Swimming Pools - Inspection Fees		
Commercial Pools	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Single Family Residence Pools	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Signs: Less than 75 square feet, No Fee		
75 Square feet to 200 square feet	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Greater than 200 square feet	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Commercial Plan Review Fee, 1/2 of building permit fee		
Penalty Fees, Where work for which a permit is required by this Ordinance is stated prior to		
Re-inspection Fee	\$50.00 fee shall be charged if an inspection is scheduled and the work is not ready when the inspector arrives	\$50.00 fee shall be charged if an inspection is scheduled and the work is not ready when the inspector arrives
Stop Work Order Fee	\$50.00 fee shall be charged if the inspector issues a stop word order	\$50.00 fee shall be charged if the inspector issues a stop word order

County Council		
CD/Audio Cassette / per event	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00

Delinquent Tax Collector		
Administrative Fee	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00

**Oconee County, South Carolina
FY 2011-2012 - Departmental Fees Schedule**

	FY 2011 Fees	FY 2012 Fees
GIS / Map Room		
Blueline Paper Copies		
30 X 42 (Full Sheet)	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00
21 1/2 X 30 (Half Sheet)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
15 X 15	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50
10 1/2 X 15	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
7 1/4 X 10 1/2	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.50
Custom Production billed in 1/2 hour increments	\$30.00 per Hour	\$30.00 per Hour
Custom Scan and Prints		
GIS A 8.5 X 11	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
GIS B 11 X 17	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
GIS C 18 X 24	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
GIS D 24 X 36	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00
GIS E 36 X 48	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00
Layout, Chickasaw Point	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Layout, Foxwood Hills	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Tax Map Grid with Roads	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Voting Precincts and Council Districts	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00

Library		
Overdue Fees:		
Books / Magazines / Music CD's	0.10 per day to a maximum of \$2.00 per book / magazine / music CD	0.10 per day to a maximum of \$2.00 per book / magazine / music CD
Videos and DVDs	1.00 per day to a maximum of \$6.00 per item	1.00 per day to a maximum of \$6.00 per item
Items Borrowed through Interlibrary Loan	0.50 per day per item	0.50 per day per item
Lost materials (books, CDs, Videos, etc.)	Original price of item	Original price of item
South Carolina Room research (by mail or e-mail)	\$5.00 plus price of photocopies	\$5.00 plus price of photocopies
Lost library cards	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Black and White Prints	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25
Color Prints	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.50
Out of County Card	\$50.00 Annually *	\$50.00 Annually *

*Not charged to patrons from Anderson and Pickens County who are in good standing with their libraries, or individuals who work or own property in Oconee County.

**Oconee County, South Carolina
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	FY 2011 Fees	FY 2012 Fees
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Parks Fees

ADMISSION FEES [all parks]

Daily Parking per Vehicle	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Daily Parking per Boat & Trailer	\$ 5.00 per boat	\$ 5.00 per boat
Annual Pass - Calendar Year (Oconee County residents)	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Annual Pass - Calendar Year - Discounted for Sr. Citizen (62+), legally disabled and veterans	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Annual Pass - Calendar Year - Out of County, South Carolina Residents	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Annual Pass - Calendar Year - Discounted for for Sr. Citizen (62+), legally disabled and veterans	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00

CAMPING [all parks]

Oconee County Resident	\$15.00 per night	\$15.00 per night
Non-resident	\$20.00 per night	\$20.00 per night
Waterfront Site Oconee County Resident	\$20.00 per night	\$20.00 per night
Waterfront Site Non-resident	\$25.00 per night	\$25.00 per night
Winter Camping Rate November 1 - February 28	\$12.00 per night	\$12.00 per night

All campers must have current license plates.

No site may be occupied for more than thirty (30) days.

BUILDING RESERVATIONS [all parks]

Security deposit required. Refundable if site left clean.

Recreation Building 1-100 People	\$50.00 = 1/2 day	\$50.00 = 1/2 day
Recreation Building 101-150 People	\$100.00 = 1/2 day	\$100.00 = 1/2 day
Recreation Building 151-200 People	\$175.00 = 1/2 day	\$175.00 = 1/2 day
Recreation Building 201-300 People	\$275.00 = 1/2 day	\$275.00 = 1/2 day
Recreation Building 301+ People	\$450.00 = 1/2 day	\$450.00 = 1/2 day

Picnic Shelters

Chau Ram Park

Shelter #1 maximum number of 36 persons	\$30.00 for 1/2 day	\$30.00 for 1/2 day
Shelter #2 maximum number of 36 persons	\$30.00 for 1/2 day	\$30.00 for 1/2 day
Shelter #3 maximum number of 12 persons	\$20.00 for 1/2 day	\$20.00 for 1/2 day
Gazebo #1 maximum number of 12 persons	\$20.00 for 1/2 day	\$20.00 for 1/2 day
Gazebo #2 maximum number of 12 persons	\$20.00 for 1/2 day	\$20.00 for 1/2 day

South Cove Park

Pavilion	\$50.00 for 1/2 day	\$50.00 for 1/2 day
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High Falls Park

Shelters 1 - 50 People	\$30.00 for 1/2 day	\$30.00 for 1/2 day
Shelters 51 - 75 People	\$40.00 for 1/2 day	\$40.00 for 1/2 day
Shelters 76-100 People	\$60.00 for 1/2 day	\$60.00 for 1/2 day
Shelters 101-150 People	\$80.00 for 1/2 day	\$80.00 for 1/2 day

Weddings/Rehearsals

Weddings	\$250.00 1/2 day	\$250.00 1/2 day
Weddings	\$500.00 full day	\$500.00 full day
Rehearsal Dinners & Reception (for off site wedding)		
Less than 100 persons	\$100.00 1/2 day	\$100.00 1/2 day
Less than 100 persons	\$200.00 full day	\$200.00 full day
101+ persons	Recreation	Recreation

Tennis - Per Hour to Reserve	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Miniature golf - Per Game	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Softball field - Per Hour to Reserve	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Volleyball - Per Hour to Reserve	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00

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	FY 2011 Fees	FY 2012 Fees
Planning		
Subdivision Related Fees		
All Subdivision Reviews (No Size Limit)	N/A	N/A
Subdivision Review (Minor subdivision <4 units)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Subdivision Review (Minor subdivision 4 - 10 units)	\$50 + \$10 per unit	\$50 + \$10 per unit
Subdivision Review (Major Subdivision)	\$100 + \$10 per unit	\$100 + \$10 per unit
Subdivision Variance (Individual Parcel)	\$50 + cost of required advertising	\$50 + cost of required advertising
Variances and Special Exception Fees for Commercial, Residential, Industrial Developments	\$100 + cost of required advertising	\$100 + cost of required advertising
Communication Towers (New build and Collocate)= \$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Group Homes	\$50	\$50
Sexually Oriented Business	\$1,000 Annual Fee	\$1,000 Annual Fee
Sexually Oriented Business Employee	\$25 per Employee	\$25 per Employee
Sign Permit (Billboard)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Tattoo Facilities	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Land use Variance	\$50+ cost of required advertising	\$50+ cost of required advertising
Land Use Special Exception	\$50+ cost of required advertising	\$50+ cost of required advertising
Pre-Bound Document (Less than 50 pages)	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Pre-Bound Document (greater than 50 pages)	\$5 + .10 per page	\$5 + .10 per page
Documents on CD	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
Maps (8.5 X 11.0)	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Maps (18 X 24)	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Maps (24 X 36)	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00
Maps (36 X 48)	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00
Custom Mapping (Planning and Zoning Projects Only)	\$30 per hour	\$30 per hour

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	FY 2011 Fees	FY 2012 Fees
Probate Court		
In estate and conservatorship proceedings, the fee shall be based upon the gross value of the decedent's probate estate or the protected person's estate as shown on the inventory and appraisal as follows:		
(1) Property valuation less than \$5,000	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
(2) Property valuation of \$5,000.00 but less than \$20,000	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
(3) Property Valuation of \$20,000.00 but less than \$60,000	\$ 67.50	\$ 67.50
(4) Property valuation of \$60,000.00 but less than \$100,000	\$ 95.00	\$ 95.00
(5) Property valuation of \$100,000.00 but less than \$600,000	\$95.00, plus .15 percent of the property valuation between \$100,000.00 and \$600,000	\$95.00, plus .15 percent of the property valuation between \$100,000.00 and \$600,000
(6) Property valuation of \$600,000.00 or higher amount	set forth in (5) above plus one-fourth of one percent of the property valuation above \$600,000	set forth in (5) above plus one-fourth of one percent of the property valuation above \$600,000
Issuing certified copy	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Issuing exemplified/authenticated copy	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Reforming or correcting marriage record	\$ 6.75	\$ 6.75
Issuing duplicate marriage license	\$ 6.75	\$ 6.75
Filing conservatorship accountings	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Filing conservatorship orders	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Recording authenticated or certified record	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Reopening closed estates	\$ 22.50	\$ 22.50
Appointment of special, temporary or successor personal representative	\$ 22.50	\$ 22.50
Filing and indexing will under Section 62-2-901	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Certifying appeal record	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Filing affidavit for collection of personal property under Section 62-3-1201, the fee pursuant to item (B) above based upon property valuation shown	(see item (B) above)	(see item (B) above)
Filing affidavit for collection of personal property where the property valuation is less than \$100.00	\$ 12.50	\$ 12.50
Newspaper advertisements:		
Keowee Courier / Westminster News	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00
Daily Journal	\$ 45.00	\$ 75.00
Filing initial petition in any action or proceeding other than (B) above, same fee as charged for filing civil actions in circuit court	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Filing demands for notice	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Marriage license - Domestic Violence Fund Fee / each marriage application [state]	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Marriage Ceremony Fee - Instate Resident	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00
Marriage Ceremony Fee - Out of State Resident	\$ 5.00	\$ 15.00
Marriage License Fee-Instate Resident	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00
Marriage License Fee-Out of State Resident	\$ 5.00	\$ 25.00
Certified copy of marriage license	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00

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	FY 2011 Fees	FY 2012 Fees
Register of Deeds		
Deeds and Mortgages	\$10.00 more than 4 pages \$1.00 per additional)	\$10.00 more than 4 pages \$1.00 per additional)
Deed Stamps	\$3.70 per \$1000 rounded up to next \$500	\$3.70 per \$1000 rounded up to next \$500
Instrument which assigns, transfers, or releases real estate mortgage	\$6.00 for first page \$1.00 for each additional	\$6.00 for first page \$1.00 for each additional
Affidavit of missing assignment	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Lease, Contract of Sale, Trust Indenture	\$10.00 more than 4 pages \$1.00 per additional	\$10.00 more than 4 pages \$1.00 per additional
Satisfaction of Real Estate Mortgage	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Plat larger than 8 1/2 X 14	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Plat of "Legal Size" Dimensions or Smaller	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Plats Larger than 17 X 24	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Any other paper affecting title or possession of real estate or personal property and required by law to be recorded, except judicial records	\$10.00 more than 4 pages \$1.00 per additional	\$10.00 more than 4 pages \$1.00 per additional
Power of Attorney, Trustee Qualification, or other appointment	\$15.00 more than 4 pages \$1.00 per additional	\$15.00 more than 4 pages \$1.00 per additional
Mechanics Liens	\$10.00 more than 4 pages \$1.00 per additional	\$10.00 more than 4 pages \$1.00 per additional
Cancellation of Mechanics Lien	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
UCC Financing Statements UCC1 or UCC3	\$8.00; more than 2 pages \$10.00; more than two debtors \$10.00; each additional debtor more than two \$2.00; continuations \$8.00; amendments \$8.00; assignments \$8.00; partial release \$8.00	\$8.00; more than 2 pages \$10.00; more than two debtors \$10.00; each additional debtor more than two \$2.00; continuations \$8.00; amendments \$8.00; assignments \$8.00; partial release \$8.00
Public finance transaction and manufactured home transactions	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Copies mailed \$1.00 to certify	\$5.00 for 4 pages then \$.25 per additional page	\$5.00 for 4 pages then \$.25 per additional page

**Oconee County, South Carolina
FY 2011-2012 - Departmental Fees Schedule**

	FY 2011 Fees	FY 2012 Fees
Road Department		
Sign Fee / Municipalities	materials cost	materials cost
Sign Fee / Other	2.5 times the materials cost	2.5 times the materials cost
Encroachment Fee (Residential/Commercial)	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Encroachment Fee (Pavement Cut Fee - Contractor Only)	250 + 10 sqf	250 + 10 sqf
Encroachment Fee (Permit Extention)	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Encroachment Fee (Re-Inspection)	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Encroachment Fee (Longitudinal work in ROW)	60 + .10lf	60 + .10lf
Encroachment Fee(Annual Blanket Permit)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Road Inspection Fee	\$1.50 per foot Minimum \$600	\$1.50 per foot Minimum \$600
Storm water Fees	Pipe Price + tax + Gravel Price + Tax X 2.5 =Price for pipe installation	Pipe Price + tax + Gravel Price + Tax X 2.5 =Price for pipe installation

Rock Quarry Fees

	Price per Ton	Price per Ton
# 1 Crusher Run	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.75
#2 Crusher Run Sap Rock	\$ 5.75	\$ 6.00
#3 Oversize	\$ 9.75	\$ 10.00
#4 Screenings	\$ 2.25	\$ 3.00
#5 1" 57	\$ 9.50	\$ 9.75
#6 Pa Gravel 789	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.25
#7 Class A Rip Rap	\$ 11.25	\$ 11.50
#8 Class B Rip Rap	\$ 11.50	\$ 11.75
#9 Asphalt Sand	\$ 6.75	\$ 7.00
#10 County Rock	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.75
#11 3/4" 6M	\$ 9.50	\$ 9.75
#13 Class E Rip Rap	\$ 16.75	\$ 17.00
#14 Flat Boulders	\$ 19.75	\$ 20.00
#15 Class C Rip Rap	\$ 11.75	\$ 12.00
#16 Class D Rip Rap	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.25

Sheriff's Office

Sheriff's Civil Fees		
Mechanics	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Subpoenas	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Foreclosures	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Judgments	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Writs	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Affidavit of Non-Service	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Other	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Misc Sheriff		
Incident Reports	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Record Check	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Executions	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00

**Oconee County, South Carolina
FY 2011-2012 - Departmental Fees Schedule**

	FY 2011 Fees	FY 2012 Fees
Solid Waste Fees		
MSW Transfer Station Tipping Fee	\$45.00 per ton	\$45.00 per ton
C & D Landfill Tipping Fee (rate last set in 1998)	\$30.00 per ton	\$30.00 per ton
Mulch	\$10.60 per scoop	\$10.60 per scoop

Treasurer		
Decal Fee	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
Bad Check Fee	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00

Zoning		
Non-CFD Rezoning Application Fee Per Parcel	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Appeals, Variances and Special Exception Application Fee	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF OCONEE
ORDINANCE 2011-02**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY (the "School District") AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2012.

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council for Oconee County, South Carolina, (the "County Council"), in accordance with the general law of the State of South Carolina and the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the South Carolina General Assembly, as follows:

SECTION 1

The following amounts are hereby approved for budget purposes and appropriated for the 2011-2012 fiscal year for the School District of Oconee County:

School Operations:	\$ 56,816,328.00
School Debt:	<u>\$ 17,600,008.75</u>
Total School District	\$ 74,416,336.75

SECTION 2

A tax of sufficient millage to fund the aforesated appropriations for the School District of Oconee County Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012 is hereby directed to be levied upon all taxable property in Oconee County and duly collected.

SECTION 3

The Auditor of Oconee County is hereby requested to recommend to the Oconee County Council, for approval by Oconee County Council, a sufficient millage levy and the Treasurer of Oconee County is herein directed to collect sufficient millage on all taxable property in Oconee County on which school taxes may be levied to provide for the aforesated operations appropriations and direct expenditures of the School District of Oconee County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

SECTION 4

In accordance with the Constitution and general law of the State of South Carolina, and the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the South Carolina General Assembly, the Auditor of Oconee County shall set the millage levy for the debt service requirements of the School District and the Treasurer of Oconee County shall collect sufficient millage on all taxable property in Oconee County on which school taxes may be levied to provide for the debt service requirements of the School District of Oconee County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

SECTION 5

If any clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph, appropriation, or section of this Ordinance shall be held invalid for any reason, it shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or the remaining clauses, phrases, sentences, paragraphs, appropriations, or sections hereof, which are hereby declared separable.

SECTION 6

All other orders, resolutions, and ordinances of Oconee County, inconsistent herewith, are, to the extent of such inconsistency only, hereby revoked, rescinded and repealed.

SECTION 7

This Ordinance shall become effective upon approval on third reading and enforced from and after July 1, 2011.

Adopted in meeting duly assembled this ____ day of June, 2011.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Joel Thrift, Chairman
Oconee County Council

ATTEST

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to County Council

First Reading: May 3, 2011
Second Reading: May 17, 2011
Public Hearing: May 31, 2011
Third Reading:

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF OCONEE
ORDINANCE 2011-03**

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE KEOWEE FIRE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT AND TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE KEOWEE FIRE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2012.

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council for Oconee County, South Carolina, (the "County Council"), in accordance with the general law of the State of South Carolina, including, without limitation, Section 4-9-30, South Carolina Code, 1976, as amended and the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the South Carolina General Assembly, as follows:

SECTION 1

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012, \$790,012 is hereby appropriated for fire protection services in the Keowee Fire Special Tax District.

SECTION 2

A tax of sufficient millage, not to exceed 14.5 mills, to fund the aforesated appropriations for the Keowee Fire Special Tax District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012, after crediting against such appropriations all other unrestricted revenue anticipated to accrue to Keowee Fire Special Tax District and any fund balance budgeted to be used during said fiscal year, is hereby directed to be levied on all taxable property, eligible to be lawfully taxed for such purposes, in the Keowee Fire Special Tax District.

SECTION 3

The Auditor of Oconee County is hereby requested to recommend to the Oconee County Council, for approval by Oconee County Council, a sufficient millage levy and the Treasurer of Oconee County is herein directed to collect sufficient millage on taxable property in the Keowee Fire Special Tax District to provide for the aforesated appropriations and direct expenditures of that Special Tax District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

SECTION 4

If any clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph, appropriation, or section of this Ordinance shall be held invalid for any reason, it shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or the remaining clauses, phrases, sentences, paragraphs, appropriations, or sections hereof, which are hereby declared separable.

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OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Oconee County Council

ATTEST

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to County Council

First Reading: May 3, 2011
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Public Hearing: May 31, 2011
Third Reading:

§6-1-80. Budget adoption.

(A) A county, municipality, special purpose or public service district, and a school district shall provide notice to the public by advertising the public hearing before the adoption of its budget for the next fiscal year in at least one South Carolina newspaper of general circulation in the area. This notice must be given not less than fifteen days in advance of the public hearing and must be a minimum of two columns wide with a bold headline.

(B) The notice must include the following:

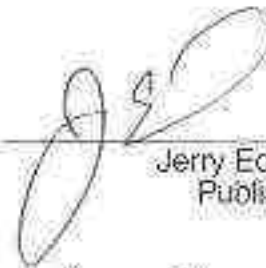
- (1) the governing entity's name;
- (2) the time, date, and location of the public hearing on the budget;
- (3) the total revenues and expenditures from the current operating fiscal year's budget of the governing entity;
- (4) the proposed total projected revenue and operating expenditures for the next fiscal year as estimated in next year's budget for the governing entity;
- (5) the proposed or estimated percentage change in estimated operating budgets between the current fiscal year and the proposed budget;
- (6) the millage for the current fiscal year; and
- (7) the estimated millage in dollars as necessary for the next fiscal year's proposed budget.

PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF OCONEE**

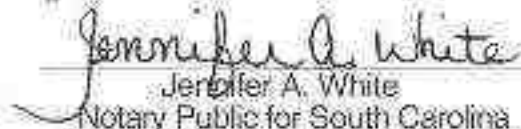
**IN RE: Oconee County Finance Dept.
Notice of Public Hearing
May 31, 2011**

BEFORE ME the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State and County above named, this day personally came before me, Jerry Edwards, who being first duly sworn according to law, says that he is the Publisher 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 paper on May 14, 2011 and the rate charged therefore is not in excess of the regular rates charged private individuals for similar insertions.



Jerry Edwards
Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
16th day of May, A.D. 2011



Jennifer A. White
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 05/18/2014

Columbia Department of Social Services office, Jane Alleyne, a 54-year-old disabled woman, slowly walked into a parking lot to apply for Medicaid. Permanently disabled by a work injury, she's been out of work for two years without health care coverage and says Bryan's Mercedes comment is off the mark.

"They had three years of not paying into the system what was needed," Berkowitz said. "Now we're taking away from the most vulnerable people so that their rates go down."

The break comes amid news that business profits are rising. The state Board of Economic Advisors on Thursday re-

ported the nation's lowest. Last month, Senate budget writers said the agency should put extra money, if available, into increasing the monthly checks. But that proposal was changed, to give Social Services flexibility to use the money in any of its programs.

Meanwhile, the Department of Health and

a "Christmas-tree green bag," he said.

Berkowitz argues the state could put the extra cash into Medicaid programs and draw down a third to one-third and even reduce the payment reductions to physicians and hospitals that threaten to make them more reluctant to see Medicaid patients.

**Notice of Public Hearing
State of South Carolina
County of Oconee
Before the Oconee County Council**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to law, a hearing will be held in the Council Chambers, at 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, commencing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 on the following matter:

The Fiscal Year 2011-2012 County Budget Ordinance No. 2011-01, School District 2011-02, and Koores Key Fire District 2011-03 for Oconee County, South Carolina.

The following budget is proposed:

	Current Year 2010-2011		Proposed Year 2011-2012		Percent Change
	Expenditures	Revenues	Expenditures	Revenues	
County General Operations	\$ 42,058,312	\$ 42,088,202	\$ 42,084,700	\$ 42,504,864	1%
Capital Projects Fund	5,872,870	5,672,570	650,000	650,000	85%
Special Purpose Fund	891,022	921,522	483,142	483,142	51%
Tri-County Tax Operations	1,029,151	1,038,151	1,013,376	1,013,376	-2%
County Debt Service Fund	1,883,225	1,883,224	1,703,696	1,703,696	2%
Emergency Services Protection Fund	1,355,518	1,355,514	2,070,400	2,070,400	53%
Enterprise Fund Road Quality	3,350,882	3,350,882	2,825,754	2,825,754	-16%
Total County	\$ 68,351,348	\$ 68,351,348	\$ 61,847,026	\$ 61,847,026	-6%
School District Operations	\$ 56,625,002	\$ 56,625,802	\$ 55,816,328	\$ 56,816,328	1%
School District Debt Service	15,240,498	15,250,498	17,600,000	17,600,000	15%
Total School District	\$ 71,776,100	\$ 71,776,100	\$ 74,416,327	\$ 74,416,327	4%
Special Purpose Tax District - Koores Key Fire District	\$ 720,509	\$ 720,509	\$ 790,012	\$ 790,012	10%
Total Special Purpose Tax District	\$ 720,509	\$ 720,509	\$ 790,012	\$ 790,012	10%
Totals	\$ 126,847,954	\$ 126,847,954	\$ 126,668,365	\$ 126,668,365	-2%

	Current		Proposed	
	Millage Rate in Dollars	Millage Rate	Millage Rate in Dollars	Millage Rate
County Operations	\$ 31,315,801	61.1	\$ 31,315,801	61.1
Emergency Services Protection Fund	1,278,874	2.9	1,278,874	2.9
Special Purpose Development	490,072	1	490,072	1
Bridges/Outlets	490,072	1	490,072	1
Total County	\$ 33,574,819	66	\$ 33,574,819	66
County Bonds	\$ 880,144	1.9	\$ 880,144	1.9
Total County	\$ 34,454,963	67.9	\$ 34,454,963	67.9
School District Operations	\$ 56,625,002	107.1	\$ 56,816,328	107.1
School District Bonds	15,250,498	31	17,600,000	33.4
Total School District	\$ 71,776,100	138.1	\$ 74,416,327	140.5
Tri-County Tax Operations	\$ 1,029,151	2.1	\$ 1,029,151	2.1
Total Tri-County Tax	\$ 1,029,151	2.1	\$ 1,029,151	2.1
Special Purpose Tax District - Koores Key Fire Tax District	\$ 650,511	14.6	\$ 704,012	14.6
Total Special Purpose Tax District	\$ 650,511	14.6	\$ 704,012	14.6
Grand Total Mills	\$ 108,410,523	222.6	\$ 110,704,293	226

Members of the general public are invited to attend the public hearing. The proposed Budget may be examined weekdays in the Oconee County Finance Department or on the County's website at www.oconee.org.



PUBLIC HEARING SIGN IN SHEET

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: May 31, 2011

6:00 p.m.

Ordinance 2011-01 "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2012."

Ordinance 2011-02 "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY (the "School District") AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2012"

Ordinance 2011-03 "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE KEOWEE FIRE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT AND TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE KEOWEE FIRE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2012."

Written comments may be submitted at any time prior to the hearing for inclusion in the official record of the meeting.

Everyone speaking before Council will be required to do so in a civil manner.

Council will not tolerate personal attacks on individual council members, county staff or any person or group. Racial slurs will not be permitted. Council's number one priority is to conduct business for the citizens of this county. All citizens who wish to address Council and all Boards and

Commission appointed by Council should do so in an appropriate manner.

Please PRINT Your Name & Check Ordinance[s] You Wish to Address

	Ordinance #	2011-01	2011-02	2011-03
1. Jim Larue		✓		
2. Jim Gadd		✓		
3.				
4. Susie Cornelius		✓		
5. STEVEN MOORE		✓	✓	
6. Benny Nichols	No Show			
7. Ray Comally				
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Chairman Thrift, members of Council, and Mr. Moulder:

I am Jim Gadd, a member of the Board of Directors of Leadership Oconee County and the Executive Director of Oconee Alliance. For the past 5 or 6 months, I have been involved in numerous meetings and discussions about a new initiative: CREATE OCONEE. This initiative was developed by the 2011 Leadership Oconee class.

You heard in a recent County Council meeting that CREATE OCONEE will focus on the following core values:

- Preserving our Cultural Heritage
- Recognizing excellence in Education
- Protecting our natural resources
- Rewarding creativity and innovation

I understand that a letter of support for this initiative was delivered to you last week. I believe that CREATE OCONEE will improve the quality of life in Oconee County and I ask that you approve the requested financial support for direct aid for 3 years. If you approve our request, we will agree to at least match or to twice match the amount of money that you approve.

Thank you!

Jim Gadd

Direct Aid Funding Request

Presented to:

Oconee County Council
Public Budget Hearing – May 31, 2011

Presented by:

Jim LaRue – Board Chairman
Golden Corner Food Pantry

My name is Jim LaRue. My wife Margie and I are residents of Seneca and I am the current Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Golden Corner Food Pantry in Oconee County. I have provided you with a package of information that describes our structure, governance, leadership and national and regional affiliations. I have also provided a copy of the *Direct Aid Funding Request Form* that contains the required detailed information to support this request. I will therefore keep this in the form of a brief summary and an appeal for your assistance in this very worthy effort.

The Golden Corner Food Pantry is a local charitable organization funded and supported by Oconee County residents, businesses, churches and community organizations. 170 dedicated volunteers make it possible for us to provide emergency and supplemental food staples to over 1,100 qualified families each month in exclusively Oconee County. This translates to approximately 3,000 low-income persons monthly. Of this number nearly 800 are registered in our **"Food For Seniors"** program. The average age of the seniors participating in this program is 74 and their average MONTHLY gross income is approximately \$800. All Oconee citizens receiving food from Golden Corner Food Pantry must meet established federal poverty guidelines and we are subject to audit by our supporting regional and national agencies, Golden Harvest and Second Harvest / Feed The Hungry. We also support a supplemental food program initiated by the Tamassee School in Salem and we assist other local charities and smaller food pantries when possible. This year we will distribute over **ONE MILLION** pounds of food to the needy citizens of Oconee County.

Our ability to service this growing need came to a crisis point last year and we embarked upon a capital campaign to allow us to construct a new facility. Thanks to a supportive community and our loyal donor base, we reached our goal and are now operating out of a new location just off Wells Highway in the Wells Business Park. Without this new facility we were faced with cutting back our services and support to the community.

Our appeal is simple. We have an ever-increasing demand and continuously rising costs. Our Food For Seniors program is at the center of our request for funding support. As stated in my formal request, supplies for this program have been cut by 32% and the costs have risen by 80%. We have now been forced to internalize this program and are in a constant battle to find funding sufficient to meet the growing demand. I hope that Council will see the Golden Corner Food Pantry as a critical component in the county's ability to assist the citizens of our county.

Please take note of the invitation in your packet. We are holding a special open house at our new facility to honor our donors and our community leaders. Please come and see first-hand what we are doing and what your funding helps to support.



December 12, 2010

Oconee County Finance Department
415 South Pine Street
Walhalla, SC 29691

Finance Department Budget Committee,

At the direction of Paul Corbeil and Beth Hulse I am submitting this Direct Aid Funding Request on behalf of the Golden Corner Food Pantry in Seneca. The enclosed application gives a general description of our mission and a short appeal for a portion of our current needs. Our efforts to feed the needy are exclusive to Oconee County and we are seeking support from the county to help meet the unfortunate growing demand. I greatly appreciate your efforts in this regard and your consideration of this appeal for support.

I would also like to ask for a brief visit with the budget committee as you evaluate this request and a time slot before the County Council in advance of the final consideration so they can be better informed of our mission and the challenges we face. Beth indicated to me that you would notify her so she could arrange a time slot for me at a future meeting of the council.

Once again, thank you for your support of this effort as we work to assist those in need in Oconee County.

Sincerely,

Jeff LaRue
Board Chair
Golden Corner Food Pantry
(Formerly, Golden Corner Ministries)

**OCONEE COUNTY
DIRECT AID FUNDING REQUEST FORM
FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 BUDGET**

Organization Requesting Funding:	Golden Corner Food Pantry (Formerly "Golden Corner Ministries")		
Form of Legal Organization:	Non-Profit - 501(c)(3)		
State/Federal ID Number:	57-0796686		
Street Address:	11081 N. Radio Station Road (Box 453)	City:	Seneca, SC
		Zip Code:	29679
Phone Number:	864-882-3610	Fax Number:	864-888-8258 (Call First)
Contact Name:	Jim LaRue	Phone Number:	864-888-5259
E-mail 1:	lashpearl@bellsouth.net	E-mail 2:	
Amount Requested:	\$ 26,400.00	One time funding or recurring?	Recurring

Description of Organization
 Golden Corner Food Pantry (GCFP) provides food staples to over 1,100 qualified families in (exclusively) Oconee County. This translates to approx. 3,000 low-income persons monthly. Of this number, 550 are registered in the "Senior Program". Seniors average age is 74 with monthly incomes of approximately \$800. GCFP operates exclusively on public, private and corporate donations. Food is purchased from local discounters and Golden Harvest Food Bank in Liberty, SC, a regional affiliate of Second Harvest - a Federal Food Bank. This year our 170 volunteers will distribute over ONE MILLION POUNDS of food to the needy of Oconee County through our meager facilities on Radio Station Road. When possible we also support other local charities by supplying them with food. All recipients meet established federal guidelines and we are subject to audit.

Purpose of Request
 Help support dramatic increases in demand and costs for the Senior Program. The "Senior Program" described above was started three years ago by Golden Harvest. At that time, they established a cost of \$5 for a 25-pound box of food. GCFP purchases these boxes and adds additional items donated by local grocery merchants. Each month, qualified seniors receive 50-60 pounds of food. For 2011, Golden Harvest has decreased the amount of food from 25# to 17# (down 32%) and increased the cost from \$5 to \$9 (up 80%). At the end of 2009, the number of qualified seniors for this program has increased from 350 to 550. In this economy, it is difficult to match donations to our increased costs and demand. The Senior Program is one of our most important projects and we want to insure our ongoing ability to support this critical segment of population in Oconee.

Prior Year Funding (if applicable)
 2008 - \$2,500 - 2009 - \$2,500 - Previous years funds were used to purchase food.

Expenditure Details (Please provide a detail description of how funds will be spent, for example salary, supplies, equipment, capital items, etc.)

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Assist in offsetting increased costs for the Senior Program	\$ -
\$4/Senior/Month - increase costs X 550 Seniors X 12 Months - for 2011	\$ 26,400.00
Note: This does not compensate for the 32% reduction in pounds of food that this money buys only the increased costs for the smaller amount of food.	\$ -
	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 26,400.00

Required Attachments:
 Most recent financial statements if not already provided.
 Non-profit determination letter from IRS or State if applicable and not already provided.





Helping Here at Home

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Golden Corner Food Pantry,

I would like to thank our supporters for their tremendous efforts. We are serving about 1000 families per month while distributing nearly 1 million pounds of food per year. If this were a business, we would be celebrating our growth. The reality is that this is a frightening sign of the times that presents real challenges for us and other charitable organizations.

One of the challenges we have is a serious need for more space and a more efficient working and service environment. Our Board has authorized a "New Facilities" effort to deal with this need. Some funds have already been donated and we have procured the needed land, but to proceed with construction we must have significantly more funds. Those desiring to donate funds specifically for the new facility can designate their donations for that purpose.

If you are not a current supporter of the Golden Corner Food Pantry we ask you to search your heart and consider making a donation to the "New Facilities" effort. It is focused on helping the people in Oconee County, the community that we serve. We see what our support does each month for young families, single mothers, the chronically poor and seniors in supplying the most basic of needs: FOOD. I have literally had people tell me they would not be alive today if not for our help! We are committed to an ongoing effort to meet their needs in an efficient, supportive manner. With your help, we will.

Sincerely,

Richard Kulper
Director

Website: goldencornerfoodpantry.org
Email: goldencornerfp@aol.com

Helping Locally

Oconee County

has over 70,000 people with about 10,000 below the poverty level according to 2008 census estimates. This number has almost certainly grown over the last two years as unemployment has skyrocketed to over 14%. There is also a very large senior population in the county and many of them live exclusively on social security.

Many of our neighbors in Oconee County need our help now, more than ever. Families and single mothers need supplemental food assistance to transition through unexpected events or periods of unemployment. The chronically poor need a reliable place to go for their basic food needs. Seniors need sufficient and balanced food to maintain health and quality of life.



The Golden Corner Food Pantry

serves the needs of Oconee County from its location in Seneca. It was incorporated in 1984 in the state of South Carolina as a Tax Exempt Corporation under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

In 2006, the Food Pantry provided about one week of supplemental food items to 500 families per month. By 2009 the Food Pantry support had grown to over two weeks of food per month for one thousand families, including more than 400 seniors. In 2009 the Food Pantry distributed 900,000 pounds of food to the needy citizens of Seneca, Walhalla, Westminster and the rest of Oconee County, supported exclusively through charitable donations and 145 dedicated volunteers.



Our current facility is too small!!!

It is only 1200 sq feet, and not well suited for our purpose. Originally an office building, it is difficult to move food around and access it once stored. Virtually all volunteer food transfer is manual because pallet loaders will not fit. Sheds have been added, but are of limited use without HVAC. We also need more refrigerator/freezer units, but have no space for them. The work stations for preparing the food boxes are cramped, which slows down processing and increases the wait time for customers. There is no real privacy for interviewing new applicants and existing clients.

Volunteers



...Collect Food

We appreciate the generosity of more than 20 local churches and youth groups, local food stores, civic and business organizations, and hundreds of individuals.

...Package

Volunteers from all over Oconee County perform all the work at the Food Pantry. They collect food donations then unload, store, sort and package the food to be given to the needy. Food is distributed by volunteers Monday through Friday to pre-qualified Food Pantry clients.



...Distribute

A typical package provides about 60-80 lbs of food or a significant portion of the monthly food needs for a family. Depending on availability, it will include canned goods and staples, fresh fruit and vegetables, bread and meat. We also distribute food to local agencies such as Our Daily Bread soup kitchen, Our Daily Rest, Helping Hands youth organization, and many others.



Words of thanks for our volunteers:

"I know in my Christian heart that you are all special angels sent by God to help us!" Vivian

"I really would like you all (God's Angels) to know how much your work, time and kindness mean to me!" Joseph

The Growing Need for Food Pantry distributions is due to the addition of our seniors "Brown Bag" program, the weakened economy and the recognition of the tremendous need in the county. All distribution is based on demonstrated need tied to the federal poverty guidelines and verified through regular checks of recipient income levels. Using the county average of 2.4 people per household, there are 4000 or more families in the county below the poverty level. This means there are about 3000 qualified local families that we are not currently serving.

A New Facility

In recognition of the above, the Food Pantry Board of Directors has authorized a New Facility Capital Campaign. Drawings and floor plans for a larger facility have been defined and will increase available space consistent with current and foreseeable future needs. The new facility design will also address client privacy issues and help reduce wear and tear on volunteers by allowing mechanical assistance in loading and repackaging food stuffs.

The capital campaign needs to raise a total of \$450,000 to cover the cost of the land, building, site work, and the necessary equipment. The capital campaign funds for the new facility are separate from the annual operating budget.



Future Site of Our New Facility

Please Help Feed the Hungry in Oconee County!

You can make a difference so please return the Donation / Pledge card...

- With a one time cash donation
- A multiyear pledge
- Donation of needed material and equipment

"I'm a single mother, I don't come every month, but when I run out of money the Food Pantry helps us make it. I call it a 'Blessing from the Lord.'" Tracy

Please send your contribution to:

Golden Corner Food Pantry
New Facility Campaign
PO Box 456
Seneca, SC 29678



Golden Corner Food Pantry Oconee Co, SC

Established: 1984

Location: 11081 Radio Station Road. **New location in June** – Wells Business Park.

Structure: Incorporated in the state of South Carolina as a Tax Exempt Corporation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954

Governance: Governed by a Constitution and By-Laws. This specifies a Board of Directors consisting of not less than 7 nor more than 12 members serving three-year terms. A copy of the full Constitution and By-Laws is available upon request.

Leadership:

- Richard & Peggy Kulper – Directors
- Volunteer Board of Directors
- 170 Monthly volunteers
- Material, labor and financial support from local churches, businesses, individuals and municipalities

National / Regional Affiliation: The Golden Corner Food Pantry buys food from - and derives some support from - national and regional agencies.

- **Second Harvest** – a federal food bank of national scope. In 2010, Second Harvest distributed over **2 BILLION POUNDS** of food to needy families nationwide
- **Golden Harvest** – a regional affiliate of Second Harvest headquartered in Augusta, GA. Golden Harvest serves 30 counties and 500 agencies in Georgia and South Carolina and distributes approximately **10 MILLION POUNDS** of food annually to the above region.

Mission

The Golden Corner Food Pantry (GCFP) provides emergency and supplemental food staples to over 1,100 qualified families in (exclusively) Oconee County. This translates to approximately 3,000 low-income persons monthly. Of this number, over 550 are registered in the "**Food For Seniors**" program. The average age of the seniors participating in this program is 74 and their **MONTHLY** incomes average approximately \$800. All recipients of food from GCFP must meet established federal poverty guidelines and we are subject to audit by our supporting agencies. As you can see from the following numbers, demand is on the increase!

P.O. Box 456 Seneca, SC 29679 • 864-882-8610

Website: www.goldencornerfoodpantry.org

Email: goldencornerfp@aol.com

Families Served

- Q4 '08 – 2,499 Dec '08 – 883
- Q4 '09 – 2,908 Dec '09 – 1,010
- Q4 '10 – 3,376 Dec '10 – 1,153

Food For Seniors Program

- 359 Registered Seniors – end of 2008
- 451 Registered Seniors – end of 2009
- 578 Registered Seniors – end of 2010

Gifts-In-Kind – Spartanburg, SC – *Gifts-In-Kind* is a charitable organization supported by Wal-Mart / Sam's Club and managed by United Way. For a small annual and monthly fee, GCFP is able to obtain thousands of dollars worth of paper goods and miscellaneous personal hygiene items each month for distribution to our clients.

SC Benefit Bank – The "Benefit Bank" of SC is an organization established to educate the citizens of SC as to the benefits available to them through various state and federal programs. GCFP has several volunteers trained to council clients in how to file taxes, seek employment, and access the multiple benefits and services available to them.

Capital Campaign – Over the past two years it has become increasingly obvious that we could not continue to safely provide any reasonable level of service through our Radio Station Road facility. This is a donated building of approximately 1,000 square feet and has been a blessing for many years. However, last year we distributed over ONE MILLION pounds of food through this location. In mid-2010 we embarked upon a capital campaign to raise sufficient funds to construct a new building. Thanks to our many loyal supporters throughout Oconee County and the surrounding region we were able to raise sufficient funds to construct a new facility.

New Building – Our new facility is located in the Wells Business Park just off Wells Highway near Carolina Plumbing. This building provides us with 4,500 sq. ft. of office, reception, storage, and distribution space with greatly improved safety and service features. This new building with all of the improved storage and handling capability will serve us for many years to come.

"Northern Alliance" – Although we do track our demographics to some extent, we feel that there are legitimate needs in the northern regions of Oconee County that are not being met. Our goal is to at least make citizens aware of the assistance that may be available to them. With this in mind, we support the "back-pack" program for the Tamassee School in Salem and currently provide supplemental food for 11 families. We also have relationships established with residents in the Cliffs Communities involved in *Cliffs Residents Outreach*, an outreach program for Oconee, Pickens and Greenville Counties.

As with any charitable organization seeking to serve our citizens in need, the Board of Directors of The Golden Corner Food Pantry greatly appreciates donations in any amount, support from our communities and all publicity about our mission and ongoing efforts.

Golden Corner Food Pantry
P.O. Box 456
Seneca, SC 29679

Golden Corner Food Pantry Donor THANK YOU Event

Monday June 6 from 5-7pm

At our new location – 635 Business Park Dr., Seneca



We couldn't have done it without you!

Please come and let us express our appreciation

Appetizers courtesy of Paesanos & Applebees
Wine tasting courtesy of Paimello Spirits

RSVP please to:
gcfps1@aol.com or 885-1467

Beth Hulse

From: BRIAN VAUGHN [brianvaughn@ncfv.com]**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2011 10:32 AM**To:** Beth Hulse**Subject:** Statement for Council meeting

Mrs. Hulse,

I hope you had a great holiday weekend, and I hope today isn't turning out to be a "Monday" for you. I would appreciate you forwarding this message to the council members as they consider lowering the property tax rate for aircraft based in Oconee county.

Thank you,

C. Brian Vaughn

Oconee County Council members,

I would like to express my support for lowering the property tax rate on aircraft based in Oconee county. Oconee county currently has one of the highest property taxes imposed on aircraft in the entire nation. This fact has and will continue to be viewed very negatively by industry looking to locate within Oconee county. The recently completed runway expansion project has already begun paying dividends as more, and larger, business aircraft utilize our great airport. Increased aircraft use equates to increased revenue for the county. We now have an excellent airport for businesses looking to base an aircraft at the Oconee county airport, and we need to make that even more attractive by lower the tax rate on aircraft. I believe it's fair to say that the majority of the population growth in Oconee county is due to our reputation as a wonderful retirement area. Oconee county has a tremendous amount to offer in the way of beauty and recreational activities, and our reputation as a great place to retire is well earned. A considerable number of individuals looking to locate to Oconee county inquire about our airport and the availability of aircraft hanger space. Some of these individuals choose to locate to other areas based on the higher aircraft taxes as well as the lack of hanger space while others choose to live in Oconee county but base their aircraft in other areas. Some of these aircraft go to other counties and even other states. This equates to lost tax and fuel sale revenue for Oconee county. It is important to remember that these individuals contribute greatly to the county tax base through real estate and personal property taxes while using relatively little of the county resources (primarily the education system.)

Thank you for your time,

C. Brian Vaughn

5/31/2011

Beth Hulse

From: David Augspurger [auggie135@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2011 12:13 PM
To: Beth Hulse
Subject: Aircraft property tax rate

Dear Beth,

As we talked about this morning please pass along to our county council members that I am very much in favor of lowering the property tax on aircraft from the current 6% to 4% or lower.

I had the last aircraft that I owned based in Toccoa, GA partly because of the very high property tax rate in Oconee County, and I know of other folks doing the same thing. These high tax rates are costing our county money and making our businesses less competitive. Please vote in favor of lowering our tax rate on aircraft.

Thank you for your time.

David Augspurger

Thank you very much Beth!