



# MINUTES

## OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Regular Meeting

### June 16, 2020

**MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
Mr. John Elliott, Chair Pro Tem, District I  
Mr. Paul Cain, Vice Chair, District III  
Mr. Julian Davis III, Chairman, District IV  
Mr. Glenn Hart, District V  
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, & Katie D. Smith, Clerk to Council present.

**Press:** Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [[www.oconeesc.com/council](http://www.oconeesc.com/council)]. In addition, it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Jerry Edwards, Caitlin Herrington, & Robert Benson / The Journal

### **Call to Order**

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **Public Comment Session**

*If you are not able to attend in person and you have a comment, you may submit it by contacting our Clerk to Council, Katie Smith at [ksmith@oconeesc.com](mailto:ksmith@oconeesc.com) or 864-718-1023, so that she may receive your comment and read it into the record. [No citizen contacted the Clerk to Council to provide a written comment for the Public Comment Session.]*

Ms. Abby Brower addressed Council utilizing a handout [copy filed with backup materials] in opposition of the proposed gun range located at 453 East Stamp Creek Road, Salem, SC 29676.

Mr. Monty Joseph addressed Council in opposition of the proposed gun range located at 453 East Stamp Creek Road, Salem, SC 29676.

Mr. Jack Collins addressed Council thanking Mr. McCall & Mr. Hart for their services they have given to Oconee County.

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Mr. Jerry Barnett addressed Council regarding the last campaign and the Planning Commission.

Mr. Will Hall addressed Council regarding population is growing worldwide and Oconee County's population will grow more than most of the counties in South Carolina because it is the lake district and has mountains as well. He further noted as more people and businesses come into this county, commercial entities are going to build adjacent or next to private residences.

Ms. Jan Barnett, President of the South Port Village Property Owners Association, addressed Council regarding [1] the layout of her subdivision that is within 600 feet of a recently sold property that is going to be developed as commercial and also noted there was existing commercial tract that backs up to the community. She noted a buffer of some sort between the existing residential area and new commercial development that would allow the quality of life to be continued and [2] a corridor planning issue regarding traffic in her area and asked Council to consider extending the corridor planning to include Rochester Hwy. from Old Clemson Hwy.

Mr. Tom Markovich addressed Council regarding the language in the litter ordinance.

Mr. Douglas Elliott addressed Council in opposition of the proposed gun range located at 453 East Stamp Creek Road, Salem, SC 29676.

Mr. Brad Davin addressed Council in opposition of the proposed gun range located at 453 East Stamp Creek Road, Salem, SC 29676.

Mr. Peter Glazer addressed Council in opposition of the proposed gun range located at 453 East Stamp Creek Road, Salem, SC 29676.

Mr. Peter Barnes, President of Keowee 1, 2, & 3 Subdivisions, addressed Council regarding the corridor setbacks and planning.

Ms. Phyllis Gardner addressed Council regarding the Planning Commission to institute a buffer zone along roadways for future commercial development.

Ms. Martha Steele addressed Council and read from a prepared statement [copy filed with backup materials] regarding buffer zone requirements included in the Commercial Development Standards for Oconee County.

Mr. Douglas Hedden addressed Council regarding the statue that is located in Walhalla, SC, 29691 and requested to put on the County or City agenda how the statute will be preserved.

Ms. Octavia Childress addressed Council in opposition of the proposed gun range located at 453 East Stamp Creek Road, Salem, SC 29676.

Mr. Tim Boeve, General Manager at The Reserve at Lake Keowee, addressed Council in opposition of the proposed gun range located at 453 East Stamp Creek Road, Salem, SC 29676.

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Mr. Ed McKenzie addressed Council in opposition of the proposed gun range located at 453 East Stamp Creek Road, Salem, SC 29676.

### **County Council Response to Public Comment**

Mr. Elliott thanked everyone that came out expressing their opinion in opposition of the proposed gun range and noted he would be affected as well. He noted his concern was the spent cartridges that contain lead and that when it rains, it will wash in to the streams and creeks beside the properties and then go in to Lake Keowee.

Mr. Hart thanked the Oconee County Roads & Bridges Department for getting Cobb Bridge open. He also thanked Mr. Cain for his motion to stop advertising in The Seneca Journal but noted it should be amended because Edward Publishing has many “tentacles”, such as Lake Living, Scuttlebutt Newsletter of Keowee Key, etc.

Mr. McCall noted there was no mention in The Journal of the speakers that addressed Council voicing their concerns at the June 11, 2020 Council meeting regarding the cartoon that was published in The Journal on June 10, 2020.

### **Moment of Silence**

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

### **Invocation by County Council Chaplain**

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

### **BREAK**

Council took a break from 6:54 p.m. to 6:57 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve the June 2, 2020 Regular Minutes as presented.

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve the June 11, 2020 Special / Public Hearing Minutes as presented.

### **Administrator’s Comments**

Ms. Brock updated Council regarding the following:

- Thanked everyone for coming to the Council meeting and participating in Public Comment
- Responded to Mr. Hart’s comments made during the Council Member comments and noted the minutes for the June 11, 2020 Special Meeting reflects the motion as “the Seneca Journal or any

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affiliate of The Journal”

- With Council’s permission, Ms. Brock and Mr. Root to get in touch with Mr. Douglas Hedden about the Council’s responsibility regarding the monument at the end of town and if possible, assist the City or State as this is not a Council responsibility

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### **Attorney’s Comments**

None at this meeting.

### **Public Hearings for the Following Ordinances**

*If you are not able to attend in person and you would like to be heard during the public hearing, please contact Katie Smith at [ksmith@oconeesc.com](mailto:ksmith@oconeesc.com) or 864-718-1023 so that she may coordinate your participation by telephone.*

No citizen contacted the Clerk to Council to provide a written comment for the Public Hearing Session.

**Ordinance 2020-01** “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES, FOR THE TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES PROTECTION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE BRIDGE AND CULVERT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE DEBT SERVICE FUND, FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, FOR THE CAPITAL VEHICLE / EQUIPMENT FUND, ALL IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021.”

Mr. Davis opened the floor for Public Comment.

Mr. Davis noted that no citizens called or sent an email to the Clerk to Council to sign up to address Council and noted that no citizens signed up to address Council. Mr. Davis opened the floor for any citizen wishing to address Council regarding this ordinance.

Mr. Jerry Barnett addressed Council noting that on an annual basis, the County personnel’s position they held and salary was listed in the past and noted this needs to be listed again as a matter of public record.

Mr. Davis asked if any citizens wished to submit written comments regarding this ordinance; no citizen presented any written comments for the record.

No other citizen addressed Council.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2020-01**.

**Ordinance 2020-02** “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE

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OPERATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021.”

Mr. Davis opened the floor for Public Comment.

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Mr. Jerry Barnett addressed Council noting the school board needs to be more responsible with the taxpayer’s money.

Mr. Davis asked if any citizens wished to submit written comments regarding this ordinance; no citizen presented any written comments for the record.

No other citizen addressed Council.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2020-02**.

**Ordinance 2020-03** “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, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021.”

Mr. Davis opened the floor for Public Comment.

Mr. Davis noted that no citizens called or sent an email to the Clerk to Council to sign up to address Council and noted that no citizens signed up to address Council. Mr. Davis opened the floor for any citizen wishing to address Council regarding this ordinance. No citizen addressed Council.

Mr. Davis asked if any citizens wished to submit written comments regarding this ordinance; no citizen presented any written comments for the record.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2020-03**.

**Ordinance 2020-12** “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A GOVERNMENTAL REAL ESTATE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY AS LESSOR AND CLEMSON UNIVERSITY AS LESSEE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LOCATED AT 200 BOOKER DRIVE, WALHALLA, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis opened the floor for Public Comment.

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Mr. Davis noted that no citizens called or sent an email to the Clerk to Council to sign up to address Council and noted that no citizens signed up to address Council. Mr. Davis opened the floor for any citizen wishing to address Council regarding this ordinance. No citizen addressed Council.

Mr. Davis asked if any citizens wished to submit written comments regarding this ordinance; no citizen presented any written comments for the record.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2020-12**.

### **Third Reading of the Following Ordinances**

**Ordinance 2020-02** *[see caption above]*

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2020-02** on third & final reading.

**Ordinance 2020-03** *[see caption above]*

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2020-03** on third & final reading.

**Ordinance 2020-12** *[see caption above]*

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2020-12** on third & final reading.

### **Second Reading of the Following Ordinances**

None at this meeting.

### **First Reading for the Following Ordinances**

**Ordinance 2020-09** “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE “SIGN CONTROL ORDINANCE OF OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.”

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve **Ordinance 2020-09** on first reading.

Discussion continued to include:

- Billboards
- Resolution 2020-03
- Moratorium on new billboards
- Health, Welfare, & Safety for our citizens

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Cain, it was approved 3 – 1 – 1 [Mr. Hart opposed; Mr. McCall abstained].

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**Ordinance 2020-10** “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTY PROVISIONS OF THE “LITTER CONTROL ORDINANCE OF OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.”

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded Mr. Mr. Cain, to approve **Ordinance 2020-10** on first reading.

Discussion continued to include:

- Same fine for all and should not be determined on the pounds of litter
- Motion from the Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health, & Welfare Committee was to make the ordinance track with the State ordinance
- Educational Task Force
- Magistrate’s jurisdiction for penalties
- On second reading, Mr. Root noted he would bring back a report on other jurisdictions

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Cain, it was approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2020-10** on first reading.

### **First & Final Reading of the Following Resolutions**

None at this meeting.

### **Discussion Regarding Action Items**

*Please note the following in relation to the first four procurement matters below:*

*June 2, 2020 - 1st reading, 2020-01 Budget Ordinance was approved*

*June 11, 2020 – 2nd reading, 2020-01 Budget Ordinance was approved*

*June 25, 2020 – 3rd and final reading, 2020-01 Budget Ordinance is anticipated to be approved.*

### **Printing and Mailing All Type Tax Notices / Assessor, Auditor, Delinquent Tax & Treasurer / Not Exceed Approved Ordinance 2020-01 Budget Amount(s)**

**Budget: \$135,571.00 / Project Cost: \$135,571.00 / Balance: \$0.00**

The solicitation was issued to contract with an outside firm that will furnish all labor, equipment, materials and postage to provide tax bills and assessment forms, print notices and bills from data provided by the County, fold and insert into envelopes, presort, deliver to US Post Office and mail. QS1/Smith Data will generate the data files that will be provided electronically to Laser Print Plus. This will save the County money in postal expenses, and also provide tax notices that are easy to read and understand and a return envelope to be used for tax payments.

The pricing for this purchase is per a Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by the County of Greenville; which allows other South Carolina Counties, at their discretion, to make use of the County of Greenville’s competitive process and to purchase directly from Laser Print Plus WY, LLC. This RFP was awarded, by the County of Greenville, in July of 2018 with the option to renew for four additional years. Since the County of Greenville has three years of optional renewals, staff is requesting to contract with Laser Print Plus for the

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remaining three years (1 year with the option to renew for 2 additional one-year periods.) The amount requested is based on estimated quantities and will fluctuate based on the actual number of notices mailed and the Assessor's reassessment year.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council; upon final approval of the FY 20-21 budget [1] approve the Award for Printing and Mailing of All Type Tax Notices to Laser Print Plus WY, LLC of Columbia, SC, in an amount not to exceed the approved 2020-01 Budget, for one year, with an option to renew for two additional one-year periods and [2] authorize the County Administrator to renew the award for up to two one-year periods, provided their work is satisfactory and the amount does not exceed the future years approved budgets for this expenditure.

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, that upon final approval of the FY 20-21 budget to [1] approve the Award for Printing and Mailing of All Type Tax Notices to Laser Print Plus WY, LLC of Columbia, SC, in an amount not to exceed the approved 2020-01 Budget, for one year, with an option to renew for two additional one-year periods and [2] authorize the County Administrator to renew the award for up to two one-year periods, provided their work is satisfactory and the amount does not exceed the future years approved budgets for this expenditure.

**Tires from State Contract / Rock Quarry & Vehicle Maintenance / Estimated Amount: \$145,000.00**

**Budget: \$145,000.00 / Project Cost: \$145,000.00 / Balance: \$0.00**

Vehicle Maintenance purchases tires as needed for County vehicles such as, but not limited to, police pursuit tires for law enforcement vehicles, auto radial for passenger vehicles and light/medium radial for trucks, estimated at \$140,000.00. The Rock Quarry purchases tires as needed for road driven vehicles assigned to their department, estimated at \$5,000.00.

The SC Materials Management Office awarded SC Contract # 4400022242 (Bridgestone/Firestone), 4400014834 (Goodyear), and 4400012720 (Michelin) for Statewide Tires and Service to a list of tire manufactures. The manufactures provided a distributors list to the SC Materials Management Office, who then awards contract numbers to the individual distributors. Super Service of Walhalla, SC is a Bridgestone/Firestone, Goodyear, and Michelin Tire Distributor under State Contract Number 4400022786. The discounts range from 23% – 52.25% off list price depending on the brand and type of tire. Super Service delivers the tires at no charge and also stocks a large inventory of tires.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council; upon final approval of the FY 20-21 budget [1] approve the purchase of Bridgestone/Firestone, Goodyear, and Michelin tires as needed from Super Service Tire & Alignment of Walhalla, SC in a combined estimated amount of \$145,000 for fiscal year 2020-2021 and [2] allow the County Administrator to approve future purchases from state contract for the next four-year period or through FY 2024-2025, as long as all purchases for Bridgestone/Firestone, Goodyear, and Michelin tires are in accordance with the State Contract award and amounts do not exceed amounts budgeted and approved by Council in future years for tire purchases.

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, that upon final approval of the FY 20-21

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budget to [1] approve the purchase of Bridgestone/Firestone, Goodyear, and Michelin tires as needed from Super Service Tire & Alignment of Walhalla, SC in a combined estimated amount of \$145,000 for fiscal year 2020-2021 and [2] allow the County Administrator to approve future purchases from state contract for the next four-year period or through FY 2024-2025, as long as all purchases for Bridgestone/Firestone, Goodyear, and Michelin tires are in accordance with the State Contract award and amounts do not exceed amounts budgeted and approved by Council in future years for tire purchases.

**Procurement #: RFP 19-08 / Institutional Healthcare Services / Detention Center / Amount: 386,400.00**

**Budget: \$386,400.00 / Project Cost: \$386,400.00 / Balance: \$0.00**

RFP 19-08 was issued on May 1, 2020 to select an outside firm to be responsible for medical care for inmates at the Detention Center. This RFP requested pricing for 12hr, 18hr and 24hr coverage options. In order to meet the needs of the department, the Detention Center Director requests the 18hr/7-day Coverage option. This contract is to start on July 1, 2020. Their health care delivery system will comply with all industry and state standards for medical services provided to inmates.

Six firms were notified of this RFP and two proposals were received on May 28, 2020. An Evaluation Committee consisting of County and Sheriff's Department Staff reviewed and scored the proposals and unanimously recommended Southern Health Partners of Chattanooga, TN for award.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council; upon final approval of the FY 20-21 budget [1] approve the award of RFP 19-08, Institutional Healthcare Services to Southern Health Partners of Chattanooga, TN, in the amount of \$386,400.00; [2] approve any additions to the "Cost Pool" as long as the medical budget for the detention center is not exceeded, and [3] authorize the County Administrator to renew this contract for an additional four years, as long as the amount does not exceed the medical amount budgeted for the Detention Center and the services provided are satisfactory.

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, that upon final approval of the FY 20-21 budget to [1] approve the award of RFP 19-08, Institutional Healthcare Services to Southern Health Partners of Chattanooga, TN, in the amount of \$386,400.00; [2] approve any additions to the "Cost Pool" as long as the medical budget for the detention center is not exceeded, and [3] authorize the County Administrator to renew this contract for an additional four years, as long as the amount does not exceed the medical amount budgeted for the Detention Center and the services provided are satisfactory.

**Procurement #: RFP 19-06 / Inmate Food Service / Detention Center / Amount: Not to Exceed Approved Ordinance 2020-01 Budget Amount**

**Budget: \$266,000.00 / Project Cost: \$266,000.00 / Balance: \$0.00**

RFP 19-06 was issued on February 14, 2020 to select a firm to be responsible for all inmate meals at the Detention Center. This vendor will be responsible for hiring, training and supervising all kitchen personnel, maintain compliance with local and state food preparation standards, supply all inmate food to meet

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minimum standards, prepare and serve the food, and clean all kitchen equipment and premises daily. The County will be charged monthly, for the actual meals prepared for inmates, based on a sliding scale (provided in attachments) of the cost per inmate meal that is based on the monthly Average Daily Inmate Population.

Four firms were notified of this RFP and two proposals were received on March 31, 2020. An Evaluation Committee consisting of County and Sheriff Department staff reviewed and scored the proposals and unanimously recommended Trinity Services Group, Inc., of Oldsmar, FL for award.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council; upon final approval of the FY 20-21 budget [1] approve the award of RFP 19-06, Inmate Food Services to Trinity Services Group, Inc., of Oldsmar, FL, in an amount not to exceed the approved Ordinance 2020-01 budgeted amount for the expenditure and [2] authorize the County Administrator to renew this contract for an additional four years, as long as the amount does not exceed the food amount budgeted and approved by Council for future years and all services are satisfactory.

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, that upon final approval of the FY 20-21 budget [1] approve the award of RFP 19-06, Inmate Food Services to Trinity Services Group, Inc., of Oldsmar, FL, in an amount not to exceed the approved Ordinance 2020-01 budgeted amount for the expenditure and [2] authorize the County Administrator to renew this contract for an additional four years, as long as the amount does not exceed the food amount budgeted and approved by Council for future years and all services are satisfactory.

Chief Kevin Davis, Oconee County Sheriff's Department, addressed Council noting they went through the procurement process and had two vendors apply.

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Cain, it was approved 5 – 0, that upon final approval of the FY 20-21 budget to [1] approve the award of RFP 19-06, Inmate Food Services to Trinity Services Group, Inc., of Oldsmar, FL, in an amount not to exceed the approved Ordinance 2020-01 budgeted amount for the expenditure and [2] authorize the County Administrator to renew this contract for an additional four years, as long as the amount does not exceed the food amount budgeted and approved by Council for future years and all services are satisfactory.

**Procurement #: 19-09 / Seneca Rail Park Infrastructure / Economic Development / Amount: Project: \$ 570,319.32**

**10% Contingency: \$ 57,031.93**

**Total Award: \$ 627,351.25**

**Budget: \$627,351.25 / Project Cost: \$627,351.25 / Balance: \$0.00**

On March 19, 2019 Council Approved the grant application to SC Rural Infrastructure Authority in the amount of \$500,000 for water and sewer infrastructure expansion in the Seneca Rail Park.

The Seneca Rail Park Infrastructure Project consists of: connection to existing 12-in water main;

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Construction of 384-LF of new 12-inch water main including steel cased bore under Shiloh Road and Railroad; Construction of 2,680-LF of 10-inch gravity sewer including ten (10) manholes; Connect gravity sewer to existing OJRSA manhole. All associated work required to install the above-described infrastructure.

On April 30, 2020 formal sealed bids were opened for this project. This bid was originally sent to twelve (12) bidders. Six (6) firms submitted bids, with Cedar Farms & Construction, Inc. of Eastanollee, GA submitting the lowest bid of \$570,319.32.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council [1] approve the award of ITB 19-09 to Cedar Farms & Construction, Inc., of Eastanollee, GA for the Seneca Rail Park Infrastructure in the amount of **\$570,319.32**, with a 10% contingency amount of **\$57,031.93** for any change orders that may arise, for a total award amount of **\$627,351.25** and [2] authorize the County Administrator to execute documents for this project and sign any change orders within the contingency amount.

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to [1] approve the award of ITB 19-09 to Cedar Farms & Construction, Inc., of Eastanollee, GA for the Seneca Rail Park Infrastructure in the amount of **\$570,319.32**, with a 10% contingency amount of **\$57,031.93** for any change orders that may arise, for a total award amount of **\$627,351.25** and [2] authorize the County Administrator to execute documents for this project and sign any change orders within the contingency amount.

**DISCUSS AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY COMPRISED OF APPROXIMATELY 11.23 ACRES, LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE OONEE COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT. THE PURCHASE PRICE SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000), WHICH SHALL BE PAID FOR BY FAA AND SC AERONAUTICS GRANTS, WITH A COUNTY MATCH BETWEEN ZERO AND FIVE PERCENT.**

Staff requests that County Council authorize the County Administrator to, on behalf of the County, execute a purchase agreement, receive a deed, and take all other action necessary to purchase certain real property comprised of approximately 11.23 acres, which is located adjacent to the Oconee County Regional Airport. The property is designated by tax map number 256-00-01-006, and is more particularly shown on the attached survey, dated September 19, 2019. The property is being purchased for the purpose of future airport terminal area expansion with apron and hangar development. The purchase price shall not exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars and 00/100 (\$150,000.00); the purchase price shall either be paid for, or reimbursed by, FAA grant award #TBD and SC Aeronautics Commission grant award #TBD, with the County contributing matching funds between zero and five percent of the whole.

It is staff's recommendation that Council authorize this real property purchase.

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, to [1] approve the purchase of certain real property comprised of approximately 11.23 acres, located adjacent to the Oconee County Regional Airport and [2] the purchase price shall not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000), which shall be paid for by FAA and SC Aeronautics Grants, with a County match between zero and five percent.

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Discussion continued to include:

- Parcel of property adjacent to the airport has been discussed with Council in the past
- Issues with settling on the number of people that owned the parcel and all coming to an agreement
- Included and approved in the Airport's capital plan for the last five years
- Immediate need is so the airport has this land acquisition in the event there is a terminal expansion at any point in the future

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Cain, it was approved 5 – 0, to [1] approve the purchase of certain real property comprised of approximately 11.23 acres, located adjacent to the Oconee County Regional Airport and [2] the purchase price shall not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000), which shall be paid for by FAA and SC Aeronautics Grants, with a County match between zero and five percent.

### **Council Committee Reports**

Mr. Elliott read from a prepared statement [copy filed with backup materials] outlining the discussions held at the June 2, 2020 Budget, Finance, & Administration Committee.

### **Board & Commission Appointments**

#### Building Codes Appeal Board

No questionnaires were submitted for the 1 At Large seat.

#### Board of Zoning Appeals

No questionnaires were submitted for the District 5 seat.

#### Conservation Bank Board

No questionnaires were submitted for the District 5 seat.

#### Agriculture Advisory Board

Mr. Hart made a nomination, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Amanda Callahan as the District V representative on the Agriculture Advisory Board.

### **Executive Session:**

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0, to enter into Executive Session for the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

*[1] General economic development discussion and activity update regarding multiple projects, as well as a product study.*

*[2] Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Patch.*

Council entered Executive Session at 7:39 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Cain,

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approved 5 – 0.

Mr. Davis stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

**Adjourn:**

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Katie D. Smith  
Clerk to Council

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