



A G E N D A

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

October 18, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

Call to Order

Moment of Silence

Invocation by County Council Chaplin

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Approval of Minutes

October 04, 2022 Regular Minutes

County Attorney Comments

County Administrator Comments

Proclamations

PROCLAMATION 2022-17 A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2022 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Presentation to Council

Oconee Addiction Recovery & Solutions / Christ Central Ministries Oconee

Mr. Ashley Williams / Director Christ Central Ministries Oconee and Oconee Addiction Recovery and Solutions

Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Project Update

Mr. Phil Shirley / Oconee County PRT Director

Public Comment Session

[Limited to a total of forty (40) minutes, four (4) minutes per person]

If you are not able to attend in person and you have a comment, you may submit it by emailing jennifercadams@oconeesc.com or calling 864-718-1023, so that your comment may be read into the record.

Council Member Comments

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Public Hearings for the Following Ordinances *If you would like to be heard during either of the public hearings, please contact Clerk to Council Jennifer C. Adams at jennifercadams@oconeesc.com or 864-718-1023 so that your participation may be coordinated.*

ORDINANCE 2022-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS IN COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAYS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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Third Reading of the Following Ordinances

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Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

None scheduled for this meeting.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2022-27 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE 2022-01 (AS SUPPLEMENTED BY ORDINANCE 2022-19), WHICH ESTABLISHED THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY AND PROVIDED 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 PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM CAPITAL PROJECTS 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, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023, IN ORDER TO EFFECT A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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First & Final Reading for the Following Resolutions

None scheduled for this meeting.

Discussion Regarding Action Items

Council consideration of funding in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 in for the anticipated increase of construction costs related to the completion of Sewer South

Council consideration and approval to authorize the Administrator to waive Oconee County Encroachment Permit fees in the amount of \$1,426.50 for the City of Westminster to assist the City in its municipal water system upgrades

The USDA-RD approved \$8,705,000 to the City of Westminster for the upgrades to existing lines to include 33,200 linear feet (LF), 10", 42,200 LF 8", and 10,800 LF 6", throughout the City's water distribution system. A 40,000-gallon ground storage tank will be replaced with a 250,000-gallon ground tank. These improvements will increase access to City water, improve water flow to areas with low water flow, loop water lines which will increase water delivery reliability, replace lines that have maintenance issues, add a new water tank to provide better water pressure, along with other benefits to the customers.

The City is currently performing due diligence as to begin the project as soon as possible. The city's consulting engineer, the Rosier Group, worked with Oconee County Roads and Bridges department to ensure correctness.

The fees for the three permits are \$665.00, \$557.50, and \$207.00 totaling **\$1,426.50**. The waiver of these fees serves and benefits the impacted residents of Oconee County.

It is staff's recommendation that Council authorize the County Administrator to waive Oconee County Encroachment Permit fees in the amount of \$1,426.50 for the City of Westminster to assist the City in its municipal water system upgrades.

Procurement #: ITB 22-05 REBID

Title: Asphalt and Striping for High Falls & Mullins Ford Department: PRT

Amount:	\$87,790.00
Contingency (10%):	\$ 8,779.00
Total Award:	\$96,569.00

Procurement was approved by Council in Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget process.

Budget: \$ 96,569.00	Project Cost: \$	96,569.00	Balance: \$0.00
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Funding from Local Accommodations Tax (LAT)

This Asphalt and Striping contract consists of furnishing all labor, materials and equipment needed to pave and stripe two projects for Parks, Recreation, and Tourism (PRT).

1. **High Falls:** Near the swim beach is a new shelter with concession booth. The new asphalt will be attaching the new building to the existing asphalt access road. The existing paving was demolished to build the new building and the gravel is not ADA accessible. The paved area will consist of two handicap spaces and two unloading vehicle spaces.
2. **Mullins Ford:** At the boat landing of Mullins Ford is an existing paved area for boat trailers to back down the ramp. The pavement has deteriorated past safe usage. The design of the new paving in front of the ramp has been changed to make for easier backing. The existing asphalt in front of the landing will be removed and graded for new asphalt.

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The existing ditch around the new paved area will need to be regraded and ripped. This has been approved by Corps of Engineers.

On September 6, 2022, formal sealed bids were opened for this project. This bid was originally sent to thirty-six (36) bidders. One bid was received from Hubbard Paving & Grading of Walhalla, SC in the amount of \$87,790.00. A 10% contingency, in the amount of \$8,779.00, is requested to account for unforeseen items that may arise.

On August 19, 2021, the Oconee County PRT Commission approved \$47,700.00 to be used from local ATAX funds for the paving projects referenced above. County Council approved on September 7, 2021. Due to the volatile market of asphalt mix materials, the price has increased since the original amount was approved. PRT Staff is requesting approval of an additional \$48,869.00 to be used from local ATAX funds for the paving projects mentioned above.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council:

1. Approve the award of ITB 22-05 Rebid to Hubbard Paving & Grading, Inc. of Walhalla, SC in the amount of \$87,790.00, plus a 10% contingency in the amount of \$8,779.00, for a total award of \$96,569.00.

2. Approve an additional \$48,869.00 from local ATAX funds to be used for this project.

3. Authorize the County Administrator to approve any change orders within the contingency amount.

Title: 2022 Hyundai Wheel Loader

Department: Rock Quarry

Amount: \$359,963.00

Procurement was approved by Council in Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget process.

Budget: \$359,963.00 Project Cost: \$359,963.00

Balance: \$0.00

This Wheel Loader is a 2022 Hyundai HL980A. Its main use will be used in the yard to load customer's trucks. This loader will enable the Rock Quarry staff to load customer dump trucks in a timely fashion. This machine will have a scale on the bucket, which will provide more accuracy in amount of product loaded.

National Equipment Dealers allowed Rock Quarry Staff to demo this piece of equipment for 3 days to ensure it will meet the needs and requirements of the Rock Quarry. After demo and researching the necessary horse power and operating weights of a two pass Wheel Yard Loader that can safely handle a 7.3 cubic yard bucket, it was determined that the 2022 Hyundai HL980A, will best meet the needs of the Oconee Quarry.

The County is utilizing the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association contract through a cooperative purchasing agreement. The contract discount is 6% off the list price of the equipment and 10% off the list price of attachments. National Equipment Dealers (dba: May/RHI) is also offering an additional dealer discount of \$7,714.78 off of the contract price for this wheel loader.

National Equipment Dealers (dba: May/RHI) holds the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association contract for the Hyundai HL980A Wheel Loader. The North Carolina Sheriff's Association contract allows all County and City Government Agencies to purchase, from this contract, directly from the awarded vendors.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve the purchase of the Hyundai HL980A Wheel Loader from National Equipment Dealers (dba: May/RHI) of Columbia, SC in the amount of \$359,963.00.

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Title: Hustler 60” Wide Conveyor

Department(s): Solid Waste

Amount: \$194,885.00

Contingency (10%): \$ 19,488.50

Total Award: \$214,373.50

Procurement was approved by Council in Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget process.

Budget: \$214,373.50

Project Cost: \$214,373.50

Balance: \$0.00

This purchase is for a Steel Conveyor system that will integrate with Solid Waste’s new Harris baler. The existing conveyor system was prefabricated in 1996 by Process Solutions of North Charleston, who is no longer in business. Therefore, staff cannot get parts to repair and this conveyor has exceeded its useful life. County Staff has maintained and repaired the best they could, but it is now past being repaired. The rubber belts can no longer be adjusted to keep them in the correct position for the conveyor to operate properly. Due to the age and condition of the current conveyor, the rubber belts are replaced, on average, every 3 years at a cost of nearly \$9,000. This conveyor is stationed in huge pit, which is considered a confined space. This conveyor requires cleaning and maintenance every 1-2 months. In order to clean and conduct maintenance, it requires one or two Solid Waste operators working in the pit and additional staff standing watch above the pit. Per OSHA, staff working in the pit are required to have confined space training. By purchasing this new conveyor, this requirement will no longer be necessary.

The Steel Conveyor metal belt system has a typical belt life of at least 15 years and can last as long as 20 year depending on types of materials that are loaded on them. The current 8 ft. pit would be reduced to 3-4 ft. and would no longer be considered a confined space. This would reduce the training and number of employees required to clean and conduct maintenance. Also, the incline and height of the conveyor is designed to be a perfect match with the new baler.

At the June 21, 2022 County Council meeting, the purchase of a Two-Ram Baler to Crigler Enterprises, Inc. of Mableton, GA was approved. This purchase is for a conveyor that will feed this Baler. Staff is requesting this Sole Source purchase from Crigler Enterprises of Mableton, GA, based on:

1. Crigler Enterprises, Inc. was awarded ITB 21-18 for the Two-Ram Baler Purchase.
2. Crigler Enterprises, Inc. is the authorized Dealer / Service Center for Harris Balers and Hustler Conveyors for Oconee County.
3. Crigler Enterprises, Inc. will install, provide warranty and maintain the baler along with this conveyor, if approved.
4. Solid Waste would have one company to contact for all issues (warranty, maintenance, etc.) for both pieces of equipment.
5. The Hustler Conveyor is fully compatible with the Harris Baler.
6. The starter and controls for the conveyor will be located the baler panel; therefore, it is important that the baler and conveyor be installed and maintained by the same company.

It is the staff’s recommendation that Council approve:

1. Approve the purchase of the Hustler 60” Wide Conveyor from Crigler Enterprises, Inc. of Mableton, GA in the amount of \$194,885.00, plus a 10% contingency in the amount of \$19,488.50, for a total award of \$214,373.50.

2. Authorized the County Administrator to approve any change orders within the contingency amount.

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Title: Repair Bomag Refuse Compactor

Department(s): Solid Waste

Amount: Estimated: \$74,433.97
Contingency: \$20,000.00
Total: \$94,433.97

Solid Waste has a 2016 Bomag Refuse Soil Compactor that is used in the landfill to move material and compact debris. This piece of equipment was damaged on September 6, 2022 and is in need of repair. Staff is requesting a contingency of \$20,000.00 to cover any unforeseen issues that arise during the repair. This repair has been filed with the Insurance Reserve Fund (County Insurance). Linder Industrial Machinery of Greer, SC is the Authorized dealer and repair center for Bomag Equipment.

It is the staff’s recommendation that Council:

- 1. Approve the repair of the Bomag Refuse Compactor in the estimated amount of \$74,433.97 plus \$20,000.00 contingency for a total amount of \$94,433.97 to Linder Industrial Machinery of Greer, SC.*
- 2. Authorize the County Administrator to approve and sign any change orders within the contingency amount.*

Title: Installation of Groundwater Monitoring Wells

Department(s): Solid Waste

Amount: \$87,070.00

Procurement was approved by Council in Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget process.

Budget: \$87,070.00 Project Cost: \$ 87,070.00 Balance: \$0.00

At the April 19, 2022 Council meeting, Council approved the award of RFP 21-14 to Smith Gardner, Inc., for Engineering Services for Solid Waste with the option to extend the contract for four (4) consecutive one (1) year terms. At the July 19, 2022 Council meeting, Council approved to contract with Smith Gardner to provide engineering services for groundwater and stream water sampling and monitoring at the Seneca and Five Forks landfills; and the required analysis and submission of annual reports to SCDHEC.

The engineering for groundwater and stream water monitoring yielded the need for the addition of monitoring wells at the Seneca Landfill for the expansion of the monitoring well network. The additional wells are needed to better understand groundwater quality in nearby creeks and will aid in assessing the mitigating effects of ongoing remedial efforts of groundwater impacts.

It is the staff’s recommendation that Council approve the installation of additional groundwater monitoring wells to Smith Gardner, Inc., of Raleigh, NC in the amount \$87,070.00.

Council Committee Reports

None scheduled for this meeting.

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Board & Commission Appointments

The Board & Commission seats listed below are co-terminus with Council District seats and will require [in the 1st quarter of 2021] appointment and/or reappointment as follows:

Arts and Historical Commission

1 At-Large Seat: No questionnaire on file for this seat

Conservation Bank Board

District IV Seat: No questionnaire on file for this seat

Executive Session

[upon reconvening Council may take a Vote and/or take Action on matters brought up for discussion in Executive Session, if required]

- 1. Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Green Paw.*
- 2. Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Thread.*

Adjourn

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