



A G E N D A

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

February 20, 2024

6:00 PM

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

Call to Order

Moment of Silence

Invocation

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

Approval of Minutes

February 6, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

County Attorney Comments

County Administrator Comments

Presentation to Council

Oconee Humane Society 2023 Report – Mr. Byron Oswald / Humane Society Board President

Public Comment Session

[Limited to a total of fifty (50) minutes, five (5) 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

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 2024-05 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$56,000.00) DOLLARS OF FUNDING UNDER THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (“ARPA”) FOR THE SENECA LIBRARY ADA RAMP PROJECT AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

ORDINANCE 2024-06 AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE 2021-20, WHICH APPROPRIATED AND AUTHORIZED THE EXPENDITURE OF THREE MILLION AND 00/100 (\$3,000,000.00) DOLLARS OF LOCAL CORONAVIRUS FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDING RECEIVED BY OCONEE COUNTY UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (“ARPA”) FOR PURPOSES OF THE SENECA WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT, BY AMENDING THE PROJECT’S SCOPE TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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Julian Davis, III, District IV

Third Reading of the Following Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2024-05 [see caption above]

ORDINANCE 2024-06 [see caption above]

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2024-08 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT RED, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE CURRENT OR FUTURE AFFILIATES, AND/OR OTHER PROJECT COMPANIES (COLLECTIVELY “COMPANY”), WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY LOCATED IN OCONEE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES INCENTIVE; PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT; AND DEVELOPING A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY AND PICKENS COUNTY SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY OF THE PROJECT AS PART OF THE PARK; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

ORDINANCE 2024-10 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BUDGETARY INCREASE LIMITATION FOR OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

None for this meeting.

First & Final Reading for the Following Resolutions

None for this meeting.

Discussion Regarding Action Items

Discuss and approve (or ratify) the Intergovernmental Agreement between Oconee County and the City of Walhalla for Fire Protection and Other Emergency Response Services. (See Resolution 2023-15, included in the Backup Materials, regarding prior approval.)

Request for Council’s approval to authorize the Oconee County Administrator to provide a letter of support for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) Property Acquisition Project

- The SCDNR Board has approved the acquisition of approximately seventeen (17) acres, in Oconee County, adjoining the Stumphouse Mountain Heritage Preserve / Wildlife Management Area (WMA).
- The property, delineated at TMS 105-00-02-004 and 105-00-02-006, is composed of upland hardwood forest that provides habitat for game and nongame species.
- Following state guidelines, SCDNR must obtain a letter of support from Oconee County before completing the acquisition and declaring it tax exempt.
- For the previous year, the property tax about was approximately \$17.43.
- Once acquired, the property would be managed as part of the Stumphouse Mountain Heritage Preserve / WMA and open to the public for outdoor recreational activities.

The acquisition of the property would result in tax exempt status for a parcel which yielded approximately \$17.43 in property tax over the last year.

It is staff’s recommendation that Council authorize the Oconee County Administrator to provide a letter of support to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources for the SCDNR Property Acquisition Project.

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Title: 2024 Ford F-450 Crane Truck
Amount: \$157,775.50

Department: Vehicle Maintenance

Procurement was approved by Council in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget process.

Budget: \$157,775.50 Project Cost: \$157,775.50 Balance: \$0.00

(Funding from Capital Equipment / (325) Vehicle Fund)

This crane truck is a 2024 Ford F-450 regular cab 4x4 truck with a Knapheide crane body for Vehicle Maintenance. This purchase includes an Auto Crane EHC-6 Electric / Hydraulic 370-degree field service crane and a Vanair Air-N-Arc 300 gas powered multi-function power system (Compressor, Generator & Welder).

This truck will be used by the Vehicle Maintenance Department to pull cylinders on large equipment, large tires on motor graders and other heavy equipment repairs that must be completed on the road and in remote locations. In addition, this truck will also be used for welding and fabricating road calls and assisting the Sheriff's department when they are in need of a crane.

This crane truck will be replacing a 1995 Ford F-450 Crane/Welding Truck (105.02) with 104,489 miles; which will be sold as surplus or replace older vehicles used in other County departments.

State Contract pricing for Ford pickup trucks is currently awarded to Dick Smith Automotive of Columbia, SC, contract number 4400029866. The crane body for the truck comes from Lee Transport Equipment, Inc of Columbia, SC that currently holds the State Contract for truck bodies, contract number 4400027118, and is an authorized dealer for Knapheide. Dick Smith Automotive will coordinate the installation of the crane body; therefore, the County will issue one Purchase Order to Dick Smith Automotive.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-450 with crane body to Dick Smith Automotive of Columbia, SC, in the amount of \$157,775.50, per SC State Contract.

Council Committee Reports

None for this meeting.

Board & Commission Appointments

The Board & Commission seats listed below are co-terminus with Council District seats and will require [in the 1st quarter of 2023] appointment and/or reappointment as follows:

Agriculture Advisory Board

District IV seat: No questionnaires 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 Cherry.*

Adjourn

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