



MINUTES
BUDGET, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
WORKSHOP MEETING
May 12, 2009
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WALHALLA, SC

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Reg Dexter, Chairman, District V
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II
Mr. Mario Suarez, District III
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV

The Budget, Finance & Administration Committee on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers to review the proposed FY 2009-2010 Oconee County budget. All Council Members were present along with Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council.

Oconee County Staff Present:

Ms. Kendra Brown, Asst. Administrator for Administrative Services & Finance
Ms. Ladale Price, Budget Analyst

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.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Carlos Galarza – Daily Journal & Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent.

Call to Order:

Chairman Dexter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2009 Budget, Finance & Administration Committee meeting as printed.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to approve the minutes from the April 29, 2009 Budget, Finance & Administration Committee meeting as printed.

Line by Line Budget Analysis for FY 2009-2010 [Departments representative present for discussion]:

[unless otherwise noted the following departments were approved for the administrator's recommended budget amount with the proviso that they may be revisited in a future meeting]

- Public Defender's Office, Dept 510 Unidentified Representative
- Magistrates, Dept 509 Judge Blake Norton

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to approve that the Magistrate's Office not transfer the vehicle outlined in the budget to the Solicitor's office.

- Planning, Dept 712 Art Holbrooks

Mr. Suarez arrived at this time.

- Zoning, Dept TBD Art Holbrooks

Mr. Suarez made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 3 – 1 to approve the amended Zoning Budget as follows:

- [1] reduce line item 30056 [Data Processing] by \$2,400 for a total of \$1,600
- [2] reduce line item 30080 [Dues] by \$500 for a total of zero
- [3] reduce line item 30084 [Schools] by \$1,302 for a total for zero
- [4] reduce line item 40032 [Operational] by \$3,000 for a total of \$3,000, and
- [5] reduce line item 40065 [Clothing] by \$200 for a total of zero.

The total approved budget for Zoning is approved for of \$6,200.

- Airport, Dept 720 Kevin Short

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Suarez, approved 4 – 0 to approve the amended Airport Budget reducing line item 010-720-5830 by \$17,500 and allocating the same amount to the runway extension project [runway development fund].

- Vehicle Maintenance, Dept 721 Ronnie Smith
- Rock Quarry, Dept 719 Rick Martin

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Suarez, approved 4 – 0 to amend the Rock Quarry Budget as follows:

- [1] add \$800 to line item 017-719-30091 [Special Departmental] for a total of \$800
- [2] add \$1,000 to line item 017-719-40034 [Food] for a total of \$1,300, and
- [3] reduce \$5,000 from line item 017-719-90150-15460 [Update Crusher Plant] for a total of \$20,000.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 4 – 0 to approve the Rock Quarry Fee schedule as provided with one amendment to change the Screening rate to \$2.00 / ton.

Mr. Suarez made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 4 – 0 to approve the accounting change to reflect as earning for the Quarry the \$.25 / ton transferred to the Road Department for Bridget and Culvert Repair.

- PRT, Dept 202 Phil Shirley

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Suarez, approved 4 – 0 to approve an Out of County Season Pass for South Carolina residents in the amount of \$50.00 per year. In addition, there would be a \$10.00 reduction to this fee for Senior Citizens, Disabled and Veterans similar to that offered to in county residents.

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 4 – 0 to amend the PRT, Dept 202 budget as follows:

- [1] reduce line item 010-202-95100-20225 by \$7,000 for a total approved amount of \$18,000
- [2] reduce line item 010-202-95100-20241 by \$10,000, for a total approved amount of \$25,000, and

[3] add \$17,000 line item 010-202-30022 for the Oconee Heritage Center Part Time Salary

[4] add \$37,500 to Part Time Salary for a total approved amount of \$87,000

- o PRT, High Falls, Dept 203 Phil Shirley

Mr. Suarez made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 4 – 0 to remove the requirement to replace the existing truck with a 4 cylinder pick-up and allow the PRT Director to go through Surplus to obtain a comparable truck for the approved amount.

- o PRT, South Cove, Dept 204 Phil Shirley
- o PRT, Chau Ram, Dept 205 Phil Shirley

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 4 – 0 to transfer from Operations [#40032] the sum of \$200 for Departments 203, 204 and 205 and add to the food line item [# 40034] for same departments for the purchase Gatorade for the staff.

- o State Accommodations Tax [ATAX] Fund Phil Shirley
- o Local Accommodations Tax [LAT] Fund Phil Shirley

Outstanding Issues:

Property Taxes / 2.9 Mills for Emergency Services Issue

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 4 – 0 to authorize the Assistant Administrator to amend the Budget to reflect revenue for this in the Emergency Services Budget and remove it from the General Fund.

Line by Line Budget Analysis for FY 2009-2010 [Departments not present for discussion]:

None discussed at this meeting.

Budget Meeting Schedule:

Mr. Dexter made the following announcement regarding upcoming budget meetings:

- ~~Thursday, May 14, 2009, Council Chambers, 6 pm~~ CANCELLED
- Friday, May 15, 2009, Council Chambers, 6 pm
- Saturday, May 16, 2009, Council Chambers, 9 am
- Monday, May 18, 2009, Council Chambers, 6 pm

Adjourn:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 4 – 0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council