

MINUTES
BUDGET, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING
April 26, 2011



Council Chambers, Oconee Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, South Carolina, 29691

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Reg Dexter, Chairman, District V
Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II
Mr. Archie Barron, District III
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV

NO RECORDING MADE OF THIS MEETING.

The Budget, Finance & Administration Committee on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. in Council Chambers, 415 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members present, Mr. Scott Moulder, Administrator, Executive Administrative Assistant Ms. Amanda Brock and Ms. Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council.

Other Staff Present: Ms. Kendra Brown, Finance Director

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: Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent & Carlos Galarza – Daily Journal

Call to Order:

Chairman Dexter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council Discussion with Administrator regarding the FY 2011-2012 Administrator Recommended Budget Priorities and Projected Revenues, Capital Projects, Special Funds, etc:

Mr. Dexter prior to opening the floor for discussion noted that this meeting will focus on policy direction for the Administrator and staff and budget priorities; the Committee will not be conducting a line by line budget review.

Mr. Moulder noted that this budget reflects the monies needed to accomplish the goals as set by Council for Fiscal year 2011-2012 and nothing more.

Council discussed various issues in the budget to include: other financing sources; millage; direct aid; emergency services funds; contingency account consolidation; spay/neuter program, and reassessment. Some discussion also took place regarding pending state legislation that could impact revenues.

It was noted that Council still needs to discuss and identify if the County will repurpose the old courthouse and Brown Building or demolish the buildings. Mr. Moulder noted that these issues are not funded in the FY 11-12 budget and will be discussed in detail at an upcoming Real Estate, Facilities & Land Management Committee meeting.

Public Comment:

Ms. Susie Cornelius addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] requesting a salary increase for Council members in order to allow more citizens the opportunity to hold office without negatively impacting their families financially.

Mr. Gary Owens addressed the Committee asking if a document was available explaining changes to the budget this fiscal year. Mr. Moulder noted that his previous two PowerPoint presentations to this committee and full Council would likely answer many questions regarding changes to the budget.

Executive Session:

Mr. Dexter stated that an Executive Session was needed to discuss a contractual matter.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0 to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter.

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter.

The Committee entered Executive Session at 6:42 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Thrift, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0. Mr. Dexter noted that the matter discussed was for information purposes only and no action was taken during Executive Session.

Mr. Dexter thanked Mr. Moulder, the Finance Department and all Department Heads for their hard work in preparing the budget; noting that the document was easy to understand and reflected the goals set forth by Council.

Adjourn:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, unanimously approved 5 – 0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council