



MINUTES
BUDGET, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCONEE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, WALHALLA, SC
May 13, 2014

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

The Oconee County Budget, Finance & Administration Committee met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members present; Administrator Scott Moulder.

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 [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent, Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio & Norman Cannada – Daily Journal.

Call to Order: Mr. Dexter called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 4 – 0 to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2014 meeting as presented.

Council Discussion regarding FY 2014-2015 County Operating Budget & Proposed Revenue Options

In accordance with Council's direction, Mr. Moulder provided Council with two versions (Version I & Version II) of a new budget book [copy filed in the Finance office and with these minutes on CD only].

Mr. Dexter asked Mr. Moulder to address concerns regard the budget for the local Veteran's Affairs office. Mr. Moulder stated that, in accordance with Council's direction, no changes were made to the Veteran's Affairs budget as it relates to operations. Each member of Council stated that they did not intend to cut funding for the Veteran's Affairs office, and each thanked the veterans in attendance for their service.

Regarding **Version I** of the new budget book, discussion followed regarding various topics to include the general fund, the intergovernmental fund, revenues, direct aid, economic development fund, emergency services protection special revenue fund, and funding for the parks, recreation and tourism department.

Regarding **Version II** of the new budget book, discussion followed regarding various topics to include the general fund, the intergovernmental fund, revenues, direct aid, animal control, facilities maintenance, information technology, and sheriff's office.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, to recommend acceptance of Version II of the Proposed FY 14/15 Budget book.

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift to amend **Version II** to include an increase of \$50,000.00 to the Mountain Lakes Convention and Visitors Bureau for marketing.

Lengthy discussion followed regarding the proposed amendment. Mr. Corbeil withdrew his motion to amend.

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 - 1 with Mr. Dexter dissenting, to amend Version II to include (1) an increase of \$50,000.00 to the Mountain Lakes Convention and Visitors Bureau for marketing and (2) an increase of \$60,000.00 to the Animal Control department to continue the Spay & Neuter Program.

Mr. Dexter called for the vote on the motion to recommend acceptance of Version II, as amended. The motion passed 4 – 0.

Public Comment

Mr. Dexter opened the floor for public comment specifically related to issues discussed at this meeting related to the FY2014-2015 County Operating Budget.

Mr. Richard Hughes stated his support for fully funded the Local Government Fund.

Mr. Mike Hehir spoke in regards to South Carolina State Legislature's failure to accept increase funding for Medicaid.

Adjourn

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joshua A. Stephens
Deputy Director of Community Development