



MINUTES

BUDGET, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

April 17, 2018

MEMBERS, ALL OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Ms. Edda Cammick District I, Chairwoman
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II Mr. Paul Cain, District III
Mr. Julian Davis, District IV Mr. Glenn Hart, District V

The Oconee County Budget, Finance & Administration Committee met Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with Committee members Ms. Cammick; Mr. McCall; Mr. Hart, Mr. Cain [came in late] and Mr. Davis, as well as Administrator Scott Moulder, County Attorney David Root, and Katie D. Smith, Clerk to Council present.

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.oconeesc.com/council]. In addition it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Norm Cannada / The Journal

Call to Order:

Ms. Cammick called meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 4 – 0, to approve the February 13, 2018 minutes as presented.

Discussion Items:

FY2018-2019 School District of Oconee [SDOC] Budget Presentation

Mr. Steve Hanvey addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation entitled “School District of Oconee County Budget Request to County Council” highlighting the following:

- State Funding of the Education Finance Act Obligations
- SDOC History of Local Revenue
- SDOC General Fund Balance
- Six Year History of School Millage
- Budget Concerns for 2018-19
- Deletions from Budget
- Budget Limitations
- SDOC Budget Request Summary

Mr. Davis asked how the SDOC is staying up to date on all of the buildings without the capital referendum having to be approached. Mr. Hanvey noted the debt millage was increased to 31 mills so certain projects could be completed and pay off quicker and saving tax payers money. Mr. Hanvey further noted a timeline of plans is laid out for five to seven years that the school board approves where

different projects are discussed. The Hamilton Career Center is the next project they are currently involved with and Seneca Middle School will be next. The gym at James M. Brown is also a project that is high on the school board's list. Discussion continued.

Mr. Cain came in during this presentation.

FY 2018-2019 Administrator's Budget Presentation – Mr. Moulder

Mr. Moulder addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Oconee County Administrator's Recommended Budget Fiscal Year 2018-2019" [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the following:

- Vision and Mission Statements
- General Fund
 - General Fund Summary
 - General Fund Revenues
 - General Fund Expenses
 - Summary by Department
 - General Fund Other Financing Sources / Uses
 - Capital Outlay (Vehicle, Equipment, Buildings)
- Special Revenue Funds
 - Emergency Services Fund
 - Sheriff's Victims Assistance Fund
 - Solicitor's Victims Assistance Fund
 - 911 Communications Fund
 - Tri-County Technical College Fund
 - Road Maintenance Fund
- Capital Projects Funds
 - Economic Development Fund
 - Bridges and Culverts Fund
- Enterprise Fund
 - Rock Quarry Fund
- Debt Service Fund
- Council's Projects
- Questions

Discussion continued to include:

- Auctions
- Hire auctioneer and pay a certain amount rather than a percentage

Sheriff Crenshaw addressed the Committee highlighting the following:

- Seized asset auction
- Sheriff Crenshaw completed the auction
- Was able to keep all of the money and put back into the drug fund

Discussion continued to include but not limited to:

- Fire Commission [copy filed with these minutes]
- Advertising Budget accounts [copy filed with these minutes]
- Alternate scenarios to consider [copy filed with these minutes]
 - Consider replacing more than one fire truck at a time
 - Fund 5 School Resource Officer's [SRO] which will bring the number needed to cover

- all traditional schools in the County
- Fund the Corridor Plan & Comprehensive Plan due to being a one time expense out of the current year fund balance
- Fund Chau Ram updates and new Magistrate building through debt service but need to reconsider
- South Carolina Retirement Plan
- State should contribute some this year like last year
- Use savings from SC Retirement and put toward recreation funding in the form of grants
- Various recreation groups can apply for the grants and if they meet the stipulations, they can receive extended County funds for recreational purposes
- Giving County employee a raise
- Cover all school district facilities with SRO's
- 7 SRO's needed to cover the traditional schools; 9 SRO's to cover the traditional schools put Tri-County Technical College and Hamilton Career Center
- 7 additional SRO's would cover 10 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, & 3 high schools
- Alternative school and Adult Education will move into the current Hamilton Career Center
- Oconee Academy needs to be included
- 8 SRO's would be needed if Oconee Academy is included
- SDOC is including two more in their budget
- 9 current SRO's; 8 in SDOC budget and 1 in Oconee County budget
- 1 SRO to cover Oconee Academy and Adult Education which are currently in the same building
- Hamilton Career Center and Tri-County Technical College can share security when it's built
- 6 SRO's are needed instead of 7
- Vehicles
- SDOC fully funded equipment and all for the new position

Sheriff Crenshaw noted the greatest need was uniform patrol. He further noted he was adequately staffed with investigators and detectives at the present time. There is a huge concern with public events without having the presence of law enforcement. Discussion continued.

The following items were addressed for clarification:

- Funding for additional fire trucks to be added to FY2019 Budget
- Additional Sheriff and fire personnel funding to be added to FY2019 Budget
- Necessary funding for the Comprehensive Plan, Corridor Plan and for High Falls Park upgrades are to be added to the FY2019 Budget
- Employee raises and additional SRO positions are not included in this particular discussion for amendments to the proposed FY 2019 Budget
- High Falls and Magistrate's Office needs

Mr. Moulder stated that the items being discussed could be included in the FY2019 proposed budget, and that to make the additions, the budget would then be imbalanced, and that additional funding in the amount of approximately \$620,000 would be needed.

Discussion continued regarding funding, millage values and the millage necessary to fund the items addressed. Specific matters regarding the Westminster Magistrate's Office the county's vehicle replacement plan ended the discussion.

Other Business

None at this meeting.

Adjourn

Mr. Davis made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council