



MINUTES

BUDGET, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

June 11, 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 Monday, June 11, 2018 at 2:00 PM in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with Committee members Ms. Cammick, Mr. Hart [came in late], Mr. Cain and Mr. Davis [except Mr. McCall], as well as Interim Administrator Rick Martin, 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 & Dick Mangrum / WGOG.

Call to Order:

Ms. Cammick called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 3 – 0, to approve the May 29, 2018 minutes as presented.

Mr. Hart arrived at the meeting after the approval of the May 29, 2018 minutes.

Discussion Items

Continued discussion regarding FY2018-2019 Administrator's Budget

Ms. Cammick opened the discussion noting they are continuing where they left off regarding the FY2018-2019 Budget.

Mr. Davis noted he was concerned about the ordinance involving the Economic Development money referring to the statement from Ordinance noting "Council can elect to take up to 99% of the fee in lieu of" and noted to remove this statement and keep it as 66% to Oconee County, 33% to the School District of Oconee County, and 1% to all other taxing entities levying millage the site in question.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, to remove the 99% contingency out of the ordinance and keep it as 66% to Oconee County, 33% to School District of Oconee County and 1% to all other taxing entities levying millage the site in question.

Mr. Root addressed the Committee with the following:

- Contained within the budget; not a standalone or separate ordinance
- Section 11 under the Budget Provisos
- Default
- Two different amendments: [1] Oconee County General Fund receive 33%, Oconee County Economic Development Capital Projects Fund receive 34%, and School District of Oconee County receive 33%; and [2] added a sentence by way of a subsequent amendment stating “unless the particular multi-county industrial park [MCIP] agreement dictates otherwise”

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cain, it was approved 4 – 0, for the allocation of Economic Development funds to the Oconee County General Fund of 33%, Economic Development Capital Projects Fund of 34%, and School District of Oconee County of 33%.

Capital Equipment Replacement Schedule

- Shortfall for this fiscal year on the recommended capital equipment replacement schedule is \$1,457,500, which are needs
- Have not been budgeted for
- Some vehicles may last longer than others
- Repurpose salvaged vehicles to eliminate unnecessary purchases
- Maintenance requirements

Ernie Beck addressed the Committee highlighting the following:

- Last year, the auction revenue brought in \$85,000+
- Anything can change at any time
- \$176,000 worth of vehicle accidents
- Approximately 700 vehicles and equipment in the fleet
- Cannot rely on vehicles with 200,000 day in and day out, especially during emergency situations
- Vehicle Maintenance money will increase every year
- Add \$162,250 to the Vehicle Maintenance budget for this year
- Purchased 10 fire trucks one year, 11 fire trucks the next year
- Solid Waste Department
- Fire Commission will be revising their capital equipment replacement schedule and will be presenting a presentation for the next Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee meeting
- Complete a fire plan that would eliminate fire contracts with municipalities over time
- Last payment for the current Capital Replacement lease is October 1, 2020
- Salem water lines
- ACOG grant
- Property taxes
- 2.08 mills increase

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 4 – 0, to add a millage to the vehicle replacement plan per the Administrator’s recommendation on the vehicles to be replaced.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 4 – 0, to recess for a break.

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 4 – 0, to reconvene.

Code Enforcement Officer

- Report to Scott Carroll in Community Development
- Sheriff and Scott Carroll enforces codes in-house
- Suggested a Code Enforcement Officer from Mr. Moulder
- Public Safety
- Work closely with the Sheriff's Department and staff within the Building Codes Department to enforce in-house

Mr. Davis made a recommendation to leave the budget as it stands with an increase of 3.08 mills.

Mr. Root noted Mr. Phil Shirley, Parks, Recreation, & Tourism Director, would like to add a position at Chau Ram Park that would be considered budget neutral. He noted they are short staffed and this position has been evaluation and looked at for a number of years. Through state ATAX funds and numbers going to the PRT projects and with the High Falls renovations, salary funds going to fund this position without any budget increase.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 4 – 0, to add a position at Chau Ram Park as budget neutral.

Other Business

None at this meeting.

Adjourn

Mr. Davis made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council