#### **MINUTES**

# BUDGET, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Budget Workshop March 19, 2021

#### MEMBERS, ALL OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. John Elliott, District I, Chairman

Mr. Matthew Durham, 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 Friday, March 19, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee members present, as well as County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, and Clerk to Council Katie D. Smith 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: Riley Morningstar / The Journal

#### **Call to Order:**

Mr. Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Durham, approved 5-0, to approve the June 2, 2020 minutes as presented.

Mr. Elliott noted there will not be a tax increase for the 2021 - 2022 budget. He noted citizens are suffering from COVID and have not recovered and is not the time for a tax increase.

## **Discussion Items**

<u>FY2021-2022 Budget Discussion – Ms. Amanda Brock, Administrator / Ms. Ladale Price, Director of Finance</u>

Ms. Brock addressed the Committee and noted there was not a planned budget document yet because she wanted to discuss the strategic initiatives with the Committee and discuss strategies and recommendations for funding these initiatives to incorporate into the budget document, which will be presented at the April 13, 2021 Budget meeting.

Ms. Brock further addressed the Committee utilizing a handout entitled "2021 Oconee County Council Priorities" [copy filed with backup materials] and gave a brief presentation.

A video recording of this meeting is available at <a href="www.oconeesc.com">www.oconeesc.com</a>. Meetings have been live-streamed beginning January 17, 2017. Brought to you by Your Oconee.

Mr. Elliott inquired about the American Rescue Plan Act. Mr. Root noted on how to lawfully use the funds is not clear until the treasury puts out the regulations. Mr. Root further noted the four categories of where the funds may be spent and also noted municipalities will be receiving a stimulus and is population based. Lengthy discussion continued.

Mr.	Hart made a mo	otion, approved	l unanimously.	to adjourn	the meeting a	t 9:49 a.m.
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Respectfully Submitted:
Katie D. Smith
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