



MINUTES
BUDGET, FINANCE, & ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE
April 16, 2024

MEMBERS, ALL OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. John Elliott, District I, Chairman
Matthew Durham, District II
Mr. Don Mize, District III
Mr. Julian Davis, District IV
Mr. Glenn Hart, District V

The Oconee County Budget, Finance & Administration Committee met Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 4:30 PM 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 Jennifer C. Adams 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: None

Members of the staff present: Ladale Price / Finance Director, Letitia Marcengill / Payroll Manager

Call to Order:

Mr. Elliott called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Elliott asked for a moment of silence.

Invocation

Mr. Root, County Attorney, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Durham, approved 5 - 0, to approve the March 22, 2024 Budget Workshop minutes as presented.

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Presentation

School District of Oconee County FY 2024-2025 Budget Presentation

Mr. Jay Schickling, Chief Financial Officer for the School District of Oconee County (SDOC) addressed the Committee utilizing a power point presentation entitled, “SDOC Budget First Read FY 24-25 Proposal” [copy filed in backup] and provided the Committee with an overview of the proposed SDOC FY2024-2025 Budget.

Mr. Schickling stated that the presented budget request is larger than in previous year, noting he “believes it is a necessity for continuity of operations”.

Mr. Schickling then provided details, as requested by the Committee, regarding Unassigned Fund Balance, Operational Millage for the SDOC, and employee salaries.

Dr. Michael Thorsland, SDOC Superintendent, added that while the SDOC is trying to be conservative with the presented budget, they also need to be competitive to retain employees.

Audit Presentation / Mr. Grant Davis

Mr. Grant Davis was unable to attend due to an illness, therefore Audit Presentation will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

Discussion Items

FY 2024-2025 Budget Presentation and Discussion

Ms. Brock, County Administrator, addressed the Committee utilizing three handouts entitled, “CPI/Millage Data”, “Fund Balances”, and “Oconee County 2024-2024 Administrator’s Recommended Annual Budget” [copies of all documents in backup] and provided the Committee with an overview of the proposed FY 2024-2025 Budget which included the following topics:

1. Update on open County positions.
2. Budget Expenditure Cap
3. Oconee County General Fund Summary Revenue and Expenditures
4. Millage
5. Fees Schedule and the introduction of new fees in the Planning and Solid Waste Departments and the Rock Quarry.
6. Employee Count
7. Rock Quarry Enterprise Fund and the adding of a new position for an on-staff Electrician.

Mr. Davis exited the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Ms. Brock answered all Committee questions related to the above topics during the presentation.

Adjourn

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Council

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