



MINUTES

REAL ESTATE, FACILITIES, & LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

August 16, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Julian Davis, Chairman, District IV

Mr. John Elliott, District I

Mr. Glen Hart, District V

The Real Estate, Facilities, and Land Management Committee met at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Oconee Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, as well as County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, and Jennifer C. Adams, 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: Riley Morningstar / The Journal

Call to Order

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

Moment of Silence

Mr. Davis asked for a moment of silence prior to the Invocation by County Council Chaplain.

Invocation by County Council Chaplain

Mr. Root, County Council Chaplain, 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. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve the March 15, 2022 minutes as presented.

Mr. Hart noted a Committee name error on page two of the minutes that needed correction.

Ms. Adams stated she would make the correction as requested by Mr. Hart.

Motion approved 3 – 0 for the March 15, 2022 amended minutes.

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Discussion & Action Regarding the Following Items

Discussion regarding former Oconee County Courthouse

Mr. Davis started the discussion, noting that the former Oconee County Courthouse has been in his thoughts for a while, and several projects have come forward but haven't panned and he would like start some conversations on how to proceed with the building.

Mr. Elliott asked if there was a current cost estimate on demolition.

Ms. Brock noted that the last estimate for demolition of the former Courthouse was over 48 months ago and at that time the cost for demolition was roughly around \$780,000.00.

Mr. Davis offered his thoughts on the historic nature of the former Courthouse, adding that the backside of the building did not seem salvageable but the front portion of the building could possibly be used to market a project or for County use.

Ms. Brock added that the former Courthouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and in 2012 one architecture consultant noted that a portion of the rear side of the building had been added on, in their opinion.

Ms. Brock further noted that there could be a possible amendment made to the National Register of Historic Places for there to be a modification to the former Courthouse and that she would like some time to further look into this matter.

Mr. Elliott asked if there could be a cost estimate done for demolition of the back side of the former Courthouse.

Ms. Brock replied that could definitely be done.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to pursue cost estimates for whole building demolition and for demolition of just the rear portion of the former Oconee County Courthouse.

Ms. Brock inquired from the Committee if it would be possible to acquire a feasibility study of the former Courthouse in conjuncture with the feasibility study for a Pine Street Annex building, noting the option for looking at relocating certain Pine Street offices that could be moved offsite, which may reduce the size of the Pine Street Annex building, therefore reducing cost.

Motion approved 3 – 0, after the motion to adjourn was made.

Adjourn:

Mr. Hart made a motion to adjourn, approved unanimously at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Council

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