



A G E N D A
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 7:00 PM
Council Chambers,
Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

1. Call to Order
2. Moment of Silence
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - March 3, 2009 – Regular Council Meeting
5. Public Comment Session
(Limited to forty (40) minutes, four (4) minutes per person.)
Comments MUST be related to a specific agenda item slated for action at this meeting
6. Extended Public Comment Session
(Limited to 2 citizens per meeting, prior scheduling required with Clerk to Council, five [5] minutes per person. Comments not limited to specific agenda item)
No citizens signed up for Extended Comment at this meeting.
7. Consideration of the Following Ordinances
 - [1] Second Reading of **Ordinance 2009-04** “AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$800,000 TO DEFRAY THE COST OF ACQUIRING THREE FIRE TRUCKS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO”
This is a Capital Lease Ordinance for three fire trucks approved in the FY 08-09 budget. Debt service payments for the next five years 2010 through 2014 of approximately \$175,000 [3% rate] to \$190,000 [6% rate], depending on interest rate obtained on the lease.
8. Consideration of the Following Resolutions
 - [1] First & Final Reading of **Resolution 2009-04** “A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK, APRIL 12-18, 2009”
In October 1991, Congress declared that each year, the second week in April shall be designated as National Telecommunications Week. The week is dedicated to honoring the dedicated men and women who serve as telecommunications officers. They serve as first responders to incidents and provide an indispensable link between public safety workers and the public. .
 - [2] First & Final Reading of **Resolution 2009-05** “A RESOLUTION OPPOSING INTERSTATE 3 IN OCONEE COUNTY”
 - [3] First & Final Reading of **Resolution 2009-06** “RELATING TO THE DECLARATION OF INTENT BY OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES PRIOR TO THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY BY THE COUNTY OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT”
This Resolution relates to the is a Capital Lease Ordinance for three fire trucks discussed at the last meeting on March 3, 2009. This allows for reimbursement of the \$89,000 that will be taken from other line items in the budget to pay for a truck to be reimbursed once a lease-purchase is complete.
9. Discussion & Possible Action Items:
 - [1] **ATAX** / \$7,453.45 / Devils Fork State Park / Lantern Holders for Campsites
These lantern holders will be placed at each campsite to eliminate nails and stakes being driven into existing trees, which leads to damage to the trees and will also enhance the camping experience for visitors. Due to this request being outside the normal request for advertising and promotion, a pre-approval letter was secured from the State Tourism Expenditure Review Committee. In addition, Devils Fork State Park is matching with approximately \$5,000

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[2] [ATAX](#) / \$10,000 / Greater Oconee Chamber of Commerce / Tourism Video

This project is a joint effort of PRT, the Mountain Lakes CVB and the Greater Oconee Chamber of Commerce. The video will pull together a wide variety of information related to Oconee County. The 12-15 minute video will be made as widely available as possible for orientation by groups of developers, realtors, the Oconee Heritage Center, county schools, libraries, streamed on various web sites, distributed to tourist, businesses and industries as well as used as a major tourism marketing tool by difference County agencies.

[3] [Rock Quarry](#) / \$116,923 / 2002 Terex 40 Ton Rigid Frame Back-Dump Haul Truck & Request for Travel

This is a request to purchase a used 2002 Terex 40 ton back-dump truck for use by the Rock Quarry from Interstate Equipment Company, Columbia, SC for \$116,923 which also includes a trade in amount of \$67,000. Currently the Quarry has two 40 ton trucks that are used on a daily basis. There are two older trucks [1989 Euclid 25 ton back-dump truck & 1994 Terex 35 ton back-dump truck that are scheduled for replacement in the Quarry's future capital improvement plan. New Terex trucks cost approximately \$500,000. Two vehicles will be traded in for a value of \$67,000 [1986 Caterpillar 980C loader & 1982 Fiat FD30 Crawler]. The quoted price is good through March 31, 2009 at which time it would move to an overseas heavy equipment auction. Interstate Equipment has offered to pay the travel expenses of up to \$3,000 for personnel from the County to travel to Irvin, TX to inspect the truck – After inspection if the County decides not to buy this truck then those travel expenses would be paid from the Quarry's Capital Equipment Replacement Fund balance.

[4] [City of Seneca](#) / Request that the County be the Applicant for the Utica Mill Village Sewer Community Development Block Grant [CDBG] Funded Project / No Cost to County

The City of Seneca provides electricity and public water and sewer service to residents of Seneca & to the unincorporated population in close proximity to the City. In 2007, the City worked to secure an \$870,000 CDBG from the SC Dept of Commerce to upgrade the sewer service in the Utica Mill Village and to alleviate a documented health threat.

The total estimated cost for this project is \$500,000 and a 10% required match will be paid by the City of Seneca.

Due to a US Housing & Urban Development rule change, the City of Seneca cannot apply for CDBG funds to continue its sewer improvements. The City is requesting that Oconee County be the applicant for this proposed CDBG project and that the City and County enter into a sub-recipient agreement [should the project be funded] for administration of the project.

[5] [Sheriff's Office](#) / Request to Apply for the FY 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance [EBMJA] Grant / No Local Match Required

The EBMJA Grant [in the amount of \$107,000] is administered by the US Dept. of Justice and supports efforts of local governments to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. The funds are allocated based on population and crime statistics. This Grant has been supplemented through funding from the "Stimulus Bill". The Grant will be used to acquire law enforcement equipment & technology.

10. Council Committee Reports

- o Budget, Finance & Administration / Mr. Blanchard

11. Commission / Board Reports to Council

[none scheduled for this meeting]

12. Board & Commission Appointments

- o Library Board [No applications currently on file in Clerk's office for consideration by Council]
- o Emergency Services Commission [District II, IV & V appointments co-terminus with Council Seats – no applications currently on file in Clerk's office for consideration by Council]

13. Administrator Report

- [1] Request for Budget Priorities / Goals for FY 2009-2010

14. Old Business

- [1] Follow-up to Mr. Thrift's request for Council Discussion re:

- o Roles & Responsibilities of 5 Council Committees
- o Proposed Council Committee Meeting Schedule

15. New Business

16. Executive Session

[for the purpose of discussing contractual and personnel matters]

17. Adjourn

[This agenda is not inclusive of all issues which Council may bring up for discussion at this meeting.]

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