



A G E N D A
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 14, 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 12, 2009 – Special Called Meeting
 - March 17, 2009 – Workshop Meeting w/Infrastructure Advisory Commission
 - March 17, 2009 – Regular Council Meeting
 - March 20, 2009 – Workshop Meeting with Mr. Sala re: Solid Waste
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 #2009-03** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OCONEE COUNTY ZONING ENABLING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE 2007-18, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY, AS TO THE PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR ZONING AND REZONING PROPERTY, AS TO THE METHODS AND STANDARDS REQUIRED FOR ENACTING OR IMPOSING OVERLAY DISTRICTS, AND AS TO THE METHOD FOR FUNDING ZONING ADMINISTRATION IN OCONEE COUNTY; TO REFER THE AMENDMENTS AND MATTERS PROPOSED BY THIS ORDINANCE TO THE OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SOUTH CAROLINA LAW FOR REVIEW, COMMENT, AND RECOMMENDATION; TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION; TO RATIFY AND AFFIRM ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE 2007-18 NOT AMENDED OR MODIFIED HEREBY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO”
 - *Article 8 [changes to language for Method 2 & 3]*
 - *I-85 Overlay District [Five language change recommendations & New Section addition]*
 - *Lake Overlay District [changes to language in 11.1.a.3]*
 - *Funding Implementation & Operation of Zoning Program*
 - *Non-Conformance Provisions [change language in Article 4 to add Section 4.3]*
 - *Complaint Process [change Section 2.7]*
 - *Planning District Rezoning Method [change Section 8.5 – Method 1]*
 - *Small Area Zoning / 40 lot platted subdivision [add language to Section 8.5 – Method 2]*

On February 3, 2009 Council took first reading on this ordinance and instructed the Planning Commission to review specific portions and make recommendations. Planning Commission met on March 9, 2009 and again on March 24, 2009 and approved a series of recommendations presented here for Council’s review and possible approval.
 - [2] First Reading [in title only] of **Ordinance 2009-06** “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2009 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2010.”

[3] First Reading [in title only] of **Ordinance 2009-07** “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2009 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2010.”

[4] First Reading [in title only] of **Ordinance 2009-08** “AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE KEOWEE FIRE SPECIAL PURPOSE TAX DISTRICT AND TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE KEOWEE FIRE SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2009 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2010.”

[5] First Reading of [Ordinance 2009-10](#) – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 32-4 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO THE OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY, AS TO MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS, TERMS OF MEMBERS, PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL OF MEMBERS, AND SALARIES AND FUNDING STANDARDS; AND TO RATIFY AND AFFIRM ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF SUCH SECTION 32-4 NOT AMENDED OR MODIFIED HEREBY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

The Oconee County Planning Commission was established by Ordinance 1009-02. Since it’s adoption inconsistencies with the document’s original language have emerged. The County Attorney is proposing a series of changes in this Ordinance to correct and clarify various issues including: re-establishing a system of staggered terms, updating language consistent with our form of government and amending the stated annual compensation for Commission members.

[6] First Reading of [Ordinance 2009-11](#) “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN OCONEE COUNTY REAL PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A REAL PROPERTY DEED RELATED TO THE SAME; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

This Ordinance allows transfer of the Lunney Museum back to the heirs pursuant to the reverter clause contained in the deed from the Grantor to Oconee County, found in Oconee County Deed Book 10-V, page 249, recorded on July 16, 1970.

8. Consideration of the following Resolutions:

[1] First and Final Reading of [Resolution 2009-07](#) “OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL ASSURES THE FEDERAL INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION THAT IT WILL ENACT AS NECESSARY, AND MAINTAIN IN FORCE IN THOSE AREAS HAVING FLOOD, OR FLOOD-RELATED EROSIONS HAZARDS, ADEQUATE LAND USE AND CONTROL MEASURES WITH EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN PART 60 OF THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM REGULATIONS (CFR44);”

On August 18, 1987, Oconee County adopted Ordinance 1987-04 and on September 1, 1987 joined the National Flood Insurance Program [NFIP]. Membership, although voluntary, requires a community to enforce a number of stringent standards regarding development in and around floodplains. Since joining, the County’s flood program has been inspected three times [1995, 2004 & 2008] resulting in the identification of a series of problems. The findings issues by FEMA after the last inspection deemed the County’s efforts to enforce all requirements to be insufficient and we have been instructed to undertake a series of measures to mediate the deficiencies, some of which extend back to the beginning of the program. Among the first of these measure is to adopt a resolution indicating the County’s determination to adhere to all aspects of the requirements for remaining a member in good standing in the NFIP.

9. Discussion & Possible Action Items:

[1] [Oconee County Health Insurance](#)

Oconee County operates a self-funded medical plan for employees and retirees. The Plan year runs from May 1st through April 30. The renewal is scheduled for May 1 in order to have the medical plan funding estimate before the budget is finalized. The original renewal estimates with no changes to plan design or benefits would have involved an increase of 13.81%. The Committee requested plan changes to reduce the amount of this increase. Three options are available: OPTION #1: eliminate coverage for items not covered by Medicare, OPTION #2: eliminate same as option #1 and increase amount of co-pays and deductibles. Staff recommends renewal for 2009-2010 plan year with OPTION #1 [increase of \$161,564 or 3.77%].

[2] PRT / Request to Release Budgeted Recreation Funds

Money is budget for each Council district for youth recreation purposes to eligible organizations. Before funds are requested to be released in the current year, the recreation entity must show an accounting of the previous year's expenditures that match the approved amount. All four of these entities meet this requirement and are eligible to receive funds.

- o [Fair Oak Youth Center](#) / \$19,000
- o [Seneca Recreation Department](#) / \$12,500
- o [Westminster Recreation Department](#) / \$2,500
- o [Tamassee-Salem Recreation Department](#) / \$12,5000

[3] ATAX / \$1,000 / Advertising "[Issaqueena's Last Ride](#)" bicycle ride / May 2, 2009

This ride normally averages around 225 riders plus families from several states and involves rides of 30, 60 and 100 miles that loop all the way up to Wigington's overlook. Advertising will be in the form of banners, posts, ads and promotional material that will be directed to bicycle shops and clubs throughout the southeast.

[4] Heritage Corridor [Ambassadors Tour Sponsorship](#) / \$1,000

PRT has partnered with the SC National Heritage Corridor and their group tour manager to offer a rolling classroom of tourism sites to create ambassadors for promoting tourism in Oconee County. The three previous tours were very successful filling the tour busses. Current tour stops are being planned. Previous stops included a wide variety of stops.

[5] Auditor / Assessor / Delinquent Tax / Treasurer / Tax Center / QS/1

- o [Forms & Supply Agreement](#) / \$26,780.82 / FY 09-10

This is a yearly contract for the Auditor, Treasurer and Delinquent Tax. The contract covers all forms necessary for the preparation and collection of vehicle and real estate tax notices.

- o [Contract Renewal](#) / \$142,130.83 / FY 09-10

These are yearly contracts for the Auditor, Assessor, Delinquent Tax and Treasurer. The contracts cover computer service agreements, data processing, and data conversion so that they may convert the Assessor data over to calculate taxes in the fall.

[6] Bid 08-21 / Solid Waste / \$39,950 / [Roll-Off Recycling Containers](#)

Solid Waste of a recipient of an FY 09 Solid Waste Management Grant from the SC DHEC. The grant included funds [\$40,000] to obtain additional roll-off containers for the collection of recycled paper at the staffed convenience centers. Formal sealed bids were reviewed with 11 companies submitting bids. It is the staff recommendation to award bid 08-21 to Nu-Life Environmental, Inc. of Easley SC for 10 roll-off recycling containers for \$39,950.

[7] Airport / \$3,500 / [Demolition of Abandoned Derelict Structure](#)

Fifteen years ago the Airport procured a residence at the corner of Airport and Shiloh Roads. The home was built in the 1960's. The house has been leased previously in "as is" condition. The Civil Air Patrol was the last tenant and vacated in early 2008. Staff pursued relocating and selling the house, however, experts have advised that moving the house would be cost prohibitive and warned that additional damage would likely occur. It is the recommendation of the staff to request Council authorize the demolition of the house by a private contractor at a cost not to exceed \$2,600. The C&D landfill disposal fee for the structural material is estimated to be an additional \$900, making the total request from Council not to exceed \$3,500.

[8] Bid 08-09 / [Officer Uniforms for Sheriff, Animal Control & Detention](#) / \$53,482.34

Uniforms for these departments are purchased on an as needed basis. By combining all needed items and the three departments the County receives better pricing. Formal sealed bids were reviewed with 4 submitting bids. It is the staff recommendation to award bid 08-09 to Wright Johnston Uniforms in the amount of \$53,482.34 for a period of one year with the option to renew for four additional one year periods. Additionally, staff recommends that Council authorize the County Administrator to renew the bid for up to four one year periods, provided their work is satisfactory.

[9] Oconee County [Board of Assessment Appeals Funding Request](#) / \$3,000

The Oconee County Board of Assessment Appeals is projecting a budget shortfall for FY 08-09 in the amount of \$3,000. The Board has met 13 times this fiscal year hearing approximately 35 appeals. Each hearing costs the county approximately \$600.

[10] Fair Play Resident Request / +/- \$44,645 / 1 Year Lease for Commerce Park

Residents in Fair Play are requesting from County Council a one year lease for the Golden Corner Commerce Park and improvements to be made to the site in the amount of +/- \$44,645.

10. Council Committee Reports

- o Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare / Mr. McCall
- o Transportation / Mr. Thrift
- o Budget, Finance & Administration / Mr. Blanchard

11. Commission / Board Reports to Council

[none scheduled for this meeting]

12. Board & Commission Appointments

- Library Board [Five applications from current members requesting reappointment on file]
- ATAX Commission [District II – No applications currently on file in Clerk’s office for consideration by Mr. Suarez]
- Emergency Services Commission [District II appointment co-terminus with Council Seat – one application currently on file in Clerk’s office for consideration by Council]
- Planning Commission [14 applications currently on file in Clerk’s office for consideration by Council –two existing members requesting re-appointment]
- Work Link Workforce Investment Board [Mr. Hugh Foster has indicated a desire to extend his service and requests reappointment]

13. Administrator Report

14. Old Business

15. New Business

16. Adjourn

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

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