



**A G E N D A**  
**OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, April 21, 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 *[None at this 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)*
  - o Mr. Don Rochester regarding Building Codes & the County Administrator
  - o Mr. George Cleveland regarding Station 21
7. Consideration of the Following Ordinances
  - [1] Second 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 its 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.
  - [2] Second 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. Discussion & Possible Action Items:
  - [1] Local ATAX Funding Requests:
    - o [Blue Ridge Arts Council](#) / \$2,500 / Advertisement for Three Events  
Shannon Wright “Passages”

This show will feature an award winning photographer who was the Best of Show winner in BRAC's juried photography show in September 2007.

Heritage, Arts & Music [HAM] Festival  
This third annual HAM festival has been moved to July to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our hosting partner, Duke Energy.Annual Members Show  
This show is an opportunity for BRAC to encourage artists from our membership to join in the yearly Exhibition of the best of Blue Ridge Arts.
    - o [Greater Oconee County Chamber of Commerce](#) / \$2,500 / Produce, Promote & Distribute a 6-8 minute Video about Stumphouse  
The video will cover a brief history of Stumphouse, how the tunnel was created, Tunnel tow, why the project stopped and how it was used by Clemson to make cheese. More time will be spent on the importance of Stumphouse to the area and the story of how people came together from all over to save this area from development.

- [Oconee Heritage Center](#) / \$2,500 / Construction of Stairs & Railings for Basement  
Beginning in the Spring of 2009 the Oconee Heritage Center will be constructing the Heritage Reading Room in the basement of the Tobacco Warehouse. Currently there is not interior access from the main level of the museum to the basement. Handicapped accessibility is available by way of South Broad Street.
- [Oconee Heritage Trails](#) / \$2,500 / Design & Produce Brochure to emphasize Cherokee Tradition in Oconee County  
This brochure will showcase our Cherokee historical sites to include historical markers, the Oconee heritage Center, Stumphouse Tunnel and Issaqueena Falls.
- [Patriot's Hall Association](#) / \$2,000 / Advertisement in Oconee Magazine  
These funds will be used to cover advertisement for Oconee Veteran's Museum in the Oconee Magazine.
- [Seneca Woman's Club](#) / \$2,500 / Printing of Ballenger House Brochures, advertising and promotion of 2009 Historic Seneca Home Tour & Art Hanging System for exhibits  
These funds will be used to cover printing of Ballenger House brochures, advertising and promotion for the 2009 Historic Seneca Home Tour in newspapers and an Art Hanging system for more professional hanging of art exhibitions.
- [Walhalla Civic Auditorium](#) / \$2,500 / Purchase ad on Northland Cable  
These "spots" will be 30 seconds describing one or two events each month with voice over and appropriate photos. These spots will be broadcast over popular channels in Western North Carolina, Northeastern Georgia, and the Upstate.

[2] Library:

- [OCPL Performance Report](#) / S. Baldwin
- [Rollover Balance for Training](#) / S. Baldwin  
It is anticipated that the current Branch Manager in Seneca will resign August 31, 2009. Training a Branch Manager on the "front end" will result in a more knowledgeable employee.
- [OCPL Information Technology Update](#) / J. Adams
- [Internet Wireless Policy Approval](#) / J. Adams  
In October 2007 funding for wireless service was secured from Lottery and State Aid sources. At that time the Library Board also adopted a wireless internet policy based on best practices of local area libraries and standards provided by the SC State Library. The Library is not in the process of upgrading its technology and anticipates that wireless service will be available to residents by September 1, 2009.
- [SDOC Land Donation, OCPL Site & Overall Site Plan](#) / J. Adams
- [Bid 08-27 / Library](#) / \$62,650 / Network & Wireless Hardware  
Networking and computer equipment contained within this bid will be used to upgrade the library's computer network. This hardware will provide increased reliability, speed/performance & maintainability for the computer systems at all 4 libraries.
- [Foundation Repairs:](#)
  - ~ \$19,124 / Stabilize Existing Perimeter Foundation at Lower Corner of Structure  
Install 2 7/8 diameter steel push piles at footing within damaged area to a depth needed to reach load bearing strata. Attach pile to footing with commercial bracket. Includes site engineer inspections, local permit and license fees, all taxes and insurances. NIC pointing up, caulking, or painting of damaged services.
  - ~ \$11,799 / Install 6" Aluminum Gutters / Downspouts & Drainage  
Install pre-finished aluminum gutters & downspouts along weave of existing building. Includes flashing of the shingle roofing to insure that the water will enter the gutters. Install plastic drain pipe in areas that will allow installation and pipe to daylight of the building property. In areas that do not allow underground piping, install a dry well at end of downspout to allow water containment and slow drainage away from building.

9. Council Committee Reports

- Budget, Finance & Administration / Mr. Blanchard

10. Commission / Board Reports to Council

*[none scheduled for this meeting]*

11. Board & Commission Appointments

- Arts & Historical Commission [Stan Dubose/At Large resigned & Bess Ciupak wishes to be appointed in his place]
- 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]

12. Administrator Report

13. Old Business

14. New Business
  - [1] Discussion of [Commission & Board Report to Council Schedule](#)
15. Executive Session *[for the purpose of discussing a personnel & contractual matters]*
16. Adjourn

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

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