



MINUTES
BUDGET, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
WORKSHOP MEETING
April 29, 2009
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WALHALLA, SC

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Reg Dexter, Chairman, District V
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II
Mr. Mario Suarez, District III
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV

The Budget, Finance & Administration Committee on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers to review the proposed FY 2009-2010 Oconee County budget. All Council Members were present along with Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council.

Oconee County Staff Present:

Ms. Kendra Brown, Asst. Administrator for Administrative Services & Finance
Ms. Ladale Price, Budget Analyst

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.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Carlos Galarza – Daily Journal & Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent.

Call to Order:

Chairman Dexter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Brown addressed the Committee regarding outstanding issues from previous workshop meetings to include:

- **Impound Lot / Sheriff's Department:** Terry Wilson has identified a location at Vehicle Maintenance that would meet the needs. A fence could be installed there for the price of the security system in the budget request. The Sheriff's Department requests from the Committee approval to change the line item description from a security system to fencing. Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 3 – 0 to approved the line item description change for the Sheriff's Department as outlined above.
- **Coroner Fees:** A handout was provided detailing these fees. No action was taken.
- **Animal Control:** Reviewed fuel rate for Fort Hill Natural Gas, surplus vehicle and follow-up request for consideration of a removable Tommy Lift for their trucks.
- **1% COLA from FY 08-09:** These funds are still available and will be moved to fund balance as of July 1, 2009 to be designated for FY 09-10
- **Human Resources:** HR Contingency Account – used \$14,500 out of budgeted \$200,000. This and the Council contingency account are the only two accounts that Council has the authority to move funds from one department to another department.

Line by Line Budget Analysis for FY 2009-2010 [Departments representative present for discussion]:

[unless otherwise noted the following departments were approved for the administrator's recommended budget amount with the proviso that they may be revisited in a future meeting]

- Probate Court, Dept 502 Judge Sandra Orr, Missy Patterson
- Magistrates, Dept 509 DEFERRED FOR APPEARANCE ON 5/7/09
- Roads, Dept 601 Mack Kelly [dept. overview handout provided]
- Capital Project Fund / Roads Request for \$150,000 for Covered Storage Area

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to approve from the Capital Project Fund the request from the Road Department for \$150,000 for a covered storage area.

- Building Codes, Dept 702 Channon Chambers
- Solid Waste, Dept 718 Swain Still

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 3 – 0 to move \$750 from line item 010-718-30024 [Maintenance on Equipment] to line item 010-718-4003 [Food].

- Capital Project Fund / Solid Waste Request for \$450,000 for Expansion of Cell 1 – REQUEST TO REMOVE FROM CONSIDERATION FROM FY 09-10

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to remove this request from consideration in FY 09-10 with the understanding that this request will be made in FY 10-11.

Mr. Suarez arrived at this time.

- Economic Development, Dept 717 Jim Alexander, Members of Economic Development Commission and Members of Oconee Alliance

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Suarez, approved 4 – 0 to reduce line item 010-717-60707 by \$10,000 and move this amount to line item 010-707-30080.

Line by Line Budget Analysis for FY 2009-2010 [Departments not present for discussion]:

[unless otherwise noted the following departments were approved for the administrator's recommended budget amount with the proviso that they may be revisited in a future meeting]

- Procurement, Dept 713
- Administrator, Dept 717
- Solicitor, Dept 504
- Victim's Assistance – Solicitor's Office
- Registration & Elections, Dept 715

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 4 – 0 to authorize an increase in line item 010-715-40032 in the amount of \$15,000 to cover unanticipated costs related to the special election to be held to fill the District I Council seat.

Mr. Suarez made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 4 – 0 to remove a funding request from Registration & Elections from the May 7, 2009 Council agenda and to authorize up to \$350 in advertising costs related to the special election be paid from the FY 08-09 Council Contingency Account [010-704-60767].

Council also reviewed the following unscheduled departments:

- County Council, Dept 704
- Register of Deeds, Dept 735

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 4 – 0 to move \$81,000 from line item 010-735-30056 [Data Processing] noting that this project should be conducted in house.

- Charity Medical, Dept 401
- Finance, Dept 708
- Non Departmental, Dept 709

Budget Meeting Schedule:

Mr. Dexter made the following announcement regarding upcoming budget meetings and readings of related ordinances:

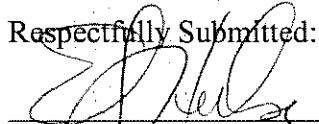
MEETINGS: Thursday, May 7, 2009, Council Chambers, 6 pm
Thursday, May 14, 2009, Council Chambers, 6 pm
Monday, May 18, 2009, Council Chambers, 6 pm [if needed]

ORDINANCE READINGS: Tuesday, June 2, 2009 – Second Reading
Tuesday, June 9, 2009 – Public Hearings
Tuesday, June 16, 2009 – Third & Final Readings

Adjourn:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Suarez, approved 4 – 0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council