



MINUTES
BUDGET, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
WORKSHOP MEETING
May 30, 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 Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 10:30 AM 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

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, Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio & Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent.

Call to Order:

Chairman Dexter called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Suarez, approved 4 – 0 that the minutes from the May 12, 2009 Budget, Finance & Administration Committee meeting be adopted as printed.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 4 – 0 that the minutes from the May 15, 2009 Budget, Finance & Administration Committee meeting be adopted as printed.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Suarez, approved 4 – 0 that the minutes from the May 16, 2009 Budget, Finance & Administration Committee meeting be adopted as printed.

Review of Budget Advertisement:

Ms. Brown reviewed with the committee the components of the advertisement required by law relating to the FY 2009-2010 budget public hearing notice.

Furlough Guidelines & Savings:

Ms. Brown provided the committee members with a memo dated May 27, 2009 from Human Resources [filed with these minutes] outlining the procedures for implementation of the four [4] day furlough for FY 2009-2010. Discussion followed.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Suarez, approved 4 – 0 that Council would furlough themselves by remitting back to the general fund one of their twenty six paychecks.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 4 – 0 to implement the furlough guidelines as presented.

Final Line by Line Budget Analysis for FY 2009-2010:

- Public Defender's Office

Council reviewed material provided regarding funding required by state law. Council made no changes to the previously approved Public Defender's budget.

Potential Capital Projects:

Detention Center / Jail:

Sgt. Steve Pruitt, Detention Center, addressed Council and provided them with a memo [filed with these minutes] outlining the Detention Center Needs Analysis and Master Plan. Mr. Thrift noted that he and Mr. McCall recently visited Stephens County, GA, and toured their Steel Cell facility. Discussion followed.

Westminster Fire Station:

Mr. Lake Julian discussed with the Committee the status of the Westminster Fire Station as it relates to Capital Projects. No action was taken.

Loan Amortization Schedule:

Ms. Kendra Brown provided the Committee with an example for loan amortization if the County was to borrow \$12,000,000. Discussion followed.

Adjourn:

Mr. Suarez made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 4 – 0 to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council