



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
Regular Meeting
May 30, 2009

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. Reg Dexter, District V, Council Chairman
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV, Vice Chairman
Mr. Mario Suarez, District III, Chairman Pro Tem
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

Oconee County Council met on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, Thomas L. Martin County Attorney and Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council present.

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: Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent, Carlos Galarza - Daily Journal, and Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio.

Call to Order:

Mr. Dexter called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Workshop Discussion regarding open Administrator's position:

Mr. Dexter distributed two documents for Council's review [1] ICMA's *Recruitment Guidelines for Selecting a Local Government Administrator*, and [2] Procedures: Administrative Search. Council reviewed these documents and discussion followed.

Mr. Dexter stated that an additional workshop to include a representative from Appalachian Council of Governments will be scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 8:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Motion to Amend Agenda:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 4-0 to amend the agenda to receive a Transportation Committee report.

Transportation Committee Report:

Mr. Thrift reported to Council the recommended from the Committee to extend for an additional 12 month period the use of “Standard Operating Guidelines for Roads & Bridges Department to Purchase Asphalt Materials”.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Suarez, approved 4 – 0 to confirm the recommendation of the Transportation Committee to extend for an additional 12 month period the use of “Standard Operating Guidelines for Roads & Bridges Department to Purchase Asphalt Materials”.

Executive Session:

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 4 – 0 to enter Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal advice and to discuss personnel and contractual matters.

Council entered Executive Session at 9:29 a.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 10:21 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Thrift, seconded by Mr. Suarez, approved unanimously. Mr. Dexter stated that no actions were taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Suarez made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 4 – 0 to appoint Ms. Kendra Brown as Interim Administrator [effective immediately] and to appoint Ms. Beth Hulse as Assistant to the Interim Administrator [effective immediately] with their compensation to be increased by 20% for the term of their appointments.

Facilities, Real Estate & Land Management Committee:

Mr. Suarez announced a meeting of the Facilities, Real Estate & Land Management Committee for Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers to discuss a Solid Waste issue.

Adjourn:

Mr. Thrift made a motion at 10:30 a.m., seconded by Mr. Suarez that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council