



# MINUTES

## REAL ESTATE, FACILITIES, & LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

October 17, 2023

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Julian Davis, Chairman, District IV

Mr. Don Mize, District III

Mr. Glen Hart, District V

The Real Estate, Facilities, and Land Management Committee met at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Oconee Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, as well as County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, and Jennifer C. Adams, Clerk to Council, present.

Staff Present: Phil Shirley / PRT Director

Thom Moxley / Rock Quarry Manager

**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.oconeesc.com/council](http://www.oconeesc.com/council)]. In addition, it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Riley Morningstar / The Journal

### **Call to Order**

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

### **Moment of Silence**

Mr. Davis asked for a moment of silence prior to the Invocation by County Council Chaplain.

### **Invocation by County Council Chaplain**

Mr. Root, County Council Chaplain, gave the invocation.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mize, approved 3 – 0, to approve the March 21, 2023 minutes as presented.

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## **Discussion & Action Regarding the Following Items**

### PRT Update

Mr. Phil Shirley, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, addressed the Committee utilizing a power point presentation entitled, "Oconee County PRT Update October 17, 2023" [copy filed in backup], and provided the Committee with updates regarding the following topics:

1. US Army Corp of Engineer Lease-Hartwell Recreation Areas.
2. Capital Projects Update.

Mr. Mize proposed questions to Mr. Shirley regarding traffic volume and security options at the Lake Hartwell Recreation Areas.

Mr. Shirley noted that when previous traffic counts were performed there were anywhere between 7,500 and 10,000 crosses at each location on a monthly basis but no recent studies have been performed.

Mr. Shirley also updated the Committee with details regarding security camera options that are being considered at the Hartwell Recreation Areas but noted there is a large cost incurred with these cameras.

Mr. Shirley clarified for Mr. Hart that a floating dock is being considered for installation at the Friendship Access Area.

Mr. Davis offered comments related to additional staffing, lighting options and security cameras at the Lake Hartwell access areas.

### Update regarding RFP for former Oconee County Courthouse

Ms. Brock, County Administrator, informed the Committee that Oconee County Procurement has requested a proposal for Hazardous Materials Report, noting the last study was performed in 2016 and since then conditions inside the courthouse have further deteriorated and it is possible the 2016 study is no longer accurate.

Ms. Brock further noted that once the report has been ordered, a mitigation plan will be formed and carried out for the hazardous materials that must be abated, then the process of obtaining bids for demolition can begin.

Ms. Brock went on to inform the Committee that on the November 21, 2023 County Council agenda there will be a discussion item asking for direction from Council as to what they would like the property will be used for once demolition is complete.

Mr. Davis noted that additional parking would be the most cost efficient but there is always the option to sell the land, as well.

Ms. Brock also informed the Committee that the former Oconee County Courthouse is on the National Registry of Historic Places and there could be a process to navigate to remove it from the registry or to obtain permission for demolition.

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Oconee County Rock Quarry Update

Mr. Thom Moxley, Rock Quarry Manager, addressed the Committee with a handout entitled, “Oconee County Rock Quarry 2023” [copy filed in backup], and provided information regarding the history behind the quarry, along with details related to quarry sales, key metrics and goals, and future plans and needs of the quarry.

Mr. Moxley ended his presentation with an invitation to the Committee and Council to tour the quarry.

Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Moxley and his staff for all their hard work.

**Adjourn:**

Mr. Hart made a motion to adjourn, approved unanimously, at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Jennifer C. Adams  
Clerk to Council

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