

## **Special Called County Council Meeting**

April 9, 2018

6:00 PM

County Council met in special session in the Main Conference Room of the Administration Facility, with Chairman Roy Costner presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to members of council and local news media on April 5, 2018.

### Council Members in Attendance:

Roy Costner, Chairman

Chris Bowers, Vice Chairman

Wes Hendricks, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem

Ensley Feemster

Carl Hudson

Trey Whitehurst

### Staff in Attendance:

Gerald Wilson, County Administrator

Ken Roper, County Attorney

Crystal A. Alexander, Clerk to Council

### **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Roy Costner called the meeting of April 9, 2018 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Vice Chairman Chris Bowers led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2018-07 IN SUPPORT OF ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA FOR SUPPORTING OUR FEDERAL SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT, UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION POLICY, AND THE RULE OF LAW, ALONG MATTERS RELATED THERETO:**

- Motion was made by Councilman Carl Hudson and seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers.  
>During discussion, Chairman Roy Costner clarified that Orange County has taken the position that the State of California is trying to supersede the laws of the federal government, with regards to immigration. He stated that Orange County has joined the federal government in a lawsuit against California regarding its “sanctuary state” law. Chairman Costner read the proposed resolution in its entirety.

Councilman Wes Hendricks asked for clarification and the origin of the proposed resolution.

-Chairman Roy Costner responded that the State of California is attempting to create a “sanctuary state”. He stated that the federal government has responded that if the state does this, it will take away all of their authority to be able to take care of the citizens. Chairman Costner clarified that Orange County has joined the federal government to sue the state, as this is unconstitutional.

He stated that he hoped that if Pickens County was faced with similar situation, that other counties across the state and country would support our county.

Councilman Carl Hudson stated, “I think it’s sad that a county has to sue the state, to get the state to go by the law”.

- After much discussion, the motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2018-07 as presented.

**FIRST READING IN TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK WITH OCONEE COUNTY; SUCH INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK TO BE, AT THE TIME OF ITS INITIAL DEVELOPMENT, GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN OCONEE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY NOW OWNED BY CASTO OCONEE, LLC AND CLEMSON FAMILY INVESTORS, LLC OR THEIR RESPECTIVE ASSIGNEES; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGREEMENT GOVERNING THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS:**

Chairman Roy Costner stated for clarification, that this is first reading in title only of an ordinance authorizing a Multi-County Industrial Park (MCIP) agreement with Oconee County relative to the property now owned by Casto Oconee, LLC. The original ordinance, no. 495, was enacted by Pickens County Council on November 16, 2015. The ordinance and at least one copy of the corresponding MCIP agreement were executed by the Pickens County Chairman and Clerk at that time. An original copy of the referenced documents are on file in Pickens County; however, a copy of the MCIP agreement that Oconee County executed has not been located. Oconee County is also unable to locate an executed copy of the MCIP agreement in their records. They've asked that both counties adopt new ordinances and execute a new agreement to resolve.

- Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster and seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers.  
>During discussion, Councilman Carl Hudson asked the County Attorney if this was the same ordinance and agreement that passed previously.  
-Ken Roper responded yes, that this is just to clean up the paperwork.
- Motion carried unanimously to constitute first reading in title only of the ordinance.

**ADJOURN:**

Hearing no further Council business, Chairman Roy Costner called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers, seconded by Councilman Carl Hudson and carried unanimously. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

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Crystal A. Alexander, Clerk to Council

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Roy B. Costner, III, Chairman of County Council