New Oconee boss to sign contract today

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WALHALLA — For the past several weekends, Scott Moulder and his family have been scouting Oconee County for a place to live.

Moulder will be in town today to sign a three-year contract that would make him Oconee's new county administrator at a starting salary of $125,000.

Oconee County Council Chairman Reg Dexter will accompany Moulder at the contract signing between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. at Council Chambers, 414 S. Pine St., Walhalla.

"We are all excited, nervous and scared," Moulder said Monday about his family's pending move from Abbeville County, where he is the county director.


Moulder

Moulder said everything in the contract looks satisfactory.

"I believe the grammar is correct," he said, referring to all the i's being dotted and t's crossed.

However, Abbeville County Council Chairman Claude Thomas declined again to comment on Moulder's departure because, as of Monday afternoon, he'd still not received his employee's resignation.

Moulder said he would give his resignation Monday night during a budget meeting with council.

The contract with Abbeville calls for 30-days notice, which means it could be until late May or early June before Moulder reports to work in Oconee.

Until then, Interim County Administrator Gene Klugh will continue to direct the council on adopting a proposed $42 million budget for fiscal 2010-11 that begins July 1. It is expected that Klugh, who has made a career of being a fill-in administrator throughout the state, would also be available to help make the transition over to the new administrator.

In the meantime, Moulder, his wife and three young children will continue looking for a new home while making weekend trips to Oconee.

Moulder said his two sons, ages 5 and 8, are thrilled about moving close to Clemson University. The Moulders also have an 11-month-old daughter.

Oconee County Council unanimously chose Moulder over runner-up Cynthia Coto last week.

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