

Oconee County's strategic report

Goals likely to be incorporated in new budget

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WALHALLA — Oconee County released its 2012 strategic planning retreat report in advance of next week's new budget presentation. County Administrator Scott Moulder is scheduled to present Oconee County Council with financial projections Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Moulder and council huddled in a retreat Feb. 7 to review and revise short-term and long-term

goals established in 2011. Short-term goals are priorities that council wants to tackle in the next 12 to 24 months. Long-term goals were identified as issues to be addressed in the next three to five years.



Moulder

Moulder said the retreat is a useful tool that helps him set priorities in the next budget.

Council's 10 short-term goals

are, in order of importance:

- Jobs and job retention;
- Sewer infrastructure;
- Completing a new jail;
- Developing a communications plan;
- Administrative review;
- Zoning;
- Continuing the EMS plan;
- Addressing the old courthouse;
- County transportation; and
- Reassessment.

The short-term goals are the same as those outlined in 2011, but the order was tweaked from

spots three to 10. The biggest shift entailed completing the jail, which moved into the third spot from No. 5, while the EMS plan dropped from the third to the No. 7 spot.

Council identified its long-term goals as:

- Economic development;
- Revenue alternatives;
- Addressing Seneca branch library;
- Expanding tourism;
- Solid waste;
- Recreation;
- 2 to 4 year college campus

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and

- Resolving road issues.

The only changes made to the long-term goals were adding recreation, and dropping management review, fire and rescue service and completing zoning, because they were added to the short-term goals list.

Moulder said he would like to continue having annual strategic planning retreats as long as council finds them useful.