

MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING

Jan. 2, 1975

The first meeting of Oconee County Council was held at 8 p.m. in the Oconee County Courtroom. Members: Lamar Bailes, Jr., Harold Thomas, Robert L. Ramey, Buddy Herring, and Hershal Moore. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Edgar Graham.

Number one on the agenda was the administration of the Oath of Officers to the Council men. This was administered by the former County Judge Edward H. Ninestein. The Council elected Lamar Bailes, a Temporary Chairman. Mr. Bailes announced that each member had a copy of the Ordinance 75.1 and called for a motion for adoption of same.

Councilman Ramey made the motion for the adoption of this ordinance on the 1st reading, this motion was seconded by Councilman Moore. All members noted favorably and Chairman Bailes declared the Ordinance adopted and in full force.

Upon a motion by Council man Moore and being seconded by Councilman Herring, Councilman Lamar Bailes was unanimously elected Chairman of the County Council and in charge of the meeting. He then called for nominations for Vice Chairman. J. Harold Thomas was nominated by Robert Ramey, and this received a second from Hershal Moore. Councilman Thomas was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman. A motion then was made by Robert Ramey to appoint Ann Orr as Clerk. This was seconded by Buddy Herring and all members voted in favor.

Chairman Bailes then made appointments for four committees.

They are as follows:

Finance Committee: Chairman, J. Harold Thomas
All Members

Public Works Committee: Chairman, Hershhal Moore
Robert Ramey, J. Harold Thomas

Law Enforcement: Chairman, Buddy Herring
Lamar Bailes, Hershhal Moore

Inter Governmental: Chairman, Bob Ramey
Buddy Herring, J. Harold Thomas

A motion was made by Councilman Moore to set the meeting schedule to 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m. in the Council Office in the former County Health Building. This received a second from Mr. Thomas; all members voted yes. It was pointed out that meetings could be held from time to time at other locations. The press is to be notified of these changes well in advance.

A motion was made by Councilman Herring, seconded by Mr. Ramey for the appointment of W. J. Fedder as County Attorney, and the Walhalla Medical Clinic as County Physicians. The motion was adopted, all Councilmen voting in favor.

A resolution was adopted by Council that all County Employees, members of Boards and Commissions continue to serve in their present capacities; Robert Ramey moved to adopt this resolution. It was seconded by Mr. Herring; all members voted in favor.

Chairman Lamar Bailes expressed the desire of the Council to represent all the citizens of the County and that any individual or group seeking to have matters considered by Council should make it known to the Clerk three (3) days prior to any regular scheduled meeting so that it can be put on the agenda.

Upon a motion by Councilman Ramey, seconded by Councilman Thomas, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.