

April 17, 1975

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was called to order at 8 p.m. by Chairman Bailes with the prayer offered by Harold Thomas.

Richard Lay gave a report on a meeting he had attended in Anderson on the Council on Aging with COG. He plans to look into the matter further in regard to funds, grants, etc.

He also gave a report on progress of EOC. Council discussed the possibility of establishing EOC headquarters in the Courthouse basement rather than the City Hall.

Councilman Moore read portions of an agreement between Oconee County and State Department of Corrections in regard to prisoners. Mr. Phinney, County Supervisor, discussed this agreement with Council and was not in favor of it. Mr. Moore recommended that the County Attorney look over this agreement. He also said he did not think Council should sign it and this was seconded by Mr. Herring. All members were in favor.

Robert Ramey motioned to accept the minutes of the last meeting as written. This was seconded by Mr. Herring. All in favor.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buddy Herring made a motion to approve the grants for Communications and record keeping from Appalachian Council of Governments for the Sheriff's Department, and to advertise as soon as possible, for bids for the structure to be located on Long Mountain.

Council agreed for Probate Judge, J.W. Ballenger to increase the second clerk's salary from \$403.33 per month to \$445.00 monthly. Mr. Ballenger hired her with the understanding that after 90 days

she would receive this raise.

Councilman Herring made a motion to pay \$300.00 for Magistrate Graham at Oakway for clerical help for 1974-75. Mr. Ramey seconded this motion, All were in favor.

15-6 Council voted to waiver the 2nd reading of the School Board Ordinance. A move to accept 2nd reading was made by Robert Ramey, seconded by Mr. Moore. All 5 members voted yes.

Ordinance no 75-50 creating the Oconee County Mental Retardation Board was read. Council voted to waiver 1st reading and to accept adoption on second reading this date. This motion was made by Mr. Ramey, seconded by Harold Thomas. All in favor.

Mr. Ramey moved to appoint the following on the Mental Retardation Board:

	<u>Term to expire:</u>
L.J. Powell, Jr. West Union	April 17, 1976
Helen Cain, Westminster	April 17, 1977
Hugh Brown, Seneca	April 17, 1977
L. F. Nalley, Seneca	April 17, 1978
Julian Davis, Westminster	April 17, 1978
Allen L. Code, Seneca	April 17, 1979
Mrs. Ralph Barker, Walhalla	April 17, 1979
Buddy Herring, Ex officio	

Harold Thomas seconded this motion and all voted in favor.

Mr. Ramey stated that Governor Edwards requested that the Aeronautics Commission have an odd number of members (7) rather than six (6). Council agreed to request Representative Sandifer to amend Resolution to increase the membership and approved Mike Williamon for this extra member. Mr. Ramey made the motion seconded by Mr. Herring. All in favor.

Also short one members os the Library Building Committee.

Councilman Ramey moved to appoint Ruth Poole to replace Johnnie Gideon on this Commission. This received a second from Councilman Herring. All members voted yes.

The entire Council voted to change the hour of the meetings from 8 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Councilman Ramey announced that the next meeting, May 1st, will be held at Mr. Rest Community Club, with supper at 6:30 and the meeting at 7:30.

The 1st reading was waived on a motion by Mr. Moore not to bury animals on private property with County equipment. Robert Ramey seconded the motion, all voted in favor. It was decided to put an ad in the papers to this effect.

Councilman Herring moved that all County equipment be labeled. This was seconded by Mr. Thomas. Mr. Thomas stated he would like to amend this motion to keep County equipment off all private property. Councilman Ramey seconded this amendment. The vote for the amendment was 3 yes and 1 no. (Councilman Moore voted no.) It was then referred back to Committee. However, the first motion, (without the amendment) was voted yes unamously.

Mr. Thomas advised Council that Long & Collins Tire Company had the best contract for tire bids for 3 months and he so moved for all County Departments to buy tires from this firm beginning May 1, 1975. All members were in favor.

Mr. Thomas stated that so far 12 budget requests have been approved.

Harold Thomas gave 1st reading to a resolution pertaining to Medical and Dental expenses for prisoners serving at the work camp.

A letter from the Association of Counties was read by Chairman Bailes for information in regard to Home Rule Bill.

The meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Robert Ramey and all in favor.