

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 1975

The Oconee County Council meeting was opened by Chairman Bailes. Councilman Herring offered the opening prayer.

The word tires was omitted in error on line 9 page 1 of the Oct 23rd minutes. It should have read "tires" on fire trucks 10 years or older would be replaced. After this correction Councilman Ramey moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Herring seconded and they were unanimously accepted.

Major Neal employed by the Supervisor's Department spoke to Council about pay raises and discrimination in job promotions. Chairman Bailes explained to Mr. Neal that he worked for the Supervisor, not the Council.

Mrs Rolann Lee, President of the Westminster College Street PTA read a prepared statement from interested citizens of Westminster about their concern over the place College Street School holds on the school priority list. Councilmen told the group that they were not aware of the priority list at the time the budget was prepared but assured them that Council would favor funding the study for the new school for Westminster.

Marie Miller of Tokeena Heights in the Crossroads Community discussed her road problem. It was referred to Mr. Moore's Committee.

June Black, Oconee Civil Defense Director presented a Resolution defining the duties and authority of the Civil Defense Agency. Mr. Ramey moved to accept this Resolution on 1st reading, Mr. Herring seconded and all members voted in favor. It was agreed by Council to have this Resolution reviewed by the County Attorney before 2nd reading.

Mr. Thomas reported that 23,000 appraisal notices have been mailed. Approximately 600 property owners have requested informal hearings and 3 have requested formal hearings. There are approximately 2,500 appraisals yet to be matched. Hopefully, tax notices will be mailed around December 1st. As it now stands taxes would be due December 31st however Mr. Thoams stated that a recommend-

ation would follow to waive the date for payment without penalty.

Mr. Moore discussed the marking of County roads with 90% of the cost funded by the Government through the Highway Dept. He will bring a recommendation on this at the next meeting. Mr. Moore also reported the new rock crusher was operating satisfactorily and also the new Auto Car Tractor is in use. A motion was entered by Mr. Moore to pay county employees before Christmas and the date decided on was December 19th. Mr. Ramey seconded this motion and it was agreeable with all members. Council approved Mr. Moore's recommendation to allow Mr. Phinney to offer the parents of the child that was fatally injured on the Clinkscale Road to pay the cost of the funeral provided they did not enter suit. The child was accidentally struck by a County owned motor grader.

Oconee County Planner Richard Lay told Council he had been applying the road formula they approved earlier to establish priorities, however the formula was favoring dead end and loop roads rather than connector roads. Mr. Moore then moved to establish a percentage of 50% each for connector and dead end roads. Mr. Herring seconded and all members were in favor. Council agreed that road priorities be posted.

It was agreed to pay the \$35,000 for the Oconee Station that was approved earlier this year. Mr. Moore moved to pay 3 checks from the Revenue Sharing Account: \$55,644.88 payment for equipment, \$8,320.00 payment for equipment and \$258,000.00 to be invested. Mr. Ramey seconded and it was passed.

Mr. Thomas' motion to furnish \$200.00 per band student for uniforms was tabled and referred to the finance committee. Mr. Thomas stated he has received 6 or 8 resumes for Purchasing Director, he further stated that a job description was nearly complete and an advertisement would be placed in the newspapers next week requesting applications. The Seneca Journal was commended by Mr. Thomas for the nice job in printing County Budget Ordinance 75-11.

Councilman Ramey told Council that he had discussed the request from Pleasant Hill Church to purchase land adjacent to the Church and the County Attorney had advised that Council could negotiate real estate transactions without advertising. He stated then that he and Mr. Moore as a committee had decided to offer to sell to the Church 2½ acres at \$350.00 per acre. Mr. Moore made a motion to this effect, it was seconded by Mr. Ramey and all voted yes.

Mr. Herring discussed briefly the fire study made by Mr. Tom Moore of COG. He has requested Mr. Moore to discuss with Mr. Phinney and Mr. Fant Honea setting up a committee to look into the possibility of coordinating city/rural stations to get lower classification.

Richard Lay told Council that Morris Communications contract to service the Communication equipment would be effective December 1st and that all departments had been notified. He also stated that the new frequency has been applied for and that the new radio for the coroner has been installed.

Mr. Ramey moved to adjourn and to go into a short executive session. Mr. Herring seconded - it was agreed.