

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 1975

The Oconee County Council meeting was opened by Chairman Bailes. Mr. Ramey offered the opening prayer. Councilmen Moore and Herring were absent.

Mrs. Anna Butler of Blue Cross Blue Shield spoke to Council regarding the County insurance contract which is scheduled for a slight increase unless the County chooses to join the County Association Group July, 1976 in which case there would be no increase in rates. Mr. Thomas moved to join the group, Mr. Ramey seconded and the vote was in favor.

Minutes of the November 13th meeting were accepted as printed upon a motion by Mr. Ramey seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Ramey announced that his Committee (The Jail Building Committee) has decided on the site for the new jail which is the property the County now owns on South Church Street. The property is well located for this structure, being near the Courthouse and other agencies closely related. Mr. Ramey's move to accept this site was seconded by Mr. Thomas and all were in favor.

Since COG requires two representatives from the Municipal Association - one elected and one appointed member, Walhalla Mayor Robert Gilliard was approved as the elected Member and Col Tom Ramsey the appointed member. This recommendation was made by Mr. Ramey seconded by Mr. Thomas - All members voted in favor.

Mr. Thomas entered a motion to waive the penalty date for paying taxes until March 1st. This was seconded by Mr. Ramey - Action, however, was deferred until later when all members can vote on it.

Mr. Thomas presented to Council recommendations for banking practices which was seconded by Mr. Ramey. This recommendation was accepted on 1st reading as presented. If any changes are desired they can be made before 2nd reading when all Council Members are present.

Council agreed for the State Budget and Control Board to do a personnel study.

Council approved Judge Cureton's recommendation of Melvin Martin, Juvenile Probation Officer as Co-ordinator of the Volunteers in Probation program. The motion was made by Mr. Ramey seconded by Mr. Thomas and the vote all in favor.

Richard Lay, County Planner, Briefed Council on the progress of the Title 10 application, Records Keeping and Road Priorities. He also reported the Xerox machine has been moved.

After the business of Council was transacted a short news conference was held after which Mr. Ramey moved to adjourn and Mr. Thomas seconded.