

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 8, 1976

The Oconee County Council meeting was opened by Chairman Bailes - Invocation by Mr. Ramey. Councilman Moore was absent.

Agriculture Director Dean Boggs told Council the need for repairs, gutters and storm windows for the Agriculture Building. He also requested funds to purchase shrubs to be planted under his supervision with Manpower labor. Council agreed for Mr. Boggs to get bids on the storm windows and Mr. Ramey moved to allow \$227.60 for shrubs. Mr. Herring seconded and all votes were in favor.

Mr. Herring moved to approve for 2nd reading the Civil Defense Resolution after the following is inserted on page 2 section 3 " and shall serve at the pleasure of the Council" Mr. Ramey seconded and all Members voted in favor.

Mr. Herring further reported on a Federal Grant to hire 2 Crime prevention Officers. The names to be submitted to COG as soon as he has two qualified applicants. The first requirement is that the applicant is a graduate of the Criminal Justice Academy.

Mr. Tom Moore of GOG is reviewing the bid for the South Union Fire truck before advertisement is made for bids. Mr. Moore is currently doing a fire study for Oconee County.

Mr. Herring stated he would favor requesting an extension to possibly July for the 50% federal funding of a new packer truck for the CCS Commission.

Mr. Herring moved to approve the purchase of an IBM typewriter for the Probation Office. Mr. Thomas seconded and it was approved.

Council agreed to postpone the regular meeting from January 15 to Jan 22.

Mr. Ramey moved to allow each Magistrate \$50.00 for two trips to the Police Academy for in service training sessions. Mr. Herring seconded Mr. Ramey's motion and all Members voted in favor.

Mr. Leon Baumgarner recommended the existing heating system at the Welfare Building be patched up to finish out this season then the installation of 2 furnaces one for upstairs and one for downstairs.

Mr. Thomas presented a REsolution recommending a referendum on the Five Forms of Home Rule Mr. Thomas then moved to go on record as favoring this referendum in the early spring of 1976. Mr Herring seconded the adoption of this Resolution and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Chairman Bailes read a letter from Mr. Goolsby of Southern Bank & Trust stating they could not furnish the county courier service.

The following requests were referred to Mr. Thomas's Committee;

Request from Mr. Lovin for help on Westminster School Auditorium.

Request from Mayor of Walhalla to purchase gravel from the County.

Council accepted County Planner Richard Lay's resignation with regret.

Meeting adjourned to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.