

MINUTES OC ONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 29,1976

The Oconee County Council meeting was opened by Chairman Bailes-Invocation by Miss Louise Marcum. All Council Members were present.

Minutes of the January 8 and January 15 meetings were approved unanimously. The motion for approval by Mr. Ramey, Seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Chip Strickland of Globe Insurance Company presented their disability insurance plan for county employees to Council . This was presented to the Finance Committee.

Miss Louise Marcum, Oconee County Librarian told Council that the Library had met the qualifications for approxiamtely \$4,900 Federal funds for books and shelving. She then requested computer numbers for these funds.

Fant Honea, Rural Fire Warden, reported that the funds budgeted for maintenance for rural fire trucks was low because of the replacement of tires over 10 years old. This was referred to Mr. Herring & Mr. Moores Committee to check into the possibility of charging some of this to the Supervisor's account since the old tires are being used in this department.

Mr. Bill Lowry of the CCS Commission presented a proposal relating to burying large dead animals at Lakeview Landfill. The proposal calls for no charges for Oconee residents for this service but at \$50.00 fee for outsiders.

Mr. Ramey recommended acceptance of Baumgarner Heating & Air Conditioning Co's proposal to repair the air conditioning system at the Courthouse. Mr. Thomas seconded this motion and all were in favor.

Councilman Ramey stated that the Inter Governmental Relations Committee has recommended Robert O. Brock to the Election Commission to replace H. Mason Dupre and he so moved. Mr. Thomas seconded and it passed.

Mr. Ramey moved to rule out a construction manager for the new jail project. He announced that his Committee has recommended the Firm of Freeman, Wells & Majors as Architects for the new jail. Mr. Herring seconded with all votes favorable. Mr. Jim Wells of this Firm was present and recognized by Council. It was then moved by Mr. Ramey to have a topographic survey of the property for the jail site as

soon as possible. Mr. Thomas seconded Mr. Ramey's motion and all were in favor. The full Council agreed for the County Attorney to go ahead with the negotiation of a contract with the Architectural Firm. It was also agreed that as many Council Members as possible meet Mr. Wells at the new Law Enforcement Center in Greenville Friday January 30th for the Open House there.

Mr. Moore spoke briefly on the plans for erecting signs designating county roads. It now appears to be more economical to erect wooden signs and he so recommended. He also presented a proposal for the installation of a card system for county roads. Mr. Thomas was requested to bring back to Council a financial recommendation for sub contracting/hauling/gravel to county roads during bad weather. A motion to adopt the reporting system proposed as a result of the study by Mr. Bill Slough of COG recently was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Herring and was passed. This is a reporting system dealing with road work.

Council agreed for Mr. Moore and Mr. Thomas to work with the Clerk of Court in the purchase of tables and chairs for the grand jury room.

Mr. Thomas discussed the possibility of the County selling gravel to the towns and private citizens. Chairman Bailes suggested asking the municipalities to advise as to the amount they would need before making any decisions. Mr. Thomas was asked by Councilman Bailes to look into this further as to the charges per ton he would recommend if this practice should be approved.

Since Title 10 has been approved (by telephone) Mr. Thomas moved to allow Mr. Moore and Supervisor Phinney to accept bids on the equipment under this Title and pick up as necessary. It was agreed.

Mr. Thomas moved to adopt RESOLUTION #76-12 setting April 13, 1976 as the date for a referendum on the Sewer Project. Mr. Herring seconded and all Members voted in favor. Mr. Thomas then moved to adopt RESOLUTION # 76-13 setting April 13, 1976 as the date for the referendum on the forms of Government for Oconee County. Mr. Moore seconded Mr. Thomas motion with all Members voting in favor. Another motion was entered by Mr. Thomas to adopt RESOLUTION #76-14 authorizing the Sewer Commission to prepare plans

specifications and related documents necessary for the cost of the proposed Sewer System. Mr. Ramey seconded and all the votes were in favor of this Resolution.

Mr. Thomas is looking into the possibility of the county installing a underground line for the computer terminal.

Mr. Thomas moved, Mr. Herring seconded, to waive the penalty on tax notices for the months of January, February and March this year- the vote was unanimously in favor.

Mr. Thomas recommended no action be taken at this time on the proposal from Southern Bell for additional telephone lines in the Clerk of Court's office.

Chairman Bailes read a letter of thanks from the cities of Walhalla and Westminster for the revenue sharing funds and their encouragement of this practice.

meeting adjourned at 10 P.M. to go into executive session to select a Purchasing Director- Mr. Eugene Gilliard was named for the position.