

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 26, 1976

The meeting was opened by Chairman Bailes, opening prayer by Walhalla Mayor Robert Gaillard. All members present.

Minutes of the August 12th meeting were approved as written. The motion was made by Mr. Ramey seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried.

Dr. Rolett of the Anderson-Oconee Health Depts spoke briefly on the upcoming swine flue vaccine immunization campaign. He also explained the private pay for medical services for certain people and certain programs as required by medicaid.

Jim Wells of the Freeman Wells & Majors Architect Firm presented plans drawn by his firm for the new Cultural Center and discussed funding for the new facility.

Council heard a request from Walhalla Mayor Robert Gaillard to fund a study of the feasibility of joining the water systems of the county's municipalities at an approximate cost of \$5,000.

Robert Ramey moved Mr. Moore seconded and it was carried for the County to assist the City of Walhalla to relieve the traffic congestion on razorback Lane at the Junior High Complex.

Purchasing Director C. E. Gaillard discussed health insurance for county employees the policy now in force with Blue Cross Blue Shield and a new one proposed by Pilot Life. This was referred to Mr. Thomas to arrange a meeting with both companies to discuss the matter further.

Councilman Ramey moved to appoint the following to the Oconee Hospital Expansion Committee to study its needs. Mr. Herring seconded and it was carried. They are: M. D. Jack Watkins, Dr. S. B. Moyle, Dr. G. R. Bruce, M. B. Neville, Rev. Geo Tisher, Tommy Abbott, Larry Foster, Mrs. Regina Thompson, Mrs. Frances Sandifer, Rhett Evatt, Mildred Spearman, Jerry Opperman, James Harold Thomas, Harold B. King, Mrs. Jackie Dawson, Thomas A Campbell and Kermit Burrell.

Mr. Thomas Moved, Mr. Herring Seconded and it was carried to advertise for the new Personel Director and County Engineer. It is hoped they can be hired as of October 1.

Mr. Moore spoke briefly on the road construction and surface treating program progress.

Council agreed for Mr. Ramey to work out a lease agreement to provide for space for Judge W. H. Ballenger as required by law.

Council endorsed Supt. of Education Fred Hamilton's request to name the Firm of Geiger, McElveen and Kennedy as Architect for the Seneca High and Lamert & Yates Firm for the Westminster Middle and Salem Elementary Schools.

The meeting was adjourned to go in to executive session to discuss a legal matter.