

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 2, 1976

The Council meeting was opened by Chairman Bailes with the opening prayer by Councilman Ramey.

It was unanimously agreed to accept minutes of the August 29th meeting as furnished. Mr. Ramey made the motion, Mr. Moore seconded.

Tax Assessor, D. E. Medford presented his letter of analysis on the Update proposal of the computer system and tax equilization program. \$39,000 was the figure for implementation of a continuing property valuation and \$5,000 to purchase and print some 26,000 record cards for use on line printer. Mr. Herring moved, Mr. MOORE seconded and it was carried to allow Mr. Medford to proceed with the proposal within the budget. For any part not budgeted it was requested that he contact Council again.

Mr. Ramey received the proposed costs for the new Westminster Middle (\$3,107,481.60), Salem Elementary (\$1,170,731.00), and Seneca High (\$5,750,000.00). The costs for these school projects far exceeded the available funds. He then moved to ask school officials to submit revised figures within funds already approved. Mr. Moore seconded Mr. Ramey's motion then offered an amendment to request supervision costs and architects fees be shown as a separate item in the new proposed costs. Mr. Herring seconded the amendment. The vote was unanimous in favor of both the motion and the amendment.

Mr. Herring reported that he had discussed the request of Mayor Robert Gaillard at last meeting for a feasibility study of ' connecting the 3 municipal water systems with the County Attorney and was advised that no referendum was necessary for the study, but anything further a referendum was recommended. The amount requested for this study was \$5,000. Chairman Bailes referred this to the finance committee for recommendation.

Mr. Moore reported he had contacted the State Highway Commissioner about the traffic conjection at the Walhalla High and Middle Schools and a meeting was planned with him to look at the situation.

Mr. Herring moved, Mr. Moore seconded and it carried to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. Council then went into executive session to discuss personel.