

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 21, 1976

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was opened by Chairman Bailes with all members present for the meeting with the exception of Mr. Ramey

Mr. Moore moved, Mr. Thomas seconded and it carried, to accept the minutes of the October 7th meeting as printed.

Mr. Todd of the Oconee Dept. of Social Services and the Director of the State Social Services Dept. requested Council's permission to apply for approximately \$308,280 in funds under the Public Works Act to construct a new Social Services Building with no cost to Oconee County. The County, however, would be required to furnish the land for the building. Mr. Herring moved, Mr. Moore seconded and it was passed unanimously to grant permission for the application of funds and to provide the land. Mr. Todd told Council that the Architect Firm of Gardner and Edelblut of Seneca will prepare plans for the structure without charge. If the grant is received, the firm will be hired.

Piedmont Engineers offered to make application for the grant under the Public Works Act for road work, if the grant is approved they propose to draw the specifications on a per diem basis. Mr. Moore moved, Mr. Thomas seconded to allow Piedmont Engineers to proceed with this proposal. Council agreed for Mr. Moore to work with Mr. Anderson of Piedmont Engineers on the roads already prepared by the S.C. Highway Dept.

Jerry Baldwin requested, on behalf of the Oconee Sewer Commission, the approval of the contract with Piedmont Engineers for Step 3 of the Sewer Project - the sewer treatment facility. One half of the Engineers fees for administrative duties and the balance being an estimate of per diem charges and expenses for on site work at the facility. Mr. Thomas moved to endorse and approve this contract. Mr. Herring seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Thomas read a letter pertaining to the abandonment of a section of Cobb Bridge road and moved to abandon same since there was no objection. Mr. Herring seconded - all votes in favor. Mr. Thomas then moved to accept the agreement with UpDate, Inc. for consulting services of Dr. Jean Scott on an hourly basis and actual expenses. Mr. Moore seconded the move and it was passed.

Council agreed for Purchasing Director Gaillard to get prices on the construction of 4 additional desks and a Public Address system for the Council Chambers and moving the treasurers counter forward in the tax center. Council also agreed to fix a small office space in the tax center for the sales tax office.

Mr. Herring announced that the letter relative to the Crime Prevention Officer was presently in the hands of the Sheriff. Mr. Herring moved to go along with the Purchasing Director's recommendation to purchase a new copier for the Health Dept. on a lease purchase agreement. Mr. Moore seconded and it was passed. Mr. Herring then moved to hire an additional dispatcher for the Communications Dept. Mr. Moore seconded - Mr. Herring then withdrew his motion for more time to study the needs.

The following were recommended to the Legislative Delegation for appointment:

Bruce Norton to Tri County Tec Board, James Alexander, W H. Hudson, Alphonso Gaines and Harold Alley to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission and Dave Stribling to the Pendleton District Historical Society.

Council agreed to adopt a resolution supporting the school board's recommendation to build schools in Salem and Westminster.

Mr. Bailes asked Mr.Herring to check with the County Attorney to see if any changes should be made to the Council's Rules and Regulation Ordinance as of January 1,1977 .

Mr. Herring requested a short executive session to discuss personnel after Council's adjournment.