

MINUTES

OF

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
November 18, 1976

The meeting was opened by Chairman Bailes. The opening prayer was given by Mr. Ramey and all members were present.

Mr. Thomas moved, Mr. Herring seconded and it was carried to accept minutes of the November 4th meeting as printed.

The Aeronautics Commission was on the agenda, but requested they be heard in executive session. Mr. Ramey moved to grant this, Mr. Moore seconded and it was agreed.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Herring read a letter from Mr. Clifford A. Moyer, Executive Director of the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy, regarding Sheriff Green's failures to comply with the direction of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Training Council in having five deputies obtain G. E. D. certificates before June 30, 1975. Mr. Herring moved for these deputies to enroll at Tri-County Tec on Monday, November 22nd for classes eight hours per day in order to complete this as quickly as possible. In this move Mr. Herring proposed to continue these men on the payroll and for the County to pay their tuition. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mr. Herring moved to accept the low bid for repairs at the childrens' home for approximately \$3,000.00 and low bid for repairs to the heating and air-conditioning at the home at a cost of approximately \$4,500.00. Most of these repairs were recommended by the Health Department. Mr. Ramey seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Herring then read several requests from Family Court pertaining to the childrens' home.

1. Request hiring a part/time student at \$2.75 per hour to help in getting children to the Mental Health Clinic, doctors, etc. No action was taken on this more time was needed for study.

2. Request County fund some \$400.00 for relief parents for week-ends at \$25.00 per week-end. Mr. Herring recommended this be done. Mr. Thomas seconded and it was carried.

3. Request repairs recommended by Health Department be carried out. (this agreed on earlier).

4. Request donation to be set aside as a petty cash to be administered by purchasing director for recreational activities, other items not in other categories for the children. This was recommended by Mr. Herring,

Mr. Thomas seconded and it was carried.

. Request a board or commission to be established to operate the children's home. Mr. Herring moved to adopt a skeleton ordinance establishing this board, Mr. Ramey seconded and it was carried.

. Request classification for staff for license purposes (this has been taken care of). Mr. Herring moved to pay Social Services \$5.00 for license, Mr. Thomas seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Ramey moved to request to Delegation, the appointment of the following to the Social Services Board; Jordan Elliott and Kermit Burrell both re-appointments and one new member Mr. Horace Meadows to replace Mr. C. B. Ables. All terms are to expire January 24, 1979 Mr. Moore seconded and it was carried. Mr. Ramey then moved for the council clerk to write a letter of appreciation to Mr. C. B. Ables for his service to the County as a member of the Social Services Board and as County Commissioner, Mr. Thomas seconded and it was approved.

Mr. Ramey moved to approve on 1st reading Ordinance 76-3 increasing Rural Fire Board members from four to five Mr. Thomas seconded and it was passed.

Mr. Ramey announced that he and Mr. Herring who are on the committee to study the proposed Task Force Committee did not have a recommendation at this meeting. Mr. Ramey announced an information program at the Courthouse on November 23rd sponsored by Council of Governments.

Mr. Moore announced the public works grant has been turned in and if approved approximately 1.6 Million dollars would be available for road work, Mr. Moore stated additional funds would be necessary for the replacement of the Jenkins Bridge because of a pier that has washed out.

Mr. Moore's motion to repair a bridge on private property off Lake Jemiki Road washed out by spring rains died for lack of a second. Mr. Thomas moved to approve for 1st reading Ordinance 76-4 creating the office of Director of Budget and Planning Mr. Herring seconded all votes were in favor. He then moved to adopt Resolution 76-26 naming Richard Lay as the Director of Budget and Planning at a salary of \$15,000.00 effective December 1, 1976. Mr. Ramey seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Thomas moved, Mr. Ramey seconded and it was carried to allow County employees to observe November 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving holidays and December 23 and 24 for Christmas.

The following bids were approved: desks for council chambers, wood products, public address system for council chambers - Jimmy Rogers House of Music. Mr. Thomas made the motions Mr. Herring seconded and it was approved.

Mr. Thomas moved to reject all bids on four chairs for council chambers and get additional bids as one supplier in the County was not asked to bid Mr. Herring seconded and it was agreed.

Mr. Thomas moved to hire Roy Strickland of Westminster as personnel Director effective December 1, 1976. Mr. Herring seconded the motion. Mr. Ramey and Mr. Moore requested action be deferred until after the first of the year when the new council takes office. The vote was three in favor (Bailes, Thomas and Herring) two abstain (Moore and Ramey). Mr. Thomas then moved for the salary of the personnel director be set at \$12,000.00 Mr. Herring seconded and it was passed the vote three for (Thomas, Herring and Bailes) two abstain (Moore and Ramey).

Mr. Moore moved to match a \$700.00 grant with \$700.00 local funds to buy tools for City County Sanitation Commission and Mr. Thomas seconded and it was passed.

It was agreed to go into executive session with ^{the} Aeronautics Commission at 9:45 p.m.