

MINUTES

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING DEC 9,1976

The meeting of the County Council was opened by Chairman Bailes. Prayer by Mr. Ramey and all Members were present.

Mr. Ramey moved, Mr. Thomas seconded and it was carried to accept minutes of the November 18th meeting and the special meeting held November 30, as printed.

Mr. Bunyon Black Civil Defense Director, requested approximately \$1700.00 to equip the county's emergency vehicles to meet standards as set by the S.C. Environmental Control. Mr. Ramey moved, Mr. Moore seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Majors of the Singer Mailing Equipment offered a proposal for a large automatic mailing machine to handle the large volume of mail for all departments. Chairman Bailes referred this to the Finance Committee for recommendation at the next meeting.

Mr. Thomas moved, Mr. Ramey seconded, to adopt on 2nd reading Ordinance #76-4 creating the office of Director of Budget and Planning. All Members voted in favor.

Mr. Thomas entered a motion to allow approximately \$685.00 for extra hours CCS Workers will have to work during Christmas holidays to keep the green boxes emptied. Mr. Moore seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mr. Thomas moved, Mr. Moore seconded and it was carried, to issue payroll checks for December on the 22nd which is the last working day before the Christmas Holidays.

Mr. Moore told Council Members he had received a letter stating the request for funds for road construction had been received by EDA- total amount requested \$1,491,000. Mr. Moore then read a letter from the Solicitor requesting a full time Magistrate for the County. Mr. Moore recommended a Committee be appointed to study the need for this. There was some discussion and the request was referred to the Law Enforcement Committee for recommendation.

Mr. Moore cited the need for a pole to be erected by Duke Power Co. for their monitoring system in the radio room at the courthouse. A space had been decided on and Duke agreed to furnish a night light on this pole at no cost. It was agreed.

Mr. Ramey moved, Mr. Herring seconded to recommend the new Council and Board of Trustees study the recommendation of Mr. Ernest Riley for a Task Force Committee to study the educational needs of the county in a work session after Jan 1. Council Members agreed.

Mr. Ramey moved to adopt on 2nd reading, Ordinance #65-3 increasing the voting members of the Rural Fire Board from 4 to 5. Mr. Moore seconded and all members voted in favor.

Mr. Ramey moved to recommend to the Governor the reappointment of the following to the Tax Appeals Board: Rex Blanton, Seneca, Leonard Garrett, Salem, and Robert Robins of Mountain Rest. Mr. Herring seconded and it was carried. Mr. Ramey then moved to recommend the reappointment of the following to the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission, with terms to expire Sept 17,1980: Ray Stevens, Joel Harris and Rhett Evatt. Mr. Thomas seconded and it was carried. Mr. Ramey moved to recommend Mrs. Lucy Gandy for reappointment to the Arts Commission and the appointment of Leon Ballard, Mike Liscombe and Earl Battle to the same Commission . Mr. Herring seconded and it was approved. Council agreed for the Clerk to write a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Rose Cashin for her years service on the Arts Commission Board. She chose not to serve another term as her sister is employed with the Commission.

Mr. Herring read a letter from the Council of Governments that the deadline for receiving funds for the Crime Prevention Offieers had passed. Mr. Herring had placed this in the hands of the Sheriff several weeks ago.

A letter from the Appalachian Health Council regarding the planning for the county's solid waste control was referred to Mr. Moore's Committee for recommendation.

A request from W. L. Jones Chairman of Lakeview Rest Home Board for repairs (not in the budget) to the Lakeview Rest Home was referred to Mr. Thomas's Committee. Another item referred to Mr. Thomas was a request from the Bayshore Association (Community Club) to be exempt from taxes since it is a eleemosynary corporation.

Council Members agreed to meet again December 16th at 5 P.M. It was agreed to let the clerk presently working part time in the Tax Collector's office transfer to the Treasurers Office for January, February and March.

It was moved by Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Herring to adjourn.