

M I N U T E S

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 16, 1976

The meeting of the Oconee County Council was opened by Vice-Chairman J. Harold Thomas. Prayer by Norman Crain. All Council Members were present.

Mr. Herring moved, Mr. Ramey seconded and it was carried to accept minutes of the December 9th meeting as printed.

Mr. Herring moved to purchase 6 new cars for the Sheriff's Dept. The 3 called for in the current budget and 3 additional units in order to replace the cars that are in bad condition. The move was then extended to state that 4 more units should be included in the budget for next year to enable cars to be replaced on a rotating basis. Mr. Moore seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Ramey moved, Mr. Herring seconded, to approve Ordinance 76-3 (increasing the Rural Fire Members) on 3rd reading. It was approved. Mr. Ramey then moved to appoint the following to the Rural Fire Board: James F. Cox and B. Molgro England with terms to expire December 31, 1978 and McCurry B. Neville, Jack Kell and Raymond Fendley with terms to expire December 31, 1980. Mr. Thomas seconded this motion and it was passed.

Mr. Gaillard presented a review of the County's employee health insurance and the proposal submitted by Pilot Life, in comparison. His recommendation was to continue with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Mr. Thomas moved to accept his recommendation, Mr. Ramey seconded and it was agreed.

✓ Mr. Thomas moved to recommend the adoption on 3rd reading Ordinance 76-4 creating the position of Director of Budget and Planning. Mr. Moore seconded and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Thomas then moved to name Richard Lay to this position at a salary of \$15,000. Mr. Ramey seconded and it was approved by all Members. Mr. Thomas referred the request for repairs at Lakeview Rest Home to Mr. Gaillard for bids. the proposal from Singer for a larger postage meter was also referred to Mr. Gaillard for additional bids and recommendation.

Mr. Thomas moved to waive the date for penalty on 1976 taxes until Feb 1 and to add 7% penalty on 1975 taxes (not in the appeals channels) January 1, 1977. Mr. Moore seconded and was passed.

Chairman BAiles announced that the next meeting of Council would be January 4th at 3 P.M.. This to be the time new Council Members would be sworn in.

Council members expressed special thanks to Robert Ramey for his devoted service to Oconee County as a Council Member. Mr. Ramey then gave some of his recommendations to the new Council:

Establish a road numbering system for the County,
Improvements in the County Voting System, possibly utilizing
the present computer

Study and establish the proposed School Task Force,
Cooperate with the Hospital Expansion Board to secure more
services at the Hospital

Mr. Ramey expressed thanks to the County Council, Supervisor
and office staff for their cooperation.

Mr. Thomas moved, Mr. Moore seconded to go into a short executive
session before adjourning.