

M I N U T E S

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 18, 1977

The County Council meeting was opened by Chairman Phinney. Invocation by Rev. Donald Haton. Council members present: Lamar Bailes, Cecil Cox, Norman Crain, Hercial Moore, W. H. Frady, and Hugh Ables. Councilmen Herring and Thomas were absent.

Upon a motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Crain and carried, minutes of the January 4th meeting were approved.

Jerry Baldwin of the Oconee Sewer Commission presented to Council the contract for Phase III of the proposed County wide sewer project. The contract with Piedmont Engineers was in the sum of \$242,632.00. Of this amount \$100,720.00 is for administrative services and \$141,912.00 for surveillance and plant set up. Mr. Bailes told Mr. Anderson of Piedmont Engineers that it was his understanding that the \$242,632.00 would be approved by the Federal agencies prior to the County being asked to pay the \$242,632.00. Mr. Anderson replied that this was correct. Mr. Bailes moved to approve the contract, Mr. Moore seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Fedder advised the Council that approximately \$100,000.00 would be required to purchase sewer rights-of-way and property for construction of lift stations. It was agreed that the County would pay as purchases occurred but that no amount would be "earmarked" or "set up" in a separate account for the Sewer Commission for this purpose. It was agreed that a projected estimate of costs by month would be provided to the Director of Budget and Planning for planning and anticipating cash flow.

County Attorney, Jerry Fedder, read and discussed Ordinance 77-1. Mr. Bailes moved to amend section A to read five members (rather than three) shall constitute a quorum. Mr. Crain seconded the amendment and it was passed. Mr. Bailes then moved to adopt Ordinance 77-1 as amended on second reading. Mr. Crain seconded the motion and all votes were in favor.

Mr. Moore requested a removable platform be made so all Council members' desks would be on the same level. The Supervisor agreed to take care of this.

Mr. Crain, Chairman of the Roads and Transportation Committee, reported that his committee had met and concluded that there exists an emergency situation relative to roads and driveways and entered a motion to temporarily maintain driveways. He further requested a committee be named to look into the possibility of a "friendly lawsuit" to determine the legality of it, and whether or not to continue driveway maintenance. Mr. Moore seconded Mr. Crain's motion. The votes were five for (Crain, Moore, Frady, Cox, and Ables) and one against (Bailes). Chairman Phinney then appointed Mr. Moore and Mr. Ables as the committee and requested them to report back as soon as possible.

County Attorney Jerry Fedder warned Council that work on private driveways with County equipment, material and manpower is illegal and the Chairman stands a risk of being prosecuted.

Mr. Cox moved, Mr. Bailes seconded and it was carried to allow Roy Strickland, Personnel Director, to discuss the merit system for County Employees and to request permission to hire a secretary. Mr. Cox then moved to approve Mr. Strickland's request for a secretary. Mr. Bailes seconded. (Mr. Frady inquired if there could be some one already on the payroll that could help in this capacity and it was agreed there was not.) The votes were all in favor.

Mr. Cox moved to purchase a typewriter for the Personnel Director. Mr. Moore seconded and it too was carried.

Mr. Bailes moved, Mr. Moore seconded and all agreed to go into executive session.