

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 7, 1977

The County Council meeting was opened by Chairman Phinney. Prayer by Walhalla Mayor Robert Gaillard. Present Councilmen: Bailes, Cox, Crain, Moore, Herring, Frady and Thomas.

Councilman Herring moved to adopt Resolution 77-1 authorizing the State Housing Authority to function in Oconee County and operate the HUD Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program for existing Housing. The County's only obligation is to furnish space for their personnel to talk with clients. Mr. Moore seconded the motion and the vote 6 for and 1 opposed (Frady).

Miss Estelene Walker, State Library Director stressed the need for a central library in the county, preferably the county seat and offered to assist Council in the planning for Library construction.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 P.M. for the public hearing on the Hospital Bond Ordinance. During this hearing Dr. R. K. Nimmons thanked Council for their support in this program. A Mr. Bearden requested a referendum be held and Marshall J. Parker favored a referendum. The meeting was called to order again at 8:15 P.M. Mr. Bailes made a motion, Mr. Moore seconded and it was carried to dispense reading in detail the Hospital Bond Ordinance 77-4. Mr. Thomas moved to adopt this Ordinance on 2nd reading. His motion was seconded by Mr. Bailes. The vote 4 for (Bailes, Thomas, Herring and Frady) and 3 opposed (Cox, Crain, and Moore).

Councilmembers and Sewer Commission Member Jerry Balding discussed the issue of who will be furnishing electricity for the sewer treatment plant in the Return Community. It was agreed that the Public Service Commission would likely rule on the matter.

Council unanimously adopted Resolution 77-2 A Memorium to the Late James D. Senn, Sewer Commission Chairman. The Memorial Resolution is to be forwarded to Mr. Senn's widow. After the Resolution was passed Council paused for a moment of silent prayer in honor of Mr. Senn.

Mr. Thomas moved to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 77-5 authorizing the sale of 2.5 million dollars Industrial Bonds for the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co. for the expansion of the Jacobs Plant at Clemson. Mr. Moore seconded the motion and all Members voted in favor.

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Council unanimously agreed to provide an additional \$800 for medical services and autopsies for the Coroner.

Mr. Bailes moved to adopt Resolution 77-3 authorizing the purchase of up to \$800,000 school district tax anticipation notes. Mr. Thomas seconded and the vote 7 yes and 0 no.

Mr. Crain reported a request from Rochester Real Estate for the County to deed back to their company the property they had previously deeded to the County in 1962 for a street but decided it was not feasible. The property is connecting N. Woodbury Road with Foxbury Drive in Section 1 - V of Bayshore. A motion was made by Mr. Crain to approve this request. Mr. Thomas seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Thomas entered a motion, Mr. Bailes seconded and it was carried to employ the Firm of Rogers, Gregory and Brigman to conduct the County Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977.

Mr. Bailes reported the Finance Committee has approved an increase in the school operating budget by 10% over last year and a capital improvement budget of \$200,000. He then moved to adopt the report, Mr. Thomas seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Phinney appointed Councilman Hercial Moore as County Council's representative on the Oconee Memorial Hospital Board of Directors.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.