

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 1, 1977

The County Council meeting was opened by Chairman Phinney with the opening prayer by Mr. Cox. All Members were present.

Minutes of the October 18th meeting were approved as furnished, upon a motion by Mr. Ables seconded by Mr. Cox and unanimously carried.

An update on the status of the opening of a temporary land-fill was given by Mr. Lay. He pointed out the land chosen was a 20 acre tract owned by the county near the county camp. The CCS Commission has chosen the Firm of Russel and Axon as the Engineers for this project. Mr. Moore moved to fund approximately \$8,045 for the cost. The breakdown is as follows: Engineering services \$3,850, borings \$,1,260, boundry surveys and roads \$660, surveying 20 acres \$1,400, septic tank \$400, running water to site and tap \$400, telephone installation \$50, and moving trailer \$25. Fencing and gates will be erected by Supervisor Phinney. Mr. Ables seconded Mr. Moores motion and all votes were in favor.

Mr. Cleve Pelfrey of Seneca discussed a tax assessment problem and was advised that he would have to appeal this matter to the Tax Appeal Board, that Council has no power, under law, to set or change an assessment.

County Planning Director, C. Dick Plyler, briefed Council on the operation of his Department.

Councilman Moore moved, Mr. Bailes seconded, and it was carried to approve funds from the contingent account to pay for legal costs in the airport settlement, approximately \$4,950. On August 21, 1975 Council approved \$800. The total bill is \$5.748.06.

Council proclaimed the week of November 13-17 as National Education Week and November 13th as Teacher Recognition Day at the request of Mr. John Carroll. The motion made by Mr. Bailes seconded by Mr. Moore and unanimously carried.

Ordinance 77-10 to Authorize Purchase of School District Tax Anticipation Notes was adopted on 1st reading. The motion by Mr. Bailes seconded by Mr. Crain. The vote 8 for and 0 against. It was then announced that a special meeting for 2nd reading would be Friday November 4th at 9. A. M. The total of these Tax Anticipation Notes is \$750,000. \$500,000 of this amount is for legal fees and other costs associated with the Middle School Court Case and \$250,000 is for School District Operation as a loan in anticipation of taxes.

Resolution 77-8 permitting taxpayers to execute an affidavit under oath if they failed to receive the residential exemption form or if they did file the form and it was lost or did not reach the Assessors file, was approved upon a motion by Mr. Bailes seconded by Mr. Moore and passed unanimously. Such claim must be filed on or before November 30, 1977. Council agreed to issue refunds if taxes have already been paid under these circumstances.

Mr. Thomas decided to postpone a discussion of additional funds for the Law Enforcement Center until additional cost data could be obtained on a drainage problem.

Edward S. Hyde was appointed to the Governing Board of the Oconee Children's Home upon a motion by Mr. Ables seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

Authorization was given for the payment of \$5,250 for road signs which will be 100% reimbursed by the approved Road Sign Grant, with they only cost to the county being the installation. Mr. Crain made the motion for this which also included approval for application for an additional grant of \$5,250 for more signs. Mr. Moore seconded the motion which was approved.

Budget Director, Richard Lay, announced that the \$286,000 local road work program specifications were received October 28th and that bids would be received November 10th at 2 P.M. A Representative from EDA will be present for the bid opening. Piedmont Engineers had advised Mr. Lay that 4 firms have expressed interest in bidding. It was pointed out that 10% of funds must be spent with minority businesses or obtain a waiver. Work must begin no later than December 1, according to Mr. Lay.

Mr. Bailes stated the Sewer Commission had requested the county front an additional \$25,000 at 5% interest for right of ways, hiring an accounting firm, etc. He then moved to approve this, Mr. Thomas seconded and all members voted in favor.

Mr. Moore moved to clean off and gravel the lot on the Lay property for a parking area to help with the parking problem in and around the courthouse. Mr. Cox seconded this motion and it was carried.

Council agreed to change the time of the 7:30 P.M. Council meetings on the first Tuesdays to 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 for the Law Enforcement and Personnel Committees to go into executive session.