

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 3, 1978

The regular meeting of the County Council was opened at 7 P.M. by Chairman Phinney with the invocation by Mr. Crain. Messrs. Herring and Ables were absent.

Mr. Crain entered a motion, Mr. Moore seconded and it was carried to approve minutes of the December 6th, 14th and 19th meetings as furnished.

The membership reorganization and rewriting of agreement with the S. C. Appalachian Council of Governments was presented by Mr. Lay after which Mr. Thomas moved to ratify the agreement and to discuss the additional appointments to COG by Council in executive session. Mr. Moore seconded the motion which was carried.

Probate Judge, J. W. Ballenger gave a report of the activities of his office and the Probate Court. He cited the need for additional space which Council agreed to look into.

Payment of Attorney fees amounting to \$33,734 in connection with the issuance of the \$2.6 million Hospital Bonds were approved for payment from the hospital construction funds upon a motion by Mr. Bailes, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

The Department of Education had requested permission for the transfer of unexpended funds in the amount of \$34,000 from the \$200,000 Capital Expense Account which will not be needed to be used for new projects not budgeted for. (Details in letter from Mr. Hamilton dated December 16, 1977.) Mr. Moore moved to approve this transfer, Mr. Bailes seconded and it was carried.

The 1968 Centennial Vault is presently located in the Courthouse Lobby. Mr. Moore stated he felt it should be buried and a marker erected. It was suggested this be located somewhere at the new Law Enforcement Center. Mr. Bailes moved, Mr. Cox seconded and it was approved to refer this matter to Mr. Phinney.

It was announced that Press Day at the Law Enforcement Center should be January 18th at 10 A.M. and Dedication to be January 19th at 11 A.M.

The Oconee Extension Department and Clemson University has invited Council for a supper meeting January 23rd at 7 P.M. at the Westminster Restaurant for a briefing of their work in the County.

It was announced that Duke Power paid taxes on December 30th totaling \$4,132,127.25 and the money was invested the same day at 6 1/4%.

Mr. Moore moved, Mr. Frady seconded and it was carried to go into executive session for a briefing by the County Attorney on the airport hearing.

After the executive session the meeting was reopened. In open session a motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Bailes that we tender a check in the amount of \$16,000 to Garrison Aviation as first payment of the \$80,000 owed and that on January 3rd of each subsequent year, Garrison would be paid \$16,000 until the \$80,000 is paid in full. Mr. Bailes moved, Mr. Thomas seconded and it was approved to purchase 8,000 gallons of aviation fuel currently in the storage tank at the airport at a cost of .6465 per gallon. Total amount of \$5,172 to be paid from the contingency to the Texaco Co., Seneca. It was pointed out that this money would be reimbursed and returned to the Treasurer of Oconee County as the fuel is sold.

Mr. Thomas moved, Mr. Moore seconded and it was carried that \$1,200 from the contingency account be approved to move the Sheriff's console communication equipment to the new Law Enforcement Center. In addition Mr. Thomas pointed out that sufficient funds had not been included in the budget to take care of the fire insurance premium on the Law Enforcement Center. The amount included in the budget was based on the amount required for the Courthouse (approximately \$1,000 per year). However, based on the type construction of the Center (wooden gabel, roof, etc.) the premium for one year is \$3,056 including contents. Mr. Thomas moved that \$885 from the contingency be approved to cover the difference until June 30th. Mr. Moore seconded and it was approved.