

MINUTES COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 17, 1978

The regular meeting of County Council was opened by Chairman Phinney with the opening prayer by Mr. Cox. Councilmen Thomas and Moore were absent.

Mr. Frady moved, Mr. Ables seconded and it was carried to approve minutes of the January 3rd meeting as furnished.

Plans for the new libraries were shown and discussed by Mr. Wells. It was brought out in discussion the possibility of conversion to solar energy in the future for these structures. Mr. Herring moved to approve the plans as shown and to allow the Architect to move ahead with the drawings. This motion was seconded by Mr. Cox and carried.

A briefing of the duties and functions of the Office of Clerk of Court was discussed by Clerk of Court, Roy D. Harden. Mr. Harden also recommended to Council to consider the possibility of converting the present children's home to a detention home for juveniles.

Mr. Bailes moved that Oconee take the option of reimbursable employer in complying with the employment security law effective January 1, 1978. Mr. Crain seconded and it was carried.

Chief Magistrate Hamby's request for new file cabinets, book shelves, tape recorder and law dictionary was referred to the Law Enforcement Committee for recommendation.

Additional funds (from the contingency after the supplemental budget is approved) in the amount of \$2,235 to cover additional vehicle insurance premiums were approved upon a motion by Mr. Frady, seconded by Mr. Bailes and carried.

The following were recommended for appointment, each for a four year term, as members of the Oconee Planning Commission by Mr. Ables: Messrs. Al Chappuis, Walhalla; Paul Wilkerson, Westminster; C. Wayne Gallimore, Seneca and James H. Coleman, Seneca. Mr. Crain seconded the motion which was carried.

Chairman Phinney recognized the County officials present for the meeting and several gave a brief update on their departments.

County Attorney Fedder requested Council go into executive session to discuss legal matters. Mr. Bailes moved for this session, Mr. Frady seconded and it was agreed.

After the executive session the meeting was reconvened. Mr. Bailes moved to appoint J. Richard Lay and a minority (to be named later by Mr. Ables) as members appointed by Council to the Appalachian Council of Governments. Mr. Ables is presently serving as the required member of Council. Due to health reasons, Col. Tom Ramsey requested that he not be considered for reappointment. Council Members agreed to write a letter of appreciation to Col. Ramsey for his devoted service to the County as a member of the Appalachian Council of Governments since its beginning.

Mr. Frady moved, Mr. Cox seconded and it was agreed to adjourn at 5:10 P.M.