

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 2, 1978

The regular monthly meeting of the Oconee County Council was opened by Chairman Phinney with the opening prayer by Mr. Crain. Mr. Herring was the only Member absent.

Motion by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Cox and carried to approve minutes of the April 18th meeting as printed.

Mr. Bill Bond of the Appalachian Health Council reported on the Solid Waste Management Study which revealed that the cost for recycling solid waste ranges from \$1.97 to \$4.00 per ton. He told Council that Oconee's cost per ton was estimated to run between \$3.00 to \$3.50 per ton. It usually takes approximately five years after the feasibility study to get into the actual operation, according to Mr. Bond. After the Phase III Study, a Study Committee consisting of a Member of County Council, Planning Director, and Administrator from each county in the six county region, would be appointed.

Mr. Donnie Stevenson requested assistance from the county in clearing bushes from a bank at the Townville Booster Club ball field. It was estimated a dozier could do this in one day. Mr. Thomas moved, Mr. Ables seconded and it was carried to ask Mr. Phinney to look at the job and do what he can to help with this project. Mr. Stevenson also told of the need for assistance in erecting lights for the ball field, a total cost of between \$7,000 and \$8,000. Council urged Mr. Stevenson to contact the PRT Commission to see if any community development funds were available. Mr. Frady expressed his desire to see other community projects for youngsters such as the Townville Booster Club receive aid.

The practice of sending tax notices was discussed by Mr. Charlie Johnson of Playground Road. Due to his address being changed he failed to receive his notices.

Coroner Ted Durham gave a briefing on the activities of his Office. He stated he estimated there would be 15 to 20 autopsies performed for his office this year. The price of each autopsy is \$200 performed by the pathologist at Oconee Hospital and \$125, plus transportation, at the Charleston Medical Hospital. Mr. Durham requested a new tape recorder for inquests. The approximate cost would be \$369. Mr. Thomas moved to approve the purchase, Mr. Cox seconded and all votes cast were in favor. Mr. Frady abstained.

Mr. Ron Kopczyk requested time to speak with regard to school bus safety in the county. Mr. Thomas moved, Mr. Cox seconded and it was agreed to hear Mr. Kopczyk. No action was taken, however, since the State Department of Education has jurisdiction over school busses.

Motion by Mr. Bailes to front an additional \$25,000 for the Sewer Commission for right of way acquisition was seconded by Mr. Crain and carried.

Motion by Mr. Bailes seconded by Mr. Thomas and approved to sign the agreement for the teletype for the deaf to be installed in the Communicati Center.

Mr. Bailes announced the 1½ block adjacent to the old jail (Claude Smith property) could be purchased by the County for \$150,000 at 5% interest with payment over a 10 year period. He recommended Council study a feasibility study that was made by Mr. Gary Brock, County Planner, and make

a recommendation at the next meeting.

Mr. Cox's motion to change the time of the third Tuesday meeting from 3 P.M. to 2 P.M. died for lack of a second.

The job description for the Administrative Assistant to the Sheriff was changed from 9 to 14 E with the pay difference to be paid retroactive to October 1, 1977. Motion by Mr. Bailes seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a 4 yes vote, two Members (Ables and Frady) opposed.

Mr. Crain announced the public notice pertaining to the closing of the Moorehead/Hunter Road in the Tabor Community will be May 22nd at 3.P.M.

Council agreed to ask County Attorney Fedder to check into the legality of the bill that has been introduced to earmark one half of one percent of the gas tax rebate for road construction/maintenance for recreation

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, a voluntary organization, has leased a house near the Keowee Marina and have requested the driveway be scraped, a pipe buried and approximately six loads of gravel. Since this is a public place Council agreed to do it.

It was announced the DEHEC meeting with regard to stream classification/re-classification will be held Thursday May 25th at 3. P.M. at the Courthouse.

Mr. Phinney appointed Councilman Frady as Council's Representative Member on the Oconee County Hospital Board to replace Mr. Hercial Moore.

It was announced that actual construction has begun on the Sewer Project.

Council went into executive session - Motion by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Cox.

After executive session the meeting was reopened - motion by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Crain that the Sheriff be authorized to hire a Deputy and that he be paid at the rate authorized for one step above entry level. This approval because the Deputy Sheriff Green plans to hire has already graduated from the Police Academy and has had previous law enforcement experience.

Motion by Mr. Bailes seconded by Mr. Cox that Personnel Policies and Procedures manual be amended to delete, effective May 3, 1978, that portion that authorizes payment for personnel who work on holidays at the rate of one and one half days pay. It was also agreed that those personnel who have worked on holidays and who have not been given compensatory time would be entitled to pay when their job was terminated. This retroactive pay would be paid only through May 2, 1978, further that after May 3, 1978 no further payment for work on holidays would be authorized. Department Heads would arrange to give personnel compensatory time for those who worked on holidays.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.