

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 1, 1978

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

Minutes of the July 18th meeting were approved as furnished. Motion by Mr. Cox seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried.

Ordinance 78-6 "Rock Crusher Ordinance" was approved on Third Reading without being read. Motion by Mr. Crain, seconded by Mr. Thomas. The vote 5 for (Bailes, Ables, Thomas, Crain and Frady) and 2 against ( Earle and Cox).

County Auditor, Ken Williams presented the tax levy he has proposed for fiscal year 1978-79 (a copy is attached). Council concurred. Mr. Bailes then moved to ratify the millage for the fiscal year 1978-79 at 135 mills. Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas and passed unanimously.

A letter from Dr. Rolett of the County Health Dept. requesting county funded travel allowance for the Health Dept. personnel be raised from 14¢ to 16¢ per mile, was read by Councilman Bailes. Some of the Health Dept. employees are paid by State/Federal funds and are reimbursed for travel at 16¢. Dr. Rholett did not request any additional funds and assured Council they would "live" within the amount budgeted for travel. Councilman Bailes moved to raise the travel from 14¢ to 16¢ for the Health Dept. and all other county departments with on increase in amounts budgeted for travel in both in county and out of county. Mr. Ables seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Cox discussed the fire recently in which Utica School was damaged and stated he felt fire hydrants and additional water lines in this area would be a good idea.

The "Mountain Rest Cloggers" will be performing at the White House in Washington on August 10th and other places in Washington later in the week. Councilman Earle presented a request for a contribution from the County for \$955 to help with the expenses of this trip, after which he moved to provide the funds requested. Mr. Cox seconded. The vote was 2 for (Earle and Cox) 3 opposed (Ables, Herring and Frady) and 2 abstained (Bailes and Thomas). Council was in full agreement that this performance by this Group would be good publicity for Oconee County and agreed to request Parks and Recreation Director, Ben Sullivan to check into paying this from the account in the PRT budget for Grants to Independent Agencies. (Mr. Sullivan obtained approval of his Commission and the check was issued).

Motion by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Herring and carried by a unanimous vote to increase the homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$17,000. This will not result in any budget changes as the State will be refunding \$12,000 this year rather than \$10,000. The amount the county allows is \$5,000.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M. Motion by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Cox and carried.

1978 PROPOSED TAX LEVY

County Assessment Est.....									56,800,000
School Assessment Est.....									61,300,000
	County	Budget	Millage	Amt. of Taxes	Over or (Under)				
County Operating		2,125,855.50	37.75	2,144,200.00	18,344.50				
Capital Improvements County		610,077.00	10.75	610,600.00	523.00				
County Bonds:									
... Hospital		55,633.00	1.00	56,800.00	1,167.00				
... 1972		76,393.00	1.50	85,200.00	8,807.00				
... Hospital Addit.		213,587.50	4.00	227,200.00	13,612.50				
... Rock Crusher		52,500.00	1.00	56,800.00	4,300.00				
<b>TOTAL COUNTY</b>		<b>3,134,046.00</b>	<b>56.00</b>	<b>3,180,800.00</b>	<b>46,754.00</b>				

School									
School Operating		3,993,000.00	66.00	4,045,800.00	52,800.00				
Capital Improvements School		211,750.00	3.50	214,550.00	2,800.00				
School Bonds:									
... 1964		36,337.00	.75	45,975.00	9,638.00				
... 1966		135,875.00	2.00	122,600.00	(13,275.00)				
... 1969		147,475.00	2.25	137,925.00	(9,550.00)				
... 1970		44,890.00	.75	45,975.00	1,085.00				
... 1974		73,515.00	1.25	76,625.00	3,110.00				
... 1975		143,112.00	2.50	153,250.00	10,138.00				
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL</b>		<b>4,785,954.00</b>	<b>79.00</b>	<b>4,842,700.00</b>	<b>56,746.00</b>				
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>7,920,000.00</b>	<b>135.00</b>	<b>8,023,500.00</b>	<b>103,500.00</b>				

*Kenneth F. Williams*  
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 Oconee County Auditor

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Home Rule Regulations, a Public Hearing was held on August 1, 1978 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Public Service Building, Walhalla, S.C. The purpose of the Hearing was to give the citizens of Oconee County an opportunity to comment on Ordinance 78-6, "Rock Crusher Ordinance". This Ordinance proposed to issue General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$750,000 to be used to purchase land, a rock crusher, and allied equipment that would have the capability of producing approximately 200 tons of gravel per hour. The Hearing was called to order by Chairman Phinney. Present for the meeting: Councilmen Earle, Bailes, Cox Thomas and Crain, County Attorney Fedder, Budget Director, Richard Lay and several interested citizens. A discussion was held by the Citizens and Councilmembers and County Attorney Fedder. Speaking in favor of this Ordinance was Mr. John B. Nicholson, against, Mr. Ben Vissage, and Mrs. Coleman Jennings stated she would like to be more familiar with the equipment now in operation, how many loads the facility is presently producing, cost per ton, etc.

After receiving citizen input the Council went into its regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. During this regular meeting of Council, Third Reading of the Rock Crusher Ordinance was passed by a vote of 6 for and 2 against.