

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 5, 1979

The regular meeting of County Council was opened by Chairman Phinney with the invocation by Mr. Crain. All Council Members were present.

Motion by Dr. Earle second by Mr. Crain and carried to approve minutes of the May 15th and 22nd meetings as furnished.

Dr. Earle moved to adopt on Second Reading Ordinance 79-8 "Library System for Oconee County" - Mr. Ables seconded and the vote was 5 For and 0 Against.

Mr. Ables moved to adopt on Third and Final Reading Ordinance 79-7 "The 1979-80 County Budget" with an amendment to increase budget item Tri County Tech 46- 83 01L by \$14,500 and reduce the same amount from budget item Rock Crusher Note 99-54 02L - Mrs. Jennings seconded the motion. Mr. Crain again expressed opposition to the 3% assessment for residential property and moved that the assessment be set at 2½%. His motion did not receive a second. Ordinance 79-7 was then adopted on Third and Final Reading. The vote 4 For and 1 Against (Crain).

An update on the new libraries, hospital construction and South Cove Park Residence was given by County Building Inspector, Mr. LeCroy. He reported that both the Walhalla and Westminster Libraries are complete and the furniture is being delivered. A preliminary inspection of the Walhalla Library was made on June 1st and another is scheduled shortly when Council Members will be invited to be present. The hospital construction, according to Mr. LeCroy, is progressing on schedule with the problem between the contractor and sub contractors being resolved. He further stated he expected the completion date to be somewhere between January 15th and March 1, 1980. Mr. LeCroy reported the South Cove residence would be completed by the end of this month.

Upon motion of Mrs. Jennings the Chairman of County Council was authorized and directed to execute a contract with Mr. Les Parks indicating Oconee County's willingness to issue hospital revenue bonds upon compliance with conditions set forth in the contract with all costs in the issuance of such bonds be borne by Mr. Les Parks.

Mr. Frady announced that his Committee has studied the bids on the tractor and boom axe for the Supervisor's Department and recommended the bid from Powell Brothers for \$22,432 including tax for a Ford Tractor be accepted and he so moved. Mr. Crain seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

As a matter of information, Mr. Crain announced that the new rock crusher has been in operation for about two weeks and some stone was being stockpiled. Mr. Phinney asked the Road Committee to work out the cost and come up with the price to be charged for stone.

Mrs. Jennings moved to pay the telephone bill for the Sheriff's Dept. for May and June not to exceed \$750 - second by Dr. Earle. All votes were in favor. She then moved to pay the Coroner's May travel claim in the amount of \$198.08 - second by Mr. Ables with all votes in favor. The required funds would come from the contingency account.

Mr. Frady, upon recommendation of his committee, moved to accept the bid of Watson Engineering Co. for the topo survey at the 4-H Center. the balance in the account for this is \$692.00 and the bid was \$987.00. The Walhalla Sertoma Club has agreed to pay the difference. Mr. Ables seconded the motion which carried.

An additional \$760 is needed to pay for data processing for the Treasurer's Office. Mr. Ables moved to authorize this be paid from the contingency account. Mr. Frady seconded and motion was carried.

Due to the increasing cut back in fuel allocations, Mr. Crain requested Dr. Earle's Committee study whether or not it would be feasible to purchase the two vehicles for the Health Dept. or to continue to pay mileage.

Mr. Fedder told Council the Sewer Commission has awarded the contract to Blue Ridge Electric Coop for service and the contract has been signed by the Chairman. He also announced that the Sewer Commission has agreed to sell to the Blue Ridge Electric Coop one acre of land at a cost of \$3,250 for a sub station to serve this facility. The plant to be in operation by early 1980.

Mr. Lay expressed thanks to Council and others for their cooperation and help in the preparation of the 1979-80 budget.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.