

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 4, 1979

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

Upon motion by Mr. Ables, second by Dr. Earle, minutes of the August 21st meeting were approved.

Ordinance 79-13, Pertaining to the Issuance of Hospital Facilities Revenue Bonds for construction of the Oconee Geriatric Center, Inc. was adopted on Second Reading - Motion by Mrs. Jennings, second by Mr. Ables. The vote was 5 Yes and 0 No.

Following the Adoption of Ordinance 79-13, a general discussion followed. Mrs. Jennings expressed some concern of the draft feasibility study which had been provided to the Members of Council. She pointed out that the study had not been authenticated by the agency that made the study. Mr. Parks responded that the study was only a "draft" and was expedited in order to provide the Council with information prior to this meeting. He further stated that a finalized copy of the study would be given to Council at a later date. Mrs. Jennings told Mr. Parks and his attorneys that there were certain questions that the Council wanted answers to prior to approval of the Ordinance on Third and Final Reading. At this point in the meeting Mrs. Jennings read the contents of a memorandum to Mr. Parks dated September 4, 1979. This memorandum outlined the ten questions that were to be answered by Mr. Parks prior to the next meeting. A copy of this memorandum is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes. After further discussion, it was agreed that the special meeting which had previously been scheduled for September 11th would not be necessary since it could be taken care of at the September 18th meeting.

Mr. Ables asked Mr. Parks to explain to Council why he feels that this venture would be a successful operation. Mr. Parks stated that there is a definite need for this type of facility in Oconee County and that he anticipated that the occupancy rate would be extremely high. He stated that he had made inquiries as to need for various county and state agencies and felt that he would have the facility fully occupied in 60 days after it was open. Dr. Earle requested a copy of the letter Mr. Parks had received from DSS concerning anticipated need and occupancy.

Mr. Parks stated that he felt that it was a sound business venture based on his experience in operating his current facility and further that he had obtained advise and recommendations from a number of highly qualified consultants. He also stated that getting the guaranteed financial commitment from two individuals who were also in the Health Care business provided an additional assurance of success.

Mrs. Jennings announced that her Committee would be meeting September 19th with Mr. Black, Civil Defense Director and Captains of the Civil Defense Units to outline certification of the EMT, to go over the Civil Defense Program, certifying ambulances, etc.

Mr. Frady moved to pay a bill from the contingency account to Honeywell, Company for maintenance to the air conditioning system at the Health Dept. in the amount of \$394.60. This bill was incurred before the contract for maintenance was signed. Dr. Earle seconded the motion which was unanimously carried.

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Mr. Ables made a motion that Council accept three recommendations contained in a memorandum from the Tax Assessor dated August 24, 1979 pertaining to the filing for Declaration of Legal Residence (a copy of this memorandum was previously provided Council Members for information).

Mr. Crain asked if the request had been received from the Planning Commission for any of the \$2,000 Council had previously approved for industry seeking trips for the Planning Commission. Mr. Lay stated that no request, either verbal or written, has been received from the Planning Commission.

Dr. Earle announced that some more CETA funds were expected to become available soon. He stated his Committee had a meeting with Mr. Hix at which time they asked him to furnish a list of projects and personnel to Council along with all audits for review. Dr. Earle also requested a contract be furnished showing how much county funds would be required if the County decided to participate in these additional CETA programs.

A discussion was held with regard to a truck for the mechanic at the motor pool. Presently he is using his personal truck and receiving mileage. He has offered to sell his truck (a 75 or 76 model) which is equipped with an air compressor and tool boxes, to the County for \$3,250. Mr. Ables moved to have the truck appraised by three appraisers and if the price is in line, to purchase it. Mr. Crain seconded and motion was carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P. M.