

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 18, 1979

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

Minutes of the September 4th meeting were approved as furnished. Motion by Mr. Crain, second by Mr. Ables.

Ordinance 79-13 was not presented for Third Reading pending final approval from the Budget and Control Board. Mr. Parks has replied to the questions as requested. They have been accepted as information and are attached to and made part of these minutes.

Mr. Ables moved to adopt Resolution 79-8 "Issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds for the J. P. Stevens Company", Mr. Crain seconded the motion. Council expressed appreciation to the Representative of the J. P. Stevens Company for the fine asset their Company is to Oconee County. This Resolution calls for issuance of Revenue Bonds not to exceed ten million dollars, however Mr. Charles deSaussure, Representative of the Sinkler, Gibbs and Simmons Co. said only approximately one million would be issued. No specific program for the use of the funds was announced. County Attorney Jerry Fedder stated this Resolution was only a statement of intent and he would recommend its passage. The Resolution was then adopted by a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

Mr. Gains Boone, a Member of the Governor's Task Force for Responses to Nuclear Accidents, spoke to Council with reference to disaster preparedness should the Oconee Nuclear Plant experience an incident such as the Three Mile Island Incident in Pennsylvania several months ago. According to Mr. Boone, County Council is responsible for emergency evacuation plans. The State stands ready to assist at the request of County Officials. The Governor's Office has released a report on emergency evacuation measures for Pickens and Oconee Counties which listed the warning system as Oconee's critical point. This was discussed at length but no action was taken.

Resolution 79-<sup>7</sup>9, "Pertaining to making an application to the State Budget and Control Board for Approval of the Issuance by Oconee County of Hospital Revenue Bonds for the Oconee Geriatric Center" was ratified by Council.

Motion by Mr. Ables second by Mrs. Jennings to adopt on First Reading Ordinance 79-14, "Pertaining to Authorizing the Tax Assessor to Designate Residential Property as Legal Residence"...the Ordinance was adopted by a 5 yes and 0 no vote.

Rural Fire Warden, Fant Honea briefed Council in detail of his duties which require a great deal of travel each month. Council Member Ables requested a comparison be made before the next budget to determine if it would be more feasible for the county purchase a vehicle for the Rural Fire Warden or pay mileage.

Mr. Phinney announced that Senator Holling's Office has announced the approval of the grant for the construction of a road from Oconee Station to the State Park.

A letter of resignation from Mr. Bill Yarborough, as Director of the Law Enforcement Center was read by Mr. Phinney after which he announced the appointment of Mr. Bob Busch as Acting Director for 30 days.

A meeting of the Law Enforcement Correctional Officers and the Law Enforcement Committee of County Council held a meeting last week and will hold another with Mr. Busch and his Staff soon.

Motion by Mr. Ables, second by Mr. Crain to allow Health Department employees to claim 18¢ rather than 17¢ for mileage. This will not result in a budget increase. It is being done to make both state and county employees at the department receive the same mileage. The vote 4 Yes and 1 No ( Earle )

Motion by Dr. Earle, second by Mr. Crain to approve the request of Planning Commission Director Plyler for a travel allowance of \$500 to attend the Southern Industrial Development Council in Washington, D. C. on October 20-23. This is to be paid from the contingency account. The motion was seconded by Mr. Crain and carried.

Ordinance 79-15 "An Ordinance to provide for the annual salary of the Supervisor", was read by Mr. Ables after which he moved for its adoption on First Reading. Mrs. Jennings seconded the motion. This Ordinance calls for the annual salary of the Supervisor to be \$24,500 effective January 1, 1981. Mrs. Jennings seconded the motion after which Mr. Crain moved to amend this Ordinance by adding a Section 3 to state the annual salary of County Council Members remain at \$4800. Mrs. Jennings then seconded the amendment which carried by an unanimous vote. The vote on Ordinance 79-15 (with amendment ) was passed by a vote of 4 yes and 1 no (Frady).

A motion was made by Mr. Ables, seconded by Dr. Earle and carried to approve the purchase from the contingency account of a typewriter for the Arts Commission - The approximate cost to be \$664.56

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M.