

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 16, 1979

The regular meeting of County Council was opened by Chairman Phinney with the invocation by Mr. Crain. Mr. Frady was the only Member absent.

Minutes of the October 2nd meeting were accepted upon motion by Dr. Earle, seconded by Mr. Crain.

Ordinance 79-14, Pertaining to authorizing the Tax Assessor to Designate Residential Property as Legal Residence was adopted on Third and Final Reading. Motion by Mr. Ables, second by Mr. Crain - The vote was 4 Yes and 0 No.

Ordinance 79-15, Pertaining to Salaries of the Supervisor-Chairman, Oconee County Council, and the Members of County Council was passed on Third and Final Reading, upon motion by Mr. Ables, second by Dr. Earle - The vote 4 Yes and 0 No.

An update/briefing on the services/programs rendered by the Oconee Health Dept. was given by Dr. Rolett. It was pointed out by Dr. Rolett that this Department was in need of a clerk for the front desk and he also requested funds for a maternity program for Oconee County. Funds from all sources for the Health Department have been cut, according to Dr. Rolett's report. He also told Council he would go on a part time basis from November through May 1980 while continuing his studies in Charlotte.

Mr. Howard Adams, Chairman, Sewer Commission, introduced the following for Council's approval:

1. An agreement between the Oconee County Sewer Commission and the Town of West Union to participate in the Oconee County County-wide Sewer System.
2. An amendment to the contract between the Oconee County Sewer Commission and Piedmont Engineers. The amendment consisted of approval of Addendum # 4 to Engineering Agreement dated 21 October 1976 and 10 January 1977, between Oconee County Sewer Commission and Piedmont Engineers Architect and Planners. Subject addendum authorized the Engineering cost of Piedmont Engineers to increase to a total estimated cost of \$503,195.
3. An amended contract between Oconee County Sewer Commission and Neil Byerley CPA Firm for services provided to the Oconee County Sewer Commission.

Motion to approve the above mentioned documents by Mr. Ables, second by Mrs. Jennings - the vote 4 Yes and 0 No. (These documents are on file and available for inspection in the office of the Superintendent of the Oconee County-wide Sewer Commission). Mr. Adams provided Council with a list of employees that will be needed in the future to operate the County-wide Sewer System. The list included an identification of the job title, pay scale and job description of each position. He requested that this document be reviewed by Council and approval given not later than next County Council Meeting on November 6th.

Council agreed to grant Melvin Martin's request for \$525 from the Contingency account for salary for relief parents at the Children's Home while the regular houseparents were away on sick leave. Motion by Mrs. Jennings, second by Mr. Ables and unanimously carried.

Mrs Jennings moved to approve \$85.00 from the contingency account for an adding machine for the Seneca Magistrate's office. Mr. Crain seconded and motion was carried.

Council agreed to allow the Leopard Family to repurchase a 40 ft. strip of land adjacent to the old library lot for \$400 (the same amount the county paid them for this land in the 1960's) County Attorney Fedder advised that this transaction was within the law. Mrs. Roddey Stoudemire, Chairman of the Library Commission stated the Library Commission fully concurred with this. Motion for the sale by Mrs. Jennings, second by Mr. Crain and unanimously passed. In discussion, it was pointed out that there would have to be releases from several different Agencies before the old library property can be sold.

As a matter of information, Mr. Crain reported on a demonstration he attended pertaining to the rescuing of wreck victims. He further recommended that funds be made available to purchase life saving equipment for the rescue units. He stated approximately \$5,000 would purchase the basic equipment currently needed.

Dr. Earle announced that Oconee County's share of surplus funds being distributed by COG would be \$3,045. The per captia rate of 32.5 requested annually from Oconee County by COG is the lowest among the ten regional councils in South Carolina.

It was also announced that Mr. Plyler's request for the continued funding for the Planning Commission had been referred to the re-organization Committee and a recommendation would be forthcoming.

Mr. Phinney announced the appointment of Mr. Bob Busch as Director of the Law Enforcement Center for 6 months.

Dr. Earle moved, Mr. Ables seconded and it was agreed to go into executive session at 4:40 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter.