

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 1979

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

Minutes of the October 16th meeting were approved as furnished - Motion by Mr. Ables second by Mr. Frady.

As Chairman of the Public Health, Safety and Welfare Committee, Mrs. Jennings commented on Ordinance 79-13 "pertaining to the issuance of Hospital Facilities Revenue Bonds for the construction of the Oconee Geriatric Center". Mrs. Jennings pointed out that Mr. Parks has been given a certificate of need for this residential care center and he is the only one that can build such a facility in Oconee County receiving funds from social services for the next five years. She stated Council's main concern was the lack of capital for this project which has the approval of the Budget and Control Board and the backing of the National Health Corporation of Tennessee. Council recognizes that the full faith and credit of Oconee County is not pledged in this project but the reputation of Oconee County as sponsor is at stake. She also stated that some conditions requested before final reading of this Ordinance has not been complied with and before Third Reading she is recommending the County Attorney prepare a Resolution to set forth the requirements of the County. She further stated some loan transactions has not been brought to Council's attention. If the conditions set forth in the Resolution are met then Third and Final Reading will be re-scheduled for the November 20th meeting.

County Attorney Fedder, outlined the contents of the requested Resolution as follows:

1. Require that \$300,000 capital in the Oconee County Geriatric corporation be subscribed to and paid in the form of cash or in escro for use as operating capital as part of its debt service.
2. Assurance of certification by the Bond Council and/or the County Attorney that a proper guarantee has been executed by the National Health Corporation unconditionally guaranting the Bond Holders in the event of default of Oconee County Geriatric Center, Inc. the payment of principal and interest according to schedule of such payments.
3. The opinion of the Bond Council and/or County Attorney as to the advisability and feasibility of the agreement concerning the management of the proposed facility between the Center and the National Health Corporation.
4. Certification by Oconee Geriatric Center Corporation of compliance insofar as is possible and practical prior to November 20th with the other conditions imposed upon the issuance of the bonds by the S.C. Budget and Control Board.
5. Compliance with further and additional requirements upon Council the Resolution state that during the period from now until November 20th, Council authorize the issuance and dissemination of the proposed bond statement in and to the market place so the market of this issue can go forward. This statement would meet the Bond Council's requirements for marketing the issue closing on the 26-28th of November. Mrs. Jennings moved for the adoption of the Resolution, second by Mr. Frady and the vote was 5 for and 0 against.

Dr. Earle read Ordinance 79-16 "An Ordinance regarding Commissions and Boards of Oconee County" and moved for its adoption on First Reading, Mr. Ables seconded and all votes were in favor. Dr. Earle then moved to approve on First Reading Ordinance's 79-17-23 as follows:

Ordinance 79-17 "An Ordinance Creating the Oconee County Development Commission"  
Ordinance 79-18 "An Ordinance Creating the Oconee County Aeronautics Commission"  
Ordinance 79-19 "An Ordinance Creating the Oconee County City-County Sanitation Comm"  
Ordinance 79-20 "An Ordinance Creating hte Oconee County Arts and Historical Comm"  
Ordinance 79-21 "An Ordinance Creating the Oconee County PRT Commission"  
Ordinance 79-22 "An Ordinance Creating the Oconee County Human Resources Commission"  
Ordinance 79-23 "An Ordinance Creating the Oconee County Civil Def.& Rural Fire Comm"

Mr. Crain seconded Dr. Earle's motion stating the present Commissions are invited to meet with the re-organization Committee to discuss the re-organization of the Boards and Commissions and that a letter will be sent to each Board or Commission Member presently serving. It is hopefull that present Members will be willing to continue to serve. The vote for adoption on First Reading of Ordinances 79-17-23 was 5 for and 0 against.

In Tax Collector, John Fowler's report on delinquent tax collections, he stated that collections were \$75,037.90 more than for the same period last year. He also stated that \$7,742.00 in fees have been collected so far this year. The amount collected for the same period last year was \$4,428.00. His projected collections for the fiscal year is \$300,000

Mr. Frady announced that re-advertisement has been made for two sheriff's cars. Bids were requested on two car sizes. Bids were requested earlier but there was no response.

Dr. Earle moved to approve the job descriptions, salary schedules, etc (which have already been approved by the Sewer Commission) as presented by the Sewer Commission Chairman, Mr. Adams at the last meeting for the personnel to be hired by the Commission- second by Mr. Ables and unanimously carried.

Mr. Frady moved to pay from budget code 22-3700L a total of \$942.44 which includes the final lease payment (\$636.44) and one years maintenance (\$306) for the copier located in the Law Enforcement Center. Motion seconded by Mrs. Jennings and carried.

As Chairman of the Budget Committee, Mr. Ables stated there have been big demands on the contingency account. The expenditures from this account are running ahead of this time last year. He further stated that Tax Assessor El Medford be placed on the agenda for the November 20th meeting to give Council an update on the State's guidelines as it pertains to the re-assessment deadline of 1981. Mr. Ables requested a letter be written to Mr. Miles of the Historical Restoration Commission in reply to his request for funds asking him to submit his request to be considered next budget year.

Mr. Crain announced that the gasoline allotment for county use has been prorated at 82% of the amount used in November 1977 which will result in an approximate cut of 4500 gallons less than last month. He further stated an application has been made to the State for an emergency allotment and that a local dealer has offered to sell his surplus (if any) to the county - it would be at a higher price, however, than the County is presently paying for gas.

Council agreed that the Federal Governmental Fuel Assistance Program which has been passed in the Senate should be administered on the local level.

Mr. Crain moved to place in the Emergency Medical Department account \$2500 to be used for emergency fuel this winter - Dr. Earle seconded the motion which was defeated by a vote of 2 for (Crain, Earle) and 3 no (Jennings, Frady and Ables).

Dr. Earle moved to fund from the contingency \$1100 for four Members of the Board of Elections and Board of Registration to attend a workshop conducted by the Federal Election Commission in Winston-Salem, N.C. in January. The motion did not receive a second.

Mr. Phinney read a note of thanks from Mrs. Sara Norton expressing thanks to Council for the dedication of the new Walhalla Library in her honor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.