

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 15, 1980

The regular meeting of County Council was opened at 3:00 P.M. by Chairman Phinney. The invocation was given by Mr. Crain - All Council Members were present.

Minutes of the June 19th meeting were approved as furnished.

Mr. Lay gave an update on the road priority system which had been completed. The system was explained to all Members of County Council and will go into effect immediately. It was pointed out that one master file will be kept in the Supervisor's Office, a set provided to the rock crusher to record road maintenance, and a set provided to the Tax Assessor.

Mrs. Jennings moved to allow the Rural Fire Department to purchase new tanks for the Shiloh-Corinth and Walhalla #5 fire trucks out of their Fy 80-8] maintenance account (\$3,370) and later come back for supplemental funds for the maintenance account if needed. Mr. Ables seconded and motion was carried.

Ordinance 80-10, "An Ordinance Authorizing the use of certain sentenced Prisoners for Litter Control," was read by Mrs. Jennings after which she moved for its approval on Second Reading, second by Mr. Ables and unanimously carried.

Resolution 80-5, "Pertaining to the Solid Waste Engineering and Economic Study" was read by Mrs. Jennings after which she moved for its adoption. The County's share of the study is \$4,400. This amount would be paid from the CCS budget line item 99 03 R - Engineering and Design. Dr. Earle seconded the motion which passed - The vote 5-0.

It was announced by Mrs. Jennings that Mr. McLeod and Brig. Gen. Wise from the State Civil Preparedness Office will be here at 1:00 P.M. July 16th to look at the Civil Defense Department and meet the newly appointed Civil Defense Director.

Mr. Crain reported that the Road Committee, Rochester Real Estate Officials, and Officials of the School Department met and agreed the best location for the Middle School Road would be to the right of the Middle School and exit at the Capps Road and connect with an existing road built by Rochester Real Estate. Final cost figures will be worked out by the State Highway Dept. after this location is approved by the School Board.

Dr. Earle moved to ratify the decision of Council to pay Mrs. Virginia Sibley \$8,140 back pay as a result of a complaint filed by her. The Personnel Committee met with Officials of the Dept. of Human Resources and the settlement with the County Council and Mrs. Sibley was negotiated. Mrs. Jennings seconded and motion was carried - The vote 5-0-. Dr. Earle further stated he hoped all salary discrepancies will be resolved when the COG survey/classification study is complete, hopefully in 3 or 4 months.

Dr. Earle reported he has contacted the State CETA Office regarding the audits of the CETA programs and was advised the audits were complete through 1978. He was also told that audits would be conducted more current in the future.

Mrs. Jennings reported the renovation of an area at the Law Enforcement Center to process juvenile offenders would cost approximately \$27,000. The Architect Firm of Freeman, Wells and Major who were the architects for this facility has agreed to design this renovation for a fee not to exceed \$2,750. Council agreed to their proposal and a contract agreement will be sent to Freeman, Wells and Major.

Mrs. Jennings reported she has received many complaints from merchants in the Seneca area that their civil papers were not being served. This backlog has accumulated since mid-June. Council agreed to ask Sheriff Green to meet with Council to explain the situation.

~~The Sewer Loan with FMHA is scheduled to be closed at 10:30 A.M.~~
July 17.

Motion by Mrs. Jennings, second by Mr. Ables to adopt on first reading in title only, an Ordinance 80-11 to amend the Sewer Bond Ordinance - The vote 5-0.

Mr. Frady requested information on the status of the cable T V Ordinance. County Attorney Fedder, advised that no acceptable Ordinance has been presented.

Mr. Crain's update on the rock crusher operations for the first year of operation revealed that the use, sales and inventory of gravel was 173,430 tons bringing in \$352,381 and costing \$350,000 to produce. He further stated that an audit will be conducted by Mr. Beyerly and a cost adjustment for gravel would then be discussed.

The following appointments were made - Motion by Mrs. Jennings, second by Dr. Earle - the vote 5-0:

Rural Fire Commission, Heyard Barton, Jack Kell and Raymond Fendley
Emergency Preparedness Commission, Lamar Hardee and Jack Mooneyham
Aeronautics Commission, Elford S. Wyatt, Jr.

Council agreed to ratify the contract for the Mechanic, Mr. James Thompson at the airport to act as Fixed Base Operator for a period of 6 months. He replaces Mr. Loudermilk who resigned. Motion by Dr. Earle, second by Mrs. Jennings - The vote 5-0-.

Supervisor Phinney announced he has hired Mr. Walter Purcell as Civil Defence Director.

Mr. Lay summarized a letter and contract from the State Highway Engineers which requires the County to place railroad warning signs where county roads cross a railroad. The State will pay 90% and the County 10%. A plan, to include estimated costs, must be developed and submitted to the State Highway Department for approval. After the State approves the County's plan, a contract must be negotiated between the State and County. Mr. Lay will develop the plan and bring it back before Council before submitting it to the State.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.