

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 9, 1980

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 November 18th meeting were approved as furnished, motion by Mrs Jennings second by Mr. Ables and unanimously carried.

Mr. Hoffman of the Legal Services Agency of Western Carolina, Inc. requested office space in the Courthouse annex for his Agency. He explained that this Agency would be available one or two days per week to provide legal services to citizens who cannot pay. He further stated ~~only civil cases would be handled. Mr. Hoffman said his Agency would provide the telephone etc.~~ Chairman Phinney referred this to the Buildings and Grounds Committee elected in January to check on this and make recommendation.

Treasurer Henry Cater and Auditor Ken Williams requested a full time clerk for the Auditor to handle the work load created by the new law as it pertains to vehicles. They further requested the floating clerk which works one-half time for the Treasurer and one half time for the Auditor to be full time in the Treasurers office. It was agreed the Personnel Committee would meet after the meeting to discuss this matter.

Mr. Cater requested a new burgler alarm system be considered for his office due to a recent break-in. This was referred to the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

The Town of Walhalla has requested, due to the change in tax collections this year, a partial payment of their Revenue Sharing allotment in the amount of some \$10,000 be made to them in December. Motion to do this by Mrs. Jennings second by Dr. Earle and Carried by a vote of 4-0. The County Attorney and Mr. Lay were instructed to check into the ramification of this transaction since this is the first time the county has received a request of this nature.

Ordinance 80-13 " An Ordinance to cover all types of Disasters, rules and Regulations Governing the Emergency Preparedness Agency of Oconee County", was presented for Second Reading. Mrs. Jennings moved for its adoption on Second Reading - Second by Mr. Ables with one change. That change was to add Curfew under Section K of the Ordinance. The vote for adoption with change was 4-0. Mrs. Jennings pointed out that this Ordinance had to receive Third and Final Reading before the end of December because a copy has to be provided the State Office not later than January 2, 1981.

Mrs. Jennings moved to allow \$3,806.39 be placed in the main-tenance account for Rural Fire. This was necessary due to the urgent need to replace water tanks at Corinth-Shiloh in July. \$2,050 of these funds are replacing monies used for this. The balance of \$1,756.39 is for repair to a water pump for the fire truck at Picket Post. Motion to approve taking \$3,806.39 from the contingency account for Rural Fire maintenance by Mrs. Jennings second by Mr. Ables - The vote 4-0.

Mrs. Jennings moved that a letter be written to Anderson County asking that County to receive our evacuees in case of disaster. This letter needs to be in by December 16th so that Anderson County can pass a Resolution to receive Oconee County Evacuees. She indicated that a maximum of 27,500 would need to be evacuated; however, only 2,000 would actually arrive and require shelter etc. Mr. Phinney indicated that he would prepare a letter and forward to Mr. Robert King in Anderson.

Mr. Ables presented 4 requests for waiver of timely filing of ~~applications for special assessment agricultural property.~~ These requests were from Mr. Guy E. Savin, Mr and Mrs. Roy Orr, Mr. James D. Smith, and Mr. Charles E. Medlin, Etal. Mr. Medford had recommended that these requests for waiver be approved by Council. After all cases were presented by Mr. Ables all waivers were approved by unanimous vote.

Due to an oversight Mr. Danny Edwards appointment to the CCS Commission was not ratified by Council. Dr. Earle moved to ratify Mr. Edwards appointment as of February 8, 1980 - second by Mr. Crain the vote 4-0.

Dr. Earle moved to approve the payment of a bill in the amount of \$1,170.35 from the contingent account from the Law Firm of Love, Thornton, Arnold & Thomas for legal services in connection with the Reid Garrison Case. The County Attorney advised this was a legitimate bill. Motion seconded by Mr. Ables - the vote 4-0.

Dr. Earle recommended to approve the recommendation of Mr. Gaillard, Chairman Oconee Planning Commission to hire the Firm of Russel and Axxon Engineers to do the water feasibility study. This will not require any county funds since a \$15,000 grant from the State has been received for this project. Second by Mr. Ables The vote 4-0.

The Personnel Study performed by COG was received on Monday December 8th and passed out to the Members of Council by Dr. Earle who requested that Council review this Study and at a later date he would call a work session to discuss it in detail.

Mr. Phinney stated that county employees would be paid on December 23rd since this has been the policy in the past. Also he stated that county employees would receive a holiday on Friday December 26th since all State employees will be granted that day as a holiday. It was agreed to pay the CCS employees for an extra day since they would be unable to take Friday as a holiday.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.