

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 6, 1981

The regular Council meeting was held January 6, 1981 with all members present.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Crain.

The invocation was given by Mr. Larry Butts.

Mr. Crain welcomed the news media and guests.

Mr. Larry Brandt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that the County make application to State Wildlife for money to hire six girls and six boys in a Youth Employment Program for PRT. This enables the parks to have employees at no cost to the county from June 2 - July 25, 1981. This was presented to the Council by Mr. John Little in the absence of Mr. Ben Sullivan.

Mr. Steve Geddes presented to the Council an Amendment to Agreement between Oconee County and Thrift Bros., Inc. as contractor, to extend the time that two sewer lagoons in the county be closed. The original contract date for the closing of the two lagoons was Dec. 1, 1980 but the contractor was unable to fulfill the contract due to water and sludge build up in the two lagoons. The Amendment calls for final completion date to be August 1, 1981. The contract also calls for the contractor to receive 85% of total contract price at his request and the remaining 15% to be paid at the completion of the contract. The Health Department requires that the two lagoons be fenced and warning signs posted. Mr. Geddes estimated wooden fence posts would cost \$1500.00, but recommended the use of steel post at a cost of \$2200.00. These steel posts may be reused.

The cities opted not to salvage any of the posts originally used around the lagoons. The cities also feel it is the obligation of the county to take care of the matter. Dr. Earle made a motion to accept the amendmant and pay for the fencing, seconded by Mr. Larry Butts, Approved 4 - 0. The money for this is to come from the Contingency Fund.

Dr. Earle gave the second reading of Ordinance 81-1 "Rules & Regulations Governing Oconee County Council". He then made a move this be adopted on the second reading since there had been no changes or amendments, seconded by Mr. Larry Butts, Approved 4 - 0.

Mr. Larry Brandt read Resolution 81-4, moved that it be adopted on the first and final reading, seconded by Mr. Alton Williams, Approved 4 - 0. An election will be held May 5, 1981 to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Coleman Jennings, Councilwoman from District III.

Mr. Larry Brandt moved that Mr. Gaillard, Purchasing Agent seek bids and purchase a new truck for CCS and in the event that the truck presently being used should quit running before the new truck is purchased that CCS be allowed to lease a truck until the new truck is purchased, seconded by Mr. Larry Butts, Approved 4 - 0. The money for this truck is to come from CCS Budget Account #49-9200-H.

Mr. Alton Williams made a motion that the county accept Plan 3# at a cost of \$210.00 per vehicle for insurance as presented by Mr. Gene Gaillard, Purchasing Agent at the January 2, 1981 Council Meeting. This was seconded by Dr. Earle and approved 4 - 0. This will cost the county approximately \$5,000.00 more than the previous plan and this is to come from the Contingency Fund.

Mr. Alton Williams made a motion that a statement from Fort Hill Natural Gas Authority in the amount of \$160.08 be paid from the Contingency Fund, (Brown Building) seconded by Dr. Earle, Approved 4 - 0. Supervisor Crain asked Mr. Larry Brandt, Temporary Chairman of Buildings & Grounds Committee to look into the matter of such bills being incurred when the County does not use the Brown Building and report to the Council at the next meeting.

Dr. Earle made a motion that J. N. Golden, Mrs. Charlotte Holmes & Mr. Frank Galloway be reappointed to the Board of Assessment Appeals, seconded by Mr. Larry Butts, Approved 4 - 0.

Dr. Earle read a letter of resignation from Mr. Al Chappius, he then moved that the county accept the resignation and send Mr. Chappius a letter of appreciation, seconded by Mr. Alton Williams, Approved 4 - 0. Mr. Chappius served on the Board of Assessment Appeals.

Dr. Earle made a motion that the Longevity Pay Increase begin January 1, 1981 with each employee who has been with the county 2½ years or more receiving the percentage due them, then if the employees anniversary date be from the 1 - 15 of the month, the employee receive his percentage raise in that month, if the anniversary date be from the 16 - 31 of the month the employee receive the percentage raise the next month. This was seconded by Mr. Larry Butts, Approved 4 - 0.

Dr. Earle also stated he would like to meet with the Department Heads Monday, January 12 at 9:00 in the Courtroom to review the policies.

Mr. David Hopkins, 303 E. River St., Anderson, S. C. has requested office space for Law Offices of Western Carolina. Mr. Brandt is to look into this matter.

Mr. Lecroy, Building Inspector reported to Mr. Crain the county still owes HBE \$150,000 to \$160,000, but there are several minor things that need to be corrected before this is paid.

Mr. Crain said it was once again budget time and he planned to have the Memorandum: Oconee County Budget Fiscal Year 1981 - 1982 to each Department Head the next day.

Meeting adjourned 7:55


Norman D. Crain
Supervisor, Oconee County