

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 17, 1981

The regular Council Meeting was held February 17, 1981 with all members present.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Chairman Crain.

The invocation was given by Mr. Williams.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 4 - 0 that the minutes of the February 3, 1981 minutes be approved with an amendment to the third paragraph from the bottom on the second page. The minutes read that Council voted 4 - 0 to buy a new front end loader. The minutes should read that Council voted 4 - 0 to seek bids for a new front end loader.

Mr. M. D. Watkins of the Hospital Board introduced Dr. Wells who gave an EMS Revenue & Expense Report to the Council. Dr. Wells stated that since the hospital began an ambulance service fifteen years ago it had operated at a deficit and had never asked the county for funds. He further stated that the ambulances were no longer just transportation to and from the hospital but were life savers. He also stated that he felt it was the responsibility of the tax payers of Oconee County to bear some of the cost of the ambulance service. Mr. Brandt asked why the cost of EMS had increased so much over the past three years. Dr. Wells stated some of the reasons were: 1. an increase in ambulance service, 2. a change from ambulance drivers to paramedics, 3. more calls, 4. more life saving equipment.

Mr. Brandt asked if EMS need immediate financial help or funds in the 1981-82 fiscal year. Dr. Wells stated they needed immediate funds and help in the upcoming fiscal year.

Dr. Earle asked the cost of an ambulance trip. Dr. Wells stated the average cost was \$158.00. Dr. Earle asked about the salaries of the paramedics. Dr. Wells stated they were in line with other paramedics.

Mr. Brandt asked for a copy of the EMS Budget and Dr. Earle asked for a more detailed explanation of the figures. Mr. Stancil of the hospital said they would be glad to supply Council with any information needed.

Mr. Crain thanked Mr. Watkins, Dr. Wells, Mr. Stancil and Mr. Hudson for coming and said he would assign the request to committee.

Mr. Ferrell J. Prosser gave Council a briefing concerning the Proposed Establishment of the Geodetic Survey.

Mr. Steve Geddes of the Sewer Commission asked Council to ratify an agreement between the Sewer Commission and DTG Construction Company regarding the rehabilitation of the sewer systems in Seneca, Westminster and Walhalla. Dr. Earle made a motion the agreement be ratified, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 4 - 0.

Mr. Geddes also requested the Sewer Commission be given the authority to hire a Chief Operator and a Mechanic/Electrician. Dr. Earle made a motion the Commission be given this authority, seconded by Mr. Brandt, approved 4 - 0.

Dr. Earle stated there was also a problem with the sludge coming from the sewer, Mr. Geddes stated that CCS would be moving the sludge to the Seneca Land Fill next week.

Mr. Doyle W. Kay of the Anderson-Oconee Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission presented the Council with a proposed budget in which he requested \$10,000 for the Commission in fiscal year 1981-82, this money is to be used specifically for the Detoxification Center.

Mr. Crain thanked Mr. Kay for coming and stated Council would accept the budget request.

Dr. Earle stated that all interviews for job classifications had been completed.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts that \$400.00 be paid from contingency for Coronor Durham to attend a seminar in Charleston in April. This was approved 4 - 0.

Mr. Earl Holcombe, Sheriff requested that Oconee County enter into a contract with the Hartwell Corp of Engineers. The contract would call for a deputy to patrol boat landings and lake property from April 15 to September 15, 1981. The Corp would pay Oconee County \$16,500 in monthly payments based on records turned into the Corp. The remainder of the year the deputy would work as a regular deputy. During the period from April 15 to September 15 he would work six days a week in staggered shifts.

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The deputy would make \$11,400 yearly and would need a vehicle at a cost of \$8,500. Mr. Brandt stated this request would be taken into committee.

Sheriff Holcombe then stated he was one automobile short.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts that \$3,000 be taken from contingency to help pay for an automobile for the Sheriff's Department. This was approved 4 - 0.

Mr. Holcombe stated he had heard nothing from Mr. McCauley on the request for a surplus boat, motor, trailer and a four wheel vehicle made to Wildlife of S. C.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 4 - 0 that Mr. Melvin Cobb, 13 Lakeside Dr., Walhalla replace Mr. Al Chappius on the Assessment Board of Appeals.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 4 - 0 that Mr. Rex Stephens, P. O. Box 356, West Union, S. C. replace Mr. Harold Gibson on the Sewer Commission.

Mr. Williams stated that he had a notice from Tort Liability Insurance Co. in the amount of \$7,929, \$5,000 of this was budgeted, he made a motion that \$2,929 of this statement be paid from contingency. This was seconded by Mr. Brandt, approved 4 - 0.

Mr. Fedder stated that Legislation had passed a Building Efficiency Standards Bill. The bill is rather detailed and poorly worded and no one knows exactly how it is to be carried out at this time. He further stated that Oconee County has no zoning at this time.

Mr. Crain read a letter he sent to SLED requesting an investigation into \$50,000 worth of gas missing from the county storage tanks.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that six phones at a cost of approximately \$885.00 paid from contingency be installed in Emergency Preparedness.

Adjourned 5:50 P.M.

OCONEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
E.M.S. REVENUE & EXPENSE

Financial & Cost Report	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
Gross Charges	51,643	54,433	66,697
Less Bad Debts	(11,826)	(10,832)	(9,314)
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Net Revenue	39,817	43,601	57,383
County Contribution	50,000	50,000	40,000
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Total Adjusted Revenue	89,817	93,601	97,383
Expense:			
Salary	97,697	111,674	173,407
Other	11,451	11,993	48,709
Depreciation & Insurance	7,681	10,486	12,034
Employee Health	9,071	10,992	4,780
Telephone	1,403	1,986	1,549
Administration & General	7,377	8,464	12,434
Utilities	6,445	7,976	8,370
Plant Operations	7,878	7,426	9,376
Laundry	1,245	1,762	1,888
Inservice		1,578	1,408
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Total Expense	150,248	174,337	273,955
Gain (Loss)	(60,431)	(80,736)	(176,572)
Total Patient Days	38,288	39,516	39,983
Cost per Patient Day	1.58	2.04	4.42

OCONEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
E.M.S. STATISTICAL INFORMATION

	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
Atlanta GA	17	14	25
Anderson SC	63	67	62
Augusta GA	2	0	3
Charleston SC	5	3	2
Columbia SC	11	14	18
Six Mile SC	1	2	2
Easley SC	2	0	3
Greenville SC	138	172	191
Harvey's Love & Care	0	0	1
Oteen NC	2	0	1
Pickens SC	0	2	1
Toccoa GA	9	7	6
Other	165	48	72
Routine County	1,285	1,381	1,445
Lila Doyle	112	146	108
Spartanburg SC	0	1	0
Total Trips	1,812	1,857	1,940

Anderson-Oconee Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission

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DOYLE W. KAY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

February 17, 1981

Mr. Norman Crain, Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council
County Mail Room
Walhalla, South Carolina 29691

Dear Mr. Crain:

In compliance with your memorandum of January 6, 1981, subject Oconee County Budget, Section 8, I am making a request for \$10,000 for the Anderson-Oconee Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission for Fiscal year 1981-82.

While our program has several components (included in attached material), we are requesting this \$10,000 specifically for the Detoxification Center. The Detox budget for FY81-82 will be \$152,500. The state, through the South Carolina Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, is allocating \$120,000 for the coming year, the same amount as this year. A request for \$20,000 is being made to the Anderson County Council. The \$2,500 balance will hopefully come from fees collected during the year.

The Detox Center is in its second full year of operation. During that time 175 men and women have been admitted from Oconee County. This is a significant number from the county, and about 65% of those admitted continued on into extended treatment beyond the detoxification process.

The program is providing help for persons troubled by alcohol and drug abuse. While it does cost the citizens of the county and state, it assists people to become productive, tax-paying members of society again. Your help

will be greatly appreciated by those being assisted and by the agency.

I will be happy to furnish any further information necessary.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Doyle W. Kay". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Doyle W. Kay
Director