

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular Oconee County Council Meeting was held June 16, 1981 at 3:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers. All Council Members were present. Members of the press present: Jim Lucas - Seneca Journal, Linda Jennings - Anderson Independent, Wayne Morton - WSNW Radio, Steve Matthews - Greenville News and Ashton Hester - Keowee Courier.

Mr. Crain called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests and media.

The invocation was given by Dr. Earle.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 to approve the minutes of the June 2, 1981 meeting.

Mr. Bob Hughes of the American Legion came before Council and requested the secretary for Veteran's Affairs be reinstated as a full time position. In his presentation Mr. Hughes stated he was asking this on behalf of 5500 veterans in Oconee County and he felt the needs of the veterans could be better met with a full time secretary.

Mr. John Irwin came before Council and asked that the Shelter Manager be reinstated in the 1981 - 82 budget. He stated the Humane Society would fund half the salary, (\$4500).

Mr. Frank Hix, PSE Drt. presented to the Council a summary of their work. In his presentation he stated they began working in 1975 with twelve positions, in 1976 they began a Summer Youth Program and in 1977 a Nutritional Meals Service. CETA averaged from 125 to 192 employees and some of the employees had made very good. One is teaching in college and one is the head of an agency.

Mr. Williams presented the 1981 - 82 budget, Ordinance 81-8 and made a motion it be accepted as amended on the second reading, this motion was seconded by Mr. Harper.

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts to reinstate the Veteran's Affairs secretary to a full time position.

Mr. Brandt stated that he wanted to to on record as saying he appreciated the American Legion for standing up for their beliefs but he had mixed emotions about this position as he too is a veteran and the budget is inadequate in other areas of higher priority. Mr. Brandt said he felt the budget was unrealistic in long term planning for the financial needs of the county. The motion was accepted 4 - 0

with Mr. Brandt abstaining.

Mr. Williams made a motion to reinstate the Shelter Manager at the animal shelter with the Humane Society paying half the salary including fringes. This motion was seconded by Dr. Earle.

Mr. Brandt again went on record as saying he felt the animal shelter could not function without two people twenty-four hours and he could support the second position. He also stated his appreciation to the Humane Society for coming. The motion was accepted 4 - 0 with Mr. Brandt abstaining.

Mr. Williams stated the bid for the renovation of the Brown Building for DSS was \$33,000 less than the anticipated \$262,940 and he made a motion that \$33,000 be taken from this line item and be added to the Tri County Tec Budget for a total of \$66,000. This motion was seconded by Mr. Brandt, approved 5 - 0.

Mr. Williams made a motion that an additional \$1400 be added to the Leased Equipment line item 81 99 04 1 in the 1981-82 budget for the equipping of vehicles. This motion was seconded by Mr. Butts, approve 5 - 0.

Mr. Williams made a motion that an additional \$13,000 from an ARC Grant be added in the revenue for the 1981-82 budget. This motion was seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0.

Dr. Earle made a motion to increase the revenue for the 1981-82 budget \$46,000 from Grants & Donations received from the Aeronautics Commission, to provide \$40,000 in line item 09 88 01 1 - Surface treatment of runways and \$8000 in line item 84 00 01 1 - VASI Lights. This motion was seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0.

Mr. Crain called the roll for the vote on the 1981-82 budget. The votes were: Mr. Brandt - no, Mr. Butts - yes, Dr. Earle - yes, Mr. Williams - yes, Mr. Harper - abstain.

Mr. Brandt made a motion that \$432.00 be taken from Contingency to pay for IBM Selectric Ribbons and lift offs ordered by J. J. Hemphill's Office, this motion was seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0.

Mr. Brandt made a motion that a total of \$1850 be taken from contingency and transferred to the Rural Fire Department broken down as follows: \$300 for telephone

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expense, \$550 for Maintenance & equipment, \$1000 for vehicle maintenance. This motion was seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0.

Mr. Butts made a motion for the County accept a road .6 of a mile long serving eight property owners located close to the airport. This motion was seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0.

Mr. Butts made a motion that gravel at the Rock Crusher be raised from \$3.10 per ton to \$3.50 per ton beginning July 1, 1981. This was approved by Council 5 - 0.

Dr. Earle made a motion that Robert S. Dendy of Seneca replace Larry C. Brandt as a member of the Anderson-Oconee Alcohol Drug Abuse Committee, this motion was seconded by Mr. Brandt, approved 5 - 0.

Dr. Earle made a motion that \$412.02 be taken from contingency to pay for two windshields broken by county equipment. This motion was seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0.

Dr. Earle made a motion that Mrs. Roddey Stoudemire, Mrs. Mildred Spearman and Miss Gene Nimmons be reappointed to serve four year terms on the Oconee County Library Board. This motion was seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0.

Dr. Earle made a motion that Mr. Eric Faust be appointed to replace Mrs. Rosemary Bailes who is unable to continue serving on the Oconee County Library Board. This motion was seconded by Mr. Brandt, approved 5 - 0.

Dr. Earle made a motion that Council accept Blue Cross/Blue Shield's bid for insurance for the County employees for the 1981-82 fiscal year. This motion was seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0.

Mr. Harper made a motion that Council accept Harper Builders Inc. bid for renovation of the Brown Building for DSS in the amount of \$229,940. This motion was seconded by Mr. Brandt, approved 5 - 0.

Mr. Crain received word that the Sewer Grant had been approved in the amount of \$43,000.

Mr. Orr thanked Council for reinstating the secretary of Veteran's Affairs as a full time position.

Adjourn: 3:50 P.M.