

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING, OCTOBER 20, 1981

The regular Oconee County Council Meeting was held October 20, 1981 at 3:00 P.M. in Council Chambers with all members present.

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum - WSNW Radio, George Allgood - WGOG Radio, Emily Talbott - Seneca Journal, Linda Jennings - Anderson Independent, and Steve Matthews - Greenville News.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Chairman Crain who welcomed the guests and media.

The invocation was given by Dr. Earle.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 to adopt the minutes of the October 6, 1981 meeting.

Mr. Earl Holcombe, Sheriff addressed the Council on the need of additional funding in line item 04 25 00 1, Professional. He stated that as of this time he only had \$150 in this account and it was necessary to have additional funding to continue making progress in drug related arrests and charges. He also stated that two vehicles had been confiscated and one of them was now being used by the Sheriff's Department.

After considerable discussion, Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams to give the Sheriff an additional \$2,000 in line item 04 25 00 1. The motion passed 5 - 0. (Contingency)

Mr. Holcombe then made a request for three additional dispatchers in the Communications Department so that two people will be on duty at all times. His work load is steadily increasing as he takes calls for: Duke Power, Emergency Preparedness, Rural Fire, Highway Patrol and the cities of Westminster, West Union & Salem.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 3 - 1 with Mr. Williams abstaining that two positions be created at a cost of \$12,178.40 (Contingency) since there is one dispatcher now that is of no cost to the County.

Mr. Geddes of the Sewer Commission addressed Council on changing the Administrative Assistant to Administrative Manager with a 5% increase in salary. This money is already in the Sewer Budget and the change would take effect November, 1981. Dr. Earle made a motion to adopt Mr. Geddes request, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0.

Mr. Harper asked Frank Harvey to explain to Council the savings the county could realize by switching from bottled gas to natural gas in the Public Service Building, Motor Pool & Education Building (Rock

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Building). Mr. Harvey explained that the county could save an estimated \$2,000 on gas bills in one year's time. The total cost of changing over would be around \$2,500 and should completely pay for itself within two years time.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to change the above three buildings to natural gas. The cost of this will come from Contingency.

Mr. Williams made a motion to take \$25,000 from Contingency to pay the Tribble Center which was in last year's budget and not requested until this fiscal year. Dr. Earle seconded the motion and it was approved 5 - 0.

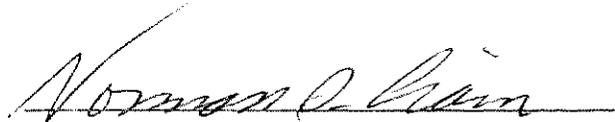
Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to take \$5,400 from Contingency and add it to Library, line item 10 43 01 1, Westminster Electricity, due to the fact that the meter had previously been misread and it was only costing around \$100 per month for electricity and now that the meter is being read correctly it is costing around \$600 per month.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 to allow the Mt. Rest Fire Department to purchase a Walkie Talkie through State Purchasing at a cost of \$532 plus shipping charges and reimburse the County for this purchase.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to pay for two county employees to attend the RADEF Course in Charleston October 26 - 30 & November 2 - 5 at a cost of \$500 to be reimbursed by the state.

Mr. Crain congratulated the Oconee Law Enforcement Center on receiving an AMA Certification for the medical care of prisoners. The Oconee LEC was one of only seven to receive this award state wide.

Adjourn 3:50 P.M.



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