

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNCIL MEETING, NOVEMBER 17, 1981

The regular Oconee County Council Meeting was held November 17, 1981 at 3:00 P.M. with all members present.

Members of the press present: Linda Jennings - Anderson Independent, Cobb Oxford - Seneca Journal, Dick Mangrum - WSNW Radio.

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

The invocation was given by Mr. Williams.

Bill Millett of COG presented a brief report on services provided for Oconee County for the quarter ending September 30, 1981. In his presentation he pointed out that COG has provided Oconee County with Financial Assistance, Personnel Administration, information on purchasing, Training and/or Information Programs. COG has also prepared reapportionment plans for Oconee County and acted as advisory in receiving ARC Grants.

Mr. Jesse N. Caughman, Jr. of the Office of the Governor, Division of Economic Opportunity presented to Council the Community Services Block Grant Program. He pointed out that Oconee County has a population of 7,961 low income persons. With funds of \$41,380, the aim of the program is to: secure & retain meaningful employment, attain an adequate education, make better use of income, obtain suitable housing, meet immediate needs of nutritious food, housing and employment-related assistance, obtain self-sufficiency, achieve greater participation in the affairs of the community and make more effective use of other programs related to these purposes. He suggested an agency such as SHARE in Greenville for Oconee County to work through.

Mr. Crain said he and Council would be meeting with the SHARE Board Monday, November 23, 1981 to discuss this.

Mr. Charles Argo of the Office of the Governor, Division of Economic Opportunity presented the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 1981-82 as per attached to Council. It will be impossible to say what amount of funds Oconee County will receive until all applications are completed.

Oconee County will have to work in conjunction with another agency to administer the program. Oconee County will receive \$5,662 for administrative purposes, we will have to have one central open the same hours as all other county offices and two outreach offices open sixteen hours per week. The state will provide all necessary forms.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that Oconee County administer the Direct Assistance Program.

At the November 3, 1981 meeting, Kenneth Williams, County Auditor requested that Council establish a written policy regarding the giving of information from tax rolls such as names, addresses, acreage, etc. Mr. Crain referred this matter to the Intergovernmental Committee.

Dr. Earle noted this was taken care of in Section 30-4-30, S. C. Code of Laws. He then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt, approved 5 - 0 that the Auditor's Office be allowed to charge \$10.00 to cover their costs in dealing with Smith Data in behalf of the persons who request this information.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt, approved 5 - 0 to adopt Ordinance 81-12 dealing with reapportionment. (Title Only) (First Reading)

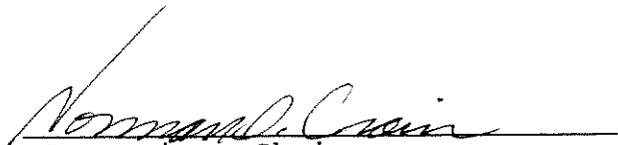
Mr. Crain announced there would be two Public Hearings dealing with reapportionment to receive written and/or oral comments from interested citizens in the county on this matter. The first hearing will be November 30, 1981 at 3:00 P.M., the second hearing will be December 9, 1981 at 7:00 P.M., the public is invited to participate in these hearings.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to purchase seven patrol cars at a cost of \$8,045 each plus tax. These cars will be purchased under state bid.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 to pay Mr. Virginia Towe at Lakeview Rest Home \$561.00 from contingency for a TV that was damaged by lightning.

Mr. Crain announced that we should have quotes for the telephones for the new DSS Building by November 20, 1981.

Adjourn 3:55 P.M.


Supervisor-Chairman

FY 1981-82 FACT SHEET

LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY) Title XXVI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981. Title XXVI is cited as the Low-Income Energy Assistance Act of 1981.

FY 1982
Appropriation: \$9,542,400.00

SOUTH CAROLINA Division of Economic Opportunity
ADMINISTERING AGENCY: Office of the Governor

DURATION OF THE PROGRAM: October 1, 1981 through September 30, 1982

START-UP DATE: December 1, 1981

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY: Eligibility will be based on the total household income:

<u>HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS</u>	<u>TOTAL MAXIMUM INCOME</u>
1	\$5,388
2	\$7,113
3 or more	\$8,000

LEVELS OF ASSISTANCE: Levels of assistance will vary based on the pool of funds available to serve the eligible households that apply. Levels of assistance will be calculated for eligible applicants based on factors to be taken from the information to be provided by clients at the time of application. These factors will be assigned relative values for (1) income, (2) fuel, (3) climatic zone, (4) type of dwelling, and (5) number of persons in the household.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: One energy certificate in the dollar amount awarded will be mailed to the clients by the Division of Economic Opportunity.

AGREEMENTS WITH HOME ENERGY SUPPLIERS: Home Energy Suppliers must sign an agreement with the Division of Economic Opportunity in order to be certified to participate in the program.

ENROLLMENT PERIOD

- I. The enrollment period is December 1 through December 31, 1981.
- II. It is mandatory that each local delegate agency coordinate its efforts to insure that as many eligible clients as possible are given the opportunity to participate in the program. The local delegate agency will make every effort to use the volunteers and staff of the other local service agencies to aid in the enrollment of eligible clients.
- III. All eligible clients that apply for assistance during the enrollment period will be served from the State allocation for direct assistance.

IV. To be enrolled the client must:

- a. Complete an application for assistance during the designated enrollment period.
- b. Provide documentation for all household income. No one will be allowed to complete an application without the complete documentation.
- c. Acceptable documentation for establishing eligibility is:

- 1. Statement of wages
- 2. Award letter
- 3. Confirmation letter
- 4. DEO supplied printouts
- 5. SSI and AFDC Printouts
- 6. Self-employment Income statement
- 7. Veterans Benefits Award letters
- 8. Child support statements

V. All applicants who believe they are eligible must enroll during the designated enrollment period of December 1 through December 31, 1981. This period will be the only enrollment period for the 1981-82 Low-Income Energy Assistance Program.

LOCAL PROGRAM
OPERATORS:

Aiken County Community Action Commission, Inc.
Aiken, SC 29801

Beaufort-Jasper Economic Opportunity Commission, Inc.
Beaufort, SC 29902

Berkeley-Dorchester Counties Economic Development Corp.
Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Carolina Community Actions, Inc.
Rock Hill, SC 29730

Charleston County Economic Opportunity Commission
Charleston, SC 29403

Chesterfield-Marlboro Economic Opportunity Council, Inc.
Cheraw, SC 29520

Darlington County Community Action Agency
Darlington, SC 29532

Florence County Office of Economic Opportunity Committee
Florence, SC 29501

GLEAMS Human Resources Commission
Greenwood, SC 29646

Lowcountry Community Action Agency
Walterboro, SC 29488

Midlands Human Resources Development Commission
Columbia, SC 29250

Orangeburg-Calhoun-Allendale-Bamberg Community Action Agency
Orangeburg, SC 29115

LOCAL PROGRAM OPERATORS: Piedmont Community Actions
Spartanburg, SC 29301

Sunbelt Human Advancement Resources (SHARE)
Greenville, SC 29604

Waccamaw Economic Opportunity Council
Conway, SC 29526

Waterloo Community Actions
Sumter, SC 29150

Marion Department of Social Services
Marion, SC 29571

Anderson Headstart Program
Anderson, SC 29621

Pickens County Department of Social Services
Pickens, SC 29671