

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular Oconee County Council Meeting was held August 17, 1982 in Council Chambers at 3:00 P.M. with all members present except Mr. Brandt.

Members of the press present: Dave Givens - Greenville News, Cobb Oxford - Seneca Journal, Dick Mangrum-WSNW Radio, Sharon Lucas - Anderson Independent & Ashton Hester - Keowee Courier.

The invocation was given by Dr. Earle.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Brandt absent) to adopt the minutes of the August 3, 1982 meeting.

First on the agenda was a Public Hearing concerning the status of roadways running through and around various subdivisions in the county. These roadways had been conditionally accepted by Oconee County from the subdivision owners according to Ordinance 75-7. There were several property owners present (see attached list), also present was Supervisor-Chairman Crain, Council Members Larry A. Butts, Dr. Julius Earle, Alton K. Williams & Michael Harper, Council Clerk & Comptroller.

Prior to 1975 there was no established policy for accepting roads into the county road system, at that time Council adopted Ordinance 75-7 which stated that the owner would pay to have the roadways paved with the county supplying the labor. In the estimated cost sent to the developers in June 1982 gravel was substituted for labor as this work is contracted by the county. There were a total of twenty one roads in suspension at the time this administration took office, after the estimated costs were sent out six property owners paid to have their roads paved.

First road taken into consideration was the Maranatha Church Road, Spokesman James Cater, Trustee of Maranatha Church said there was only one property owner on the road and the church did not have the funds to pay for the paving at this time.

Woodfarm Acres: No one present to speak concerning this subdivision.

White Oak Farms: Spokesman Randy McManaway said there are six residents in White Oak Farms, Mr. Phinney had been contacted several times and he said the road would be paved. August 11, 1976 the road was accepted for maintenance only and the land owners would be willing to work something else out.

Meadowwood Subdivision: Spokesman Rodney Brown said

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he had a copy of a right-of-way dated August 11, 1977 and he understood the county would pave and maintain the road. There are six families in this subdivision. (Mr. Fedder looked at the right-of-way form but there was no indication it had ever been accepted by Council or recorded in the Clerk's Office.)

Hidden Springs Farms: Spokesman John M. Powell said that Ordinance 75-7 was the only instrument provided by the county at that time whereby a subdeveloper could get gravel. He had three different attorneys to look at 75-7 and had gotten three different opinions on it. He also said he felt like the timing for asking for this money was bad due to the economic situation.

Mr. Crain: We are not asking the citizens who live on these roads to pay but we are asking the developers to keep the commitment they made when they signed the contract.

Sitton Mill Road: Deryl Keese said he had sold six acres of a thirty acre tract, he did not tell anyone the road would be paved, he signed the contract to get gravel hauled. He thought the timing was bad to ask for the money to pave the roads.

Country Acres Subdivision: Ben Cantrell said he had three lots left and there were six families in Country Acres Subidivision. He said the county scraped the road in 1946 and the former administration promised him the road would be paved.

Mr. Fedder pointed out the county does not have any control over the mail or school bus routes and this does not constitute whether these roads have been accepted into the county road system.

Ridgewood Heights Subdivision: Spokesman R. E. Hewett said he had just recently purchased property in Ridgewood Heights from L. J. Powell and he understood the road was county maintained and at some point would be paved.

Floyd Allsep said he had bought property in Ridgewood Heights from Antonius Toonen and was told the road had been deeded to the county. There are five families that live on the road. Ridgewood Heights has since been turned over to: Eugene P. & Jeanne U. Aiello

515 E. Wisconsin  
De Land, Florida 32720

Round Mountain Subdivision: No one present to speak concerning this subdivision.

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Terrace Acres Subdivision: No one present to speak concerning this subdivision.

Country Retreat Subdivision: Spokesman Charles B. Stancil wanted to know what the hurry was to close the agreement. If they had a little more time - maybe a year they might could have the roads paved if the property owners would pay their share. There are six property owners in Country Retreat, three houses and two houses will be built soon.

Eleven Oaks Subdivision & Laurel Hill Subdivision: Spokesman Daniel Day said these owners did not have the money to pave these roads at this time. Fourteen tracts have been sold in Laurel Hill and twenty-four tracts are still owned by the developer or sold under contract. The property owners are concerned about getting the roads paved.

Mr. H. H. Hendershot, developer of Eleven Oaks said that about half the lots in Eleven Oaks had been sold and he had personally paid for some of the gravel. He could pay for the paving if given more time - maybe three to six months if his family and the property owners would share in the cost.

Douglas & Mary Waldt said they bought property in Eleven Oaks with the understanding the developer would pay for gravel and the road would be paved later.

Frank Whisnant: There are five homes and approximately seven land owners in Eleven Oaks Subdivision and he understood the road would be paved when he bought his property.

Mrs. Lavendar, one of the property owners in Eleven Oaks (one of the original landowners) said she felt responsible for her share on the roadways in Eleven Oaks.

Laurel Hill Subdivision: Spokesman George Moore said he was lead by John Bella to believe the roads in Laurel Hill would be county maintained and paved. He thought the county should force him to live up to his agreement.

Sandra Bella, owner of Laurel Hill said they had no intention of paving the roadways in Laurel Hill and they made this clear to anyone who bought property in the subdivision, they signed the contract for gravel and maintaince.

Wm. John D. Long Road: Spokesman Howard Pettit said the county could not deny these people proper access to their homes just because they live in rural areas, he felt the county should let these agreements run under the grandfather clause.

Mr. Crain: Oconee County has been trying to get road system on a professional basis, established in a manner equal to all - not based on who you happen to know at the time. Oconee County tried to do this with Ordinance 75-7 putting developers on notice of what would have to be done. The property owners deserve service, the individuals you bought the property from are responsible for paving these roads. It would be unfair to those who paid to have their roads paved to accept these roads with no strings attached. There has been no decision made as yet what to do concerning these roads. Politically it would be wise to grant every request that comes into the office but there are laws we must abide by. It would be impossible to accept these roads without trying to recover the costs of paving them. We inherited this from the former administration and we are not taking it lightly, we will meet soon and try to make an agreement that is as fair as possible. We do appreciate your coming to the public hearing.

Mr. Doyle Kay of the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission asked permission to do the annual report on behalf of County Council. Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Brandt absent) to let Mr. Kay do this report.

Upon recommendation by the County Attorney, Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Brandt absent) to adopt Resolution 82-8, "An Inducement Contract Between Oconee County and Pattillo Construction Co. for the Issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds in the Amount of \$3,000,000."

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Brandt absent) that Ordinance 82-10, "Industrial Revenue Bonds for Pattillo Construction Co." in the amount of \$3,000,000 be adopted by title only on first reading.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Brandt absent) to take \$100 from contingency and give it to the "Green Thumb Program" in the form of a grant for maintainance.

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Dr. Earle informed Council that Douglas Phillips had been named as the new director of COG.

Also the funding for the water line from Walhalla to Salem appears to have been resolved and it should be completed within the next few months.

Dr. Earle also suggested Council might consider placing a referendum on the November ballot authorizing Oconee County to get into the water treatment distribution.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Brandt absent) that Council accept the following bids:

Back hoe from Powell Bros. at \$20,634.64 with tax

Rotary Mower from Powell Bros. at \$29,811.69 with tax

Snow plows from Western Carolina at \$5,070 with tax

Dr. Earle made motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Brandt absent) that the attached letter be sent to O'Neal Engineering, Inc.

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Brandt absent) that up to \$500 be taken from contingency for Donald Mudge, Animal Control Officer II to attend school.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Brandt absent) that Oconee County furnish a building for training to be conducted by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education on behalf of Teledyne. (see attached specifications)

Mr. Crain announced there would be a meeting September 3, 1982 at 2:30 P.M. in Council Chambers of the South Carolina Arts Commission and the Local Arts Commission concerning a possible \$3,000 grant with \$1,000 matching funds from the local commission.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Brandt absent) that a line item be set up for supplies to be bought from \$105 received in donations at the Animal Shelter.

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Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Brandt absent) to take \$125.48 from contingency and put it in line item 11 32 00 1 for needed supplies.

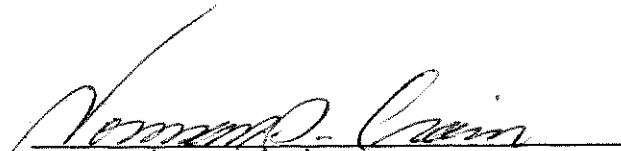
Mr. Crain announced the school department had given the following vehicles to the county:

1962 - 54 passenger bus  
1956 chevrolet truck  
1961 chevrolet panel truck  
1967 chevrolet truck

Although none of these vehicles are in running condition, there are parts we can use on our present vehicles.

Mr. Crain expressed his appreciation to the school department for the donation.

Adjourn 5:22 P.M.

  
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Supervisor-Chairman  
Oconee County