

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular Oconee County Council meeting was held November 1, 1982 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers with all members present.

Members of the press present: Dave Givens - Greenville News, Glen Gannaway - Seneca Journal, Dick Mangrum - WSNW Radio & Sharon Lucas - Anderson Independent.

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

The invocation was given by Dr. Earle.

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to adopt the minutes of the October 19, 1982 meeting as printed.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to ratify the closed session of Council at the October 19, 1982 meeting giving the Aeronautics Commission permission to purchase certain easements (by eminent domain if necessary) so the airport can meet federal regulations.

First on the agenda was an open discussion concerning Act 208. Several county residents appeared before Council asking that taxes be cut. Mr. Crain and Council explained to these residents that there is a possibility the millage will be cut but the county has no control over the ratio's mandated by Act 208 which will result in homeowners and commercial property owners bearing a greater portion of the tax burden and industry enjoying a tax break which Mr. Crain and Council thought was unfair. The ratio's are:

- residential property 4%
- agricultural property 4%
- commercial & other type properties 6%

Also present for the discussion was Senator Alexander S. Macaulay, Representative Duke M. Cleveland & House Member Robert N. McLellan.

Mr. Crain expressed his appreciation to those who came to the meeting and assured them that he and Council would do what they could to keep the budget as low as possible.

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The second reading of Ordinance 82-12, "Industrial Revenue Bonds for J & J Display Co." and Ordinance 82-13, "Industrial Revenue Bonds for Duke Power Co." was postponed.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Southland Safety Supply be awarded the bid for the new fire truck at a cost of \$74,594.69 and \$3,517.00 be taken from contingency for the tax, radio and installation of radio.

Mr. Brandt made a motion that necessary funds be taken from contingency to provide transportation and housing for two witnesses for a trial that is to begin November 29, 1982. This motion was seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0.

Mr. Carol Lowe of Foxwood Hills came before Council requesting that Council apply to the Corps of Engineers on behalf of Foxwood Hills to operate and maintain Mt. Bay Park and to build a boat ramp, dock and picnic area. Mr. Crain stated there would have to be signs up stating it was open to the public.

Mr. Butts requested this be referred to committee for study.

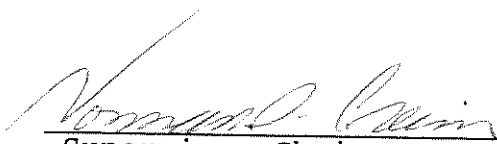
Dr. Earle made a motion that a \$1,000 grant be awarded the Rosa Clark Medical Clinic from the Charity Medical budget as this clinic will treat only those in need and will accept referrals from Oconee County Charity Medical. This motion was seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that Oconee County again let the SHARE Agency administer its portion of the Community Services Block Grant funds in the amount of \$59,076.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt, approved 5 - 0 that Oconee County extend the date for filing for residential and agricultural property thirty (30) days.

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that \$4,126.70 be taken from contingency to pay for the ballots for the November election.

At 9:10 P.M. Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts approved 5 - 0 to adjourn.


Supervisor-Chairman