

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held May 17, 1983 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers with all members present.

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

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

The invocation was given by Mr. Williams.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the May 3, 1983 meeting be adopted as printed.

First on the agenda was a public hearing on the 1983-84 county budget including \$1,255,604 Revenue Sharing Funds. There was no one present with written or oral comments concerning the 1983-84 county budget.

Mr. Jimmy DuPre and Mr. Jim Bridges represented the School Department in requesting Council to reconsider the funds being allocated to the School Department for operation in the 1983-84 fiscal year. Mr. DuPre stated their concern was the education of 10,000 students in the Oconee County Schools and they requested an additional \$500,000 in the 1983-84 budget.

However, due to the economic situation Council does not feel this is the time to raise taxes and after much discussion there was no action taken concerning this request.

Mr. Crain expressed the appreciation of Council to Mr. DuPre and Mr. Bridges for stating their concerns to Council and reminded them that County Council stands accountable for the funding and the School Department stands accountable for how the funding is used.

After recommendation from Mr. Frank Hix, Director of SHARE, Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that SHARE administer the Summer Youth Program for 1983.

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt that Ordinance 83-5, "The 1983-84 Oconee County Budget Ordinance as amended May 3, 1983 be adopted.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that the budget ordinance be amended as follows: 04 11 01 1 be changed from Administrative/Investigator to Investigator with the same salary and 04 11 22 1 be changed from Executive Secretary to Administrative Assistant adding \$3,724 to this salary including fringe and benefits. This money will be taken from 04 25 00 1 (Professional) and no departmental total changes will be made. This action was taken at the request of Sheriff Earl Holcome who stated there would be sufficient funds in 04 25 00 1.

The budget ordinance was adopted 5 - 0 on second reading.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts that Ordinance 83-4, "Pollution Control Bonds for Duke Power Co." be adopted on third reading.

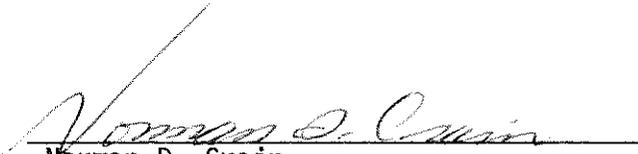
Mr. Fedder, County Attorney explained to Council that IRS had approved an amount of \$102,000,000 for the pollution bonds. Mr. Brandt then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 83-4, "Pollution Control Bonds for Duke Power Co." be amended to \$102,000,000 and the ordinance was adopted on third and final reading by a vote of 5 - 0.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Morris Communications be awarded the bid the communication equipment for 1983-84. They were low bidder at \$9,000.

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle that the attached transfers (monies already in budget) be approved. This motion was adopted 5 - 0.

Mr. Crain reminded Council Members of Commission appointments that need to be made in the near future.

There were no objections from any of the Council Members to moving a utility building that is not in use from the Seneca Landfill to the farm.


Norman D. Crain
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council