

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, August 7, 1984 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers with all members present.

Members of the press present: Randall Holcombe - Seneca Journal, Conrad Stuntz - Anderson Independent & Ashton Hester - Keowee Courier.

Press

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Chairman Crain.

The invocation was offered by Mr. Williams.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper abstaining) to adopt the minutes of the July 17, 1984 meeting as printed.

Minutes

First on the agenda was a public hearing to receive comments concerning a portion of a roadway, formerly part of SC 37-202 which was abandoned by the state and the county was considering abandoning at the request of an adjoining property owner.

Public hearing
abandonment of
portion SC 20

After some discussion Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Williams abstaining) to abandon this portion of this roadway as it is of no benefit to the county.

Mr. Bob Winchester of the Sewer Commission & Mr. Barry Harms, County Engineer informed Council that the Miller Branch sewer project low bid was from Jackson Construction at \$51,258 which was \$258 over preliminary estimated cost and the Blue Ridge Electric sewer project low bid was from Tri State Construction Enterprises at \$29,000 which was \$1,100 over preliminary estimated cost. The bids have to be awarded sixty (60) days from August 2, 1984 and they are recommending to Council that the low bids be accepted. Mr. Crain referred this to Committee.

Sewer bids

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts that Ordinance 84-6, "Master-in-Equity Ordinance" be adopted on third and final reading.

Ord. 84-6

Dr. Earle made a motion that the motion to adopt Ordinance 84-6 be tabled until the Council Members had more time to study the ordinance. This motion died for lack of a second.

After considerable discussion the motion to adopt Ordinance 84-6 on third and final reading was adopted 5 - 0.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 1 (Mr. Butts voting against stating the National Guard received both state and federal funding) to increase line item 02 52 00 1 up to \$1,000 for the purchase of a lawnmower.

Lawnmower for
National
Guard

Council had no objections to the Supervisor-Chairman signing the attached subgrant #001 in the amount of \$2,000 to be received by the Arts & Historical Commission from the South Carolina Arts Commission.

Arts grant

Dr. Earle presented as information to Council that the Computer Committee had met several times and reviewed proposals from different vendors and it was the recommendation of the Committee that the County hire a data processing manager as soon as possible. The reason this was presented as information only was because the job description for this position had not been drawn up, however, Dr. Earle hopes this will be done prior to the next Council Meeting so that it can be reviewed by Council.

Computer

Dr. Earle also made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Clemson University develop a semi-autonomous system for the county and to recommend the priorities of the development of this system and the priorities in getting it phased in with the establishment of free standing mini and/or micro computers capable of tying in with a central computer at some later time.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that \$1,000 be taken from contingency and placed in line item 13 12 00 1, part time help for the Board of Registration.

P/T help
Bd. of Reg.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt, approved 5 - 0 that \$600 be taken from contingency and placed in line item 14 41 00 1, telephone for the Election Commission.

Telephone for
Elect. Comm.

At the time the Law Enforcement Center was constructed temporary easements were obtained to dredge and mow the grass over the spring at the end of the building. The property owners are willing to give the county permanent easements in order to keep this grass cut. Mr. Crain assigned this to the Building & Grounds Committee.

Easements for
spring at LEC

Mr. Crain referenced the attached letter from Emergency Preparedness and assigned this to the Law Enforcement Committee.

Emergency
Preparedness

Mr. Crain referenced the attached letter from the City of Walhalla and assigned this to the Building & Grounds Committee.

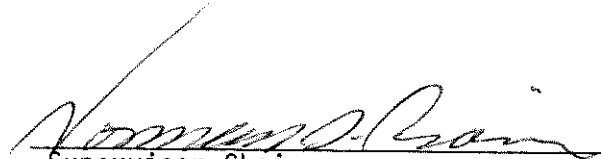
City of Wal.

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Council determined the Building & Grounds Committee would meet Tuesday, August 14, 1984 at 5:30 PM and the Law Enforcement Committee would meet on the 14th at 7:00 PM.

Comm. Meets

Adjourn: 8:20 PM


Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council

MAYOR

Paul M. Brown

CLERK & TREASURER

Glenn C. Martin

WALHALLA - GATEWAY TO THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS

Town of Walhalla

P. O. Box AP
COUNCIL CHAMBER
Walhalla, S. C. 29691

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Thomas C. Alexander
E. Lamar Bailes
Timothy O. Hall, III
L. Delwin King
Will John Rogers
Wayne A. Smalley, Jr.

August 7, 1984

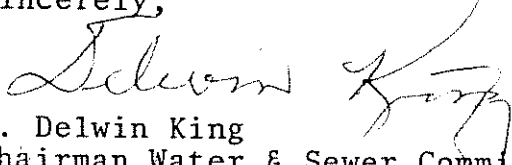
Mr. Norman Crane
County Supervisor
Oconee County Mailroom
Walhalla, South Carolina 29691

Dear Norman;

The Town of Walhalla respectfully requests your assistance in attaining a thirty (30) foot right-of-way through the Oconee County Farm. This right-of-way will be used to provide water service to the Hunterun Subdivision, the location of which is shown on the enclosed map. This subdivision consists of forty-three (43) lots and will be an asset to the County.

Anything you can do to assist us in obtaining this right-of-way will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


L. Delwin King
Chairman Water & Sewer Committee
Town of Walhalla

LDK:fdc:pt

Enclosure

OCONEE COUNTY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AGENCY



County Mail Room Law Enforcement Center
Walhalla, South Carolina 29691
Telephone (803) 638-3097

Walter B. Purcell, Director
Home Phone: 882-0686

July 27, 1984

Mr. Norman Crain, Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council
County Mail Room
Walhalla, SC 29691

SUBJECT: Convalescent and Ambulance Transport by County
Rescue Squads

Dear Mr. Crain:

On July 19, 1984, at a regular scheduled meeting of the Oconee County Emergency Preparedness Commission, a motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously for the County Rescue Squads to get out of the ambulance transport business all together and let other agencies be responsible for transportation, and let Rescue Squads serve as First Responders and rescue work. In addition, it was requested that County Council study Ordinance 80-5 and change it as needed.

In view of the above, recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate County Standing Committee for their consideration and further action as deemed appropriate.

Enclosed for your information are copies of extract of minutes of Emergency Preparedness Commission Meeting, Ordinance 80-5 and letters to Rescue Chiefs involved in the transport of patients.

Should you have any further questions concerning this matter, please contact me accordingly.

Sincerely,

Walter Purcell
Walter Purcell
Director

WP:cb

Enclosures as stated

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 80-5

BE IT ORDAINED, by Oconee County Council, in Council duly assembled, upon third reading,

Section 1: TITLE

The Title of this Ordinance shall be "An Ordinance Defining Use of Non-Conforming Ambulances for Convalescent Transport."

Section 2: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective on 1 July 1980.

Section 3: Definitions

A. Non-conforming ambulances - those vehicles owned by Oconee County and operated under the direction of the Director of Civil Defense, including but not limited to those vehicles furnished to the various rescue squads in and about the County which do not meet nor satisfy the size requirements of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (called DHEC herein), as outlined in Federal specification KKK-A-1822 provided it meets the requirements as outlined in Section 44-61-105, 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina.

B. Convalescent transport - the use of a vehicle making such non emergency calls within the county, and the destinations within the county, as scheduled visits to a physician's office or hospital for treatment, routine physical examination, X-rays or laboratory tests or is used for transporting, within the county, patients upon discharge from a hospital or nursing home to a hospital, nursing home or residence, or a vehicle making any other calls dispatched within the county as a nonemergency.

C. Indigent persons - residents of Oconee County who are financially unable to provide through their own financial means, transportation for themselves and/or their dependents to and from medical treatment centers or facilities, including physician's offices.

D. Designated County official - that person selected by the Oconee County Commission of Human Resources to make the determination of the need and of the status as an "indigent" under the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 4:

The Oconee County Director of Civil Defense is hereby authorized to use and employ ambulances of Oconee County which no longer conform to the size requirements named in federal specification KKK-A-1822 of DHEC for use as emergency vehicles for the purpose of transporting convalescent indigent residents of Oconee County to and from places of medical treatment or convalescent care. Such transport shall be within the County and authorized by the Director of the Oconee County Civil Defense Agency or his designee, only after certification by a Designated County official as to the status of such patient as an indigent within the meaning of that term

by the application of the standards of the Charitable Medical Service Officer of the County.

Section 5:

Prior to the use of County-owned non-conforming ambulances as convalescent transport, all emergency traffic equipment such as siren, lights and sign designating such a vehicle as an emergency vehicle or ambulance, shall be removed and such vehicle shall be operated only in a nonemergency setting, in a manner consistent with that of any other vehicle transporting nonemergency ill or infirm persons to and from places of treatment or convalescent care within the County.

Section 6:

The Director of Civil Defense shall report to Oconee County Council monthly the number of convalescent patients transported in such vehicles; the total patient miles for the preceding period logged in such service; together with the cost of such service. A log shall be maintained on each convalescent trip, and a copy of such log shall be maintained in the permanent files of the Oconee County Director of Civil Defense.

DONE AND RATIFIED on first reading this 25 day of March, 1980, by a vote of:

5 :YESS 0 :NO

Ann S On, Clerk

DONE AND RATIFIED ON second reading this 5th day of April, 1980, by a vote of:

5 :YES 0 :NO

Ann S On Clerk

DONE AND RATIFIED AND ADOPTED on third and final reading this 22 day of April, 1980, by a vote of:

4 :YES 0 :NO.

James M. Whinnery
Supervisor-Chairman

Attest:

Ann S On, Clerk