

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, July 15, 1986 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers with all Council Members present.

Members of the press notified (by mail): Seneca Journal, Keowee Courier, Greenville News, Anderson Independent, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio & WCCP Radio.

Press

Members of the press present: Dave Partenheimer - WSNW Radio, Brad King - Seneca Journal, Troy Terry - WCCP Radio, Randall Holcombe - Greenville News & George Allgood - WGOG Radio.

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

The invocation was given by Mr. Dyar.

Invocation

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the July 1, 1986 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

Mrs. Madge Robinson, Delinquent Tax Collector, addressed Council concerning the collection of delinquent taxes. Mrs. Robinson informed Council that the Treasurer's Office turned \$773,876.20 county and city taxes over to the Tax Collector's Office this year. Of this \$630,882.32 is county and \$142,993.88 is city taxes. This made a grand total to \$1,156,791.31 delinquent taxes and as of this date the Tax Collector's Office has collected \$592,752.85, \$99,184.89 has been paid to the cities. The Tax Collector's Office has also collected \$3,085.96 in penalties, \$860.01 in legal fees and \$16.70 in postage.

Delinquent
Tax Report

There is presently 101 parcels scheduled to be sold due to unpaid taxes, the sale is scheduled for August 4, 1986 at 10:00 AM on the Courthouse steps.

Mr. Julian Stoudemire, Mr. Ken Johns, Mr. Tommy Joe Land & Mr. Don Leopard addressed Council concerning the drug coverage for county employees. Presently, under the Patient's Choice plan employees are only allowed to use their card at REVCO Drug Stores. Mr. Crain and Council assured the druggists they are concerned about their problem and will continue to work with Patient's Choice on a contract for the other drug stores in the county. (See attached presentation)

Drug/Health
Coverage

At the recommendation of Mr. Bob Winchester of the Sewer Commission, Mr. Dyar made a motion seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Chris Mechanical be awarded the bid for the sewer line extension to serve Englehard Corporation.

Sewer
Extension

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that Byerley & Associates be awarded the bid for the county audit for fiscal year 1986-87.

Audit bid

Ms. Kathy Holley & Mr. Frank Gibson of Southern Bell & Mr. Bob Strother of Council of Governments addressed Council concerning an enhanced 911 system for Oconee County. Ms. Holley informed Council that every road in Oconee County would have to be named and every house numbered which would be a time consuming job. She suggested the county hire one full time person for this, she informed Council she could give them the name of a person living in Seneca who had worked with this system in Greenville and was very familiar with it.

Enhanced 911

Mr. Strother of COG, also informed Council he felt there was a very good chance of the county receiving funding through a grant from the State Highway Safety Funds this year.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that the county apply for funding for the enhanced 911 system with two answering points.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that Watson Tires of Greenville, S. C. be allowed to purchase used truck tires for \$810.00. (See attached letter)

Tires

Mr. Williams and Mr. Crain agreed to look at the lobby at the Law Enforcement Building and see what it would take to change two doors and close a portion of the lobby to make two offices which are badly needed in that building.

Office Space

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that funds from temporary help, line item 10 022 00110 22120, be authorized for temporary personnel in the Probate Judge's Office due to one of the personnel being in an automobile accident and will have to be out of work for up to ninety (90) days.

Temporary Help

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that \$1,221 be taken from contingency to upgrade the Deputy Auditor's salary from 14B to 18B.

Contingency

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that the county accept the bid of Mildred Morgan to service the vending machines in the county buildings with 4% of the gross sales being turned back in to the county.

Vending Machines

Mr. Fred Carroll, Mr. Phil Piazzio & Mr. Robert Cummings addressed Council concerning the conditions of the roadways in Timberlake I. The Road Committee set a meeting for Thursday, July 17, 1986 at 5:00 PM to go look at these roadways and also to look at County Roadway SE 10.

Road Committee

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Oley Ernest Lombard, Route 1, Mt. Rest, SC 29664 be appointed to the PRT Commission with the term commencing immediately and expiring December 31, 1987.

PRT Commission

Upon request of the Lakeview Rest Home Board of Trustees Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Dyar out of room) that an employee of Lakeview be allowed to locate her mobile home at Lakeview.

Mobile Home

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Dyar out of room) to purchase a new recorder to be used during Council Meetings.

Recorder

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, defeated 3 - 2 (Mr. Dyar, Mr. Williams & Dr. Earle voting against) that the county contract with Mr. Herschel Barnett for an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for Mr. Barnett to furnish a consulting service on rights of ways and training someone to replace him as Map/Right of Way Technician.

Contract
for Mr.
Barnett

Mr. Crain requested Council & the CCS Commission meet together to discuss landfill fees.

CCS

Mr. Crain gave the attached letter from INTERTECH concerning "Unsolicited Proposal For The Operation & Management Of Litter & Waste Control Services for Oconee County, South Carolina Under A Five Year Pilot Program".

INTERTECH
Letter

Mr. Crain read a letter dated July 11, 1986 that Dr. Earle stated he wrote on behalf of himself and three other council members (not Harper) supporting Pre Trial Intervention (PTI) for a former county employee involving charges of Embezzlement of Public Funds (16-13-210).

PTI

Mr. Crain also read a letter dated July 14, 1986 from Solicitor George Ducworth which stated that one of the four reasons he had decided to allow this case to go to PTI was that "I have been made aware that at least four County Council Members support allowing (this individual) to go into the PTI Program.

Mr. Crain stated that he was opposed to PTI for cases involving public funds and public trust but his main concern was that Council had gone on record supporting PTI in this case through private channels and that if the County Council supported PTI in this case that it do so in a public meeting of County Council duly assembled.

Dr. Earle stated he felt that the letter he sent on behalf of himself and the other three Council Members (not Harper) was a private matter which he initiated upon the request of an attorney.

After much discussion, Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper abstained due to lack of information concerning the case) that Council to on record recommending PTI for a former county employee who is presently under indictment for Embezzlement of Public Funds (16-13-210).

Adjourn: 7:30 PM

Norman H. Crain / sq
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council