

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, February 3, 1987 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers with all members of Council and the County Attorney present.

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

Press

Members of the press present: Sue Nolan - Seneca Journal, Dave Givens - The Oconee Leader, Dave Partenheimer - WSNW Radio, Ashton Hester - Keowee Courier & Randall Holcombe - Greenville News.

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

The invocation was given by Mr. Butts.

Invocation

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the January 20, 1987 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

At the request of Mr. Bob Winchester, Director of the Sewer Commission, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Alexander & Associates be awarded the bid for the sewer system of Scenic Plaza Shopping Center contingent upon the owner of the shopping center paying all engineering fees.

Scenic Plaza
Sewer System

Mrs. Madge Robinson, Tax Collector, addressed Council concerning the collection of delinquent taxes. Mrs. Robinson informed Council that last year the Tax Collector's Office collected \$808,000 in delinquent taxes. As of this date their office has \$348,000 delinquent taxes on real estate for ten years on the books, \$63,000 in boats and businesses and ninety three (93) parcels with a total amount of taxes due \$26,000 to be sold.

Tax Collector

Mrs. Robinson also requested she be given one (1) additional personnel in her office to assist them in getting the parcels ready to be sold, collecting taxes and doing research on notices that have been returned to the office because of incorrect addresses. Mr. Crain referred this request to the Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee.

The Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee set a meeting for Thursday, February 5, 1987 at 8:30 AM in Council Chambers to consider Mrs. Robinson's request.

Personnel
Meet

Mrs. Dottie Chandler, Library Director, requested changes in the phones in the Seneca, Westminster & Walhalla Branches of the Oconee County Library. (See attached requests) After discussion Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that the Library proceed with obtaining one more phone for the Seneca Branch.

Library
Phones

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 87-1, "An Ordinance Authorizing Pollution Control Bonds in the Amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 (Series 1987A) and Authorizing Pollution Control Bonds in the Amount not to exceed \$28,000,000 (Series 1987B) Duke Power Co." be approved on second reading.

Ord. 87-1

Mr. Williams, Chairman of the Building & Grounds Committee, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the pasture land comprising of 41.50 acres be posted prohibiting hunting and the county designate the portion of land it owns under water and the area from the water to the east of the lake to the dirt road (approximately one hundred (100) feet from the lake) be designated as a water fowl reserve by Oconee County. The remaining portions of county property will also be posted to prohibit rifle fire. The fishing and swimming in the lake will not be affected by any of this action.

Wildlife
Sanctuary

Mr. Williams then made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the County Attorney draw up the necessary ordinance to enforce the above stipulating that anyone abusing the sanctuary be charged a \$200 fine and/or serve thirty (30) day sentence.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfers (no new monies) be approved.

Transfers

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the attached arts contract be approved.

Arts Contract

After considerable discussion Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that bids be put out for six (6) vehicles for the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff's
Vehicles

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that \$103.50 be taken from contingency to purchase an outside light for the Agricultural Building.

Light for Ag.
Bldg. (Cont.)

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the Westminster Rescue Squad be allowed to store materials in the basement part of the warehouse of the REA Building until such time the county has need of the area.

REA Bldg.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the property Oconee County obtained in the land exchange with Clemson University be advertised for sale and the minimum bid be established at not less than Oconee County owes the contractor for moving forty (40) cubic yards of dirt.

Land

At this time Council resumed the discussion of space needed by the Probation Office. Mr. Bill Richardson of the School District informed Council it would not be possible to use one of the school's portable buildings due to the fact all of them would probably be needed by the school district next year.

Probation
Office

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He also informed Council that it would not be a problem to install a half bath underneath the stairs in the Rock Building but that would only solve part of the problem. He also estimated it would take approximately three (3) months to build an addition to the Rock Building after the contract was finalized.

After considerable discussion this was referred back to the Building & Grounds Committee.

Mr. Williams requested that elected officials and department heads in and near the courthouse be requested to attend the next meeting of Oconee County Council to discuss the parking situation at the courthouse.

Adjourn: 9:00 PM

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