

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, May 5, 1987 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers with all Council Members 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, WCCP Radio, WSNW Radio, WYFF TV & WLOS TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Dave Partenheimer - WSNW Radio, Randall Holcombe - Greenville News, Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio, and Brain Garner - Seneca Journal.

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 April 21, 1987 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

Ms. Mandy Schultz, a student of Seneca High School, addressed Council concerning the funds for the school district. She also presented Council with a petition with 600 signatures requesting full funding for the school district.

School

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 87-6, "An Ordinance to Amend Section 20, Ordinance 86-5, Foothills Cable TV Ordinance" be adopted on second reading.

Ord. 87-6

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 87-7, "1987-88 Oconee County Budget Ordinance" be adopted on first reading in title only.

Ord. 87-7

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that \$4,817 be taken from contingency to construct a rifle range and purchase ammunition for the Sheriff's Department. The Supervisor's Office will assist in this as time permits. (See attached request)

Rifle Range  
Contingency

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the attached contract between the Forest Service and the Oconee County Sheriff's Office be approved.

Forest  
Service  
Contract

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that \$430 be transferred from Planning Commission telephone to Planning Commission professional.

Planning  
Commission  
Transfer

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that \$9,100 be taken from contingency and placed in court expense.

Contingency

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Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfers be approved.

Transfers

Mr. Crain & Mr. DuPre, Superintendent of Education, had a discussion concerning the school budget in which Mr. Crain informed the Council he had received information from the school department however, he did not receive the specific information he requested.

School

Mr. Brandt, County Attorney, stated the Supervisor and County Council were entitled to this information.

The Budget & Finance Committee set a meeting with the School Board Thursday, May 14, 1987 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom to discuss the school budget.

Committee

At this time Council recessed for a Budget & Finance Committee meeting.

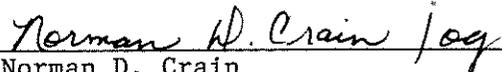
After the recess Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that Council go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Executive Session

When Council went back into open session Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that Council enter into the Compliance Agreement with the Department of Treasury. (See attached memo to department heads dated May 11, 1987)

Open Session

Adjourn: 10:45 PM

  
Norman D. Crain  
Supervisor-Chairman  
Oconee County Council

OCONEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

FIREARMS TRAINING FACILITY PROPOSAL

Survey of residents near range site -

Four families closest to the site were interviewed concerning their feelings about the construction of a police firing range in the area. They were: the Barry Chastain family (closest to the site), the Tommy Braswell family, the Ray Moore family, and the Frankie Lee family. They were given copies of the range proposal.

The only objection came from the Chastain family. Mrs. Chastain was concerned primarily about the safety of the range. She is usually at home during the day, has a small child and keeps other children. She was concerned about the possibility of a child or family dog entering the site.

The only other concerns expressed by any of the other families was that they would prefer that access to the range be restricted to police or related functions. Some were aware of problems that sometimes accompany civilian shooting matches - alcoholic beverage abuse and disorderly conduct.

Almost everyone questioned said that they would welcome an increased police presence in the area and the posting of "No Trespassing" signs on the property. Disturbances from motorbikes riding on the property, unauthorized dumping of old appliances and garbage on the borders of the property and parking by suspicious persons were cited as problems.

On April 13, test firing was done at the proposed range site to evaluate the sound level. The sound level did not seem bothersome from the nearest residence. Mr. Chastain was shown the proposed location of the range. The site was farther from his home than he originally thought. Mr. Chastain felt that if a fence were built around the range site and if the use of the range was supervised by qualified personnel, the presence of the range would not pose a problem.

To summarize, the following actions should satisfy any concerns voiced by residents near the site and greatly reduce the liability factor to the county:

- 1) Erection of a perimeter fence, primarily to keep out children.
- 2) Building the range to suggested specifications (25 - 30 ft. high backstop, 10 ft. high side berms) for optimum in safety and sound reduction.
- 3) Passage of a county ordinance which would authorize the posting of "No Trespassing" signs on the property and the prosecution of trespassers pursuant to S.C. Code of Laws section 16-11-600; and the requirement that range use be supervised by a South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy certified police firearms instructor or a State Law Enforcement Division certified security officer firearms instructor.

## Site preparation -

The Supervisor's office has agreed to provide construction assistance in leveling the site and building an earthen backstop and side berms as equipment and manpower become available. This is subject to completion of other projects. The Sheriff's Department has no way of calculating the cost of earthmoving. We understand that fill dirt is available at the nearby county rock crusher and the site is conveniently close to where county equipment is stored.

A good stand of grass will be necessary to provide a durable range surface and to stop erosion of the range and berms. The Agricultural Extension Office advises that after initial construction, an appropriate amount of lime should be added to the soil subsequent to soil testing. Because of the poor soil composition at the site, spreading of chicken manure would add needed organic material and nutrients to the soil. A mixture of fescue and bermuda grass would provide a hardy ground cover.

A perimeter fence will be the single most costly item in the range development. A five foot residential grade chain link fence would be sufficient to surround the range just outside the earthen berms. A more expensive commercial grade chain link fence would not be necessary for the intended purpose. Such a fence would not keep out a determined intruder. There will be no items of significant value stored on the site. The presence of a fence would address an issue raised by a nearby family, that of small children playing on the property and wandering on to the range site. A fence would also deter damage to the range site by motorbikes, etc., which has been a problem at the landfill site.

The planned range will have seven target stands. Seven is the maximum number of shooters that an instructor can safely supervise. That is also the maximum number that can be trained at any one time due to work schedules. Metal target frames constructed of angle iron (so that a flat surface would not ricochet a bullet) are desirable. A length of metal pipe would be set in concrete and the target frame, which is removable, is placed in this pipe. The use of the metal target frame system would require a target backing composed of structural fiber board (called "blackboard"). Sheets of 4' X 9' are available at building supply stores and would provide three target backings per sheet. They can be reused several times if stored out of the weather.

Other needed items: a small aluminum storage building to protect targets, target backings, etc. from the weather; a small shelter to seat students (can be built from lumber and galvanized metal sheeting by officers) for instructional purposes;

Ammunition: .38 caliber wadcutter ammunition is relatively inexpensive, especially reloads; also our department has approximately 6000 rounds of brass on hand which when traded in further reduces the cost of ammunition. Shotgun ammunition is also needed for practice.

ITEMCOST

Chain link fence, 5 ft. high, approx. 650 ft. long, residential grade, with one 4' walk-through gate, one 12' drive-through gate.	\$ 2500
Load of lime, chicken manure; 100 lbs. ammonium nitrate, approx. 45 lbs. of fescue, 30 lbs. of bermuda grass.	\$ 255
Metal target stands @ approx. \$45 ea. (seven) 30 - sheets of blackboard @ approx. \$5.50 ea. 6 - bags of concrete aggregate @ \$3.50 ea.	\$ 501
12 - pcs. galvanized metal sheeting at \$13 ea. and lumber for shelter, nails;	\$ 206
Aluminum storage building	\$ 650
12 ft. galvanized steel gate (at entrance to site)	\$ 75
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Total	\$ 4187

## Ammunition:

6000 rounds of .38 wadcutter factory reloads at approx. \$55/case	\$ 330
500 rounds of 12 ga. #8 field load shotgun shells	\$ 160
200 rounds of 12 ga. 00 Buckshot rounds	\$ <u>140</u>
	630

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May 11, 1987

## M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS & ELECTED OFFICIALS

FROM: NORMAN D. CRAIN, SUPERVISOR-CHAIRMAN, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL *N.D.C.*

31 CFR 51.22 (b) (5) of the Revenue Sharing Handbook states that "A recipient government shall not intimidate, threaten, coerce, or in any way retaliate against any person who files a complaint against that government alleging discrimination which is covered by the provisions of this subpart, who assists the ORS in an investigation, or any other proceedings under this subpart or who opposes a practice made unlawful by this subpart."

The purpose of this correspondence is to officially notify you that county officials and employees are prohibited from engaging in behavior prohibited thereby.

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**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT AUTHORIZATION**

Revised 03-28-86

DATE 4/29/87 DEPARTMENT Treasurer CHANGE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES BE MADE IN MY 8.6-87 BUDGET:

1. TO: Postage # 10-020-00150-00033 \$ 300.00  
(fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

FROM: Maintenance # 10-020-00150-00024 \$ 300.00  
(fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

Justification: I need more money in postage to mail June & July notices

2. TO: Postage # 10-020-000150-00033 \$ 400.00  
(fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

FROM: Office Supplies # 10-020-00150-00031 \$ 400.00  
(fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

Justification: I need more money in postage to mail June & July notices

3. TO: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Justification: \_\_\_\_\_

Peggy T. Hightower  
DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE

APPROVED: 5/5/87  
Date of Council Meeting

DATE: 4/29/87  
Received by Council Clerk

Alton K. Williams

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

[Signature]

MEMBER BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

[Signature]

MEMBER COUNTY COUNCIL

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT AUTHORIZATION

Revised 10-14-85

DATE 5/4/87 DEPARTMENT Rock Crusher CHANGE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES BE MADE IN MY \_\_\_\_\_ BUDGET:

Dollar Amount

1. TO: Drilling + Blasting # 10-54-150-54881 \$ 7,644.80  
 (fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

FROM: Capital Exp. # 10-54-150-840 \$ 7,644.80  
 (fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

Justification: Due to increase in rock sales, we need money transfered into drilling and blasting.

2. TO: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

Justification \_\_\_\_\_

3. TO: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

Justification: \_\_\_\_\_

4. TO: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

Justification: \_\_\_\_\_

Thomas S. Crumpton Jr.  
DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE

APPROVED: 5/5/87  
DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 5/4/87  
RECEIVED BY COUNCIL CLERK

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN  
MEMBER BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE  
MEMBER COUNTY COUNCIL