

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, July 21, 1987 at 3:00 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, WSNW Radio, WCCP Radio, WYFF TV & WLOS TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Dave Partenheimer - WSNW Radio, Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio, Randall Holcombe - Greenville News, Cindy Landrum - The Oconee Leader & Dede Norilgolo - Seneca Journal.

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. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the July 7, 1987 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

At the request of Mr. Bob Winchester, Sewer Commission Director, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Zeigler Construction Co. of Sumter, S. C. be awarded the bid for sewer line for Jacob's Mfg. Co. at a cost of \$442,149.50 contingent upon the county receiving a modification of a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$157,000.

Jacob's  
Sewer

Mr. Winchester also informed Council that the radio active sludge from Duke Power had been emptied into the county sewer system and the radio activity was less than when measured in the plant.

Sludge

Mr. Ted Lybrand & Ms. Brenda Long of COG along with Sheriff Earl Holcombe presented the attached COG Study of the Sheriff's Department to Council. In the presentation Ms. Long of COG stated there should be three (3) officers and one (1) dispatcher added to the Sheriff's personnel.

COG Study

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that Edwards Auto Sales be awarded the bid for a vehicle for the Sheriff's Department at a cost of \$12,700 including tax. This vehicle is to be used by the litter officer.

Vehicle for  
Sheriff's  
Department

Mr. Dillard E. Medford, County Assessor, addressed Council concerning the reassessment not being placed on the books until the 1988 tax year. Mr. Medford stated there are 48,000 parcels of land on the computer and 7,000 records needs to be edited. Mr. Medford also stated he had depended too heavily on the computer for some work that should be done manually. Due to the fact there is so much editing that needs to be completed before reassessment is placed on the books, Mr. Medford felt it would be better if it was postponed one year and that Mr. Crain, County Administrator ask the South Carolina Tax Commission for this postponement.

Reassessment

Mr. Kenneth Williams, County Auditor, also recommended the reassessment be postponed one year and that based on the estimates he now has and the fact the budget has already been approved using reassessment figures it will probably take an eight (8) mil increase to cover the budget. Mr. Williams latest estimates show the county mil will bring in \$130,242,100 and a school mil will bring in \$141,268,438. Mr. Williams also estimates the average home owner will not have to pay as much adding the eight (8) mil increase as he would if the reassessment had gone into effect.

Due to the fact that reassessment will not be going on the books for the 1987 tax year Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that a management audit study be conducted of the Assessor's Office.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that the attached DHEC Contracts providing dental care for migrant workers be approved.

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

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Mrs. Emily Holleman, Route 2, Westminster, S. C. be reappointed to the Library Board with her term commencing immediately and expiring June 30, 1991.

At the request of Mr. Walt Purcell, Emergency Preparedness Director, Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that the attached list of persons be appointed as the Local Emergency Committee for Oconee County.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Walt Purcell, Emergency Preparedness Director be appointed as the Committee Coordinator.

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Oconee County apply for a grant in the amount of \$35,000 for a mobile water pump to be used as a back up system by the towns for areas out of water during a drought.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that Wachovia Bank & Trust Company be allowed to replace Oconee County Pollution Control Revenue Bonds, Series A (Duke Power Project) Bond Numbers 15383 through 15386, owned by Mrs. Lula Talbot which have been lost.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that Wachovia Bank & Trust Company be allowed to replace Oconee County Pollution Control Revenue Bonds, Series A (Duke Power Project) Bond Numbers 12709 through 12712 owned by Brickellbanc Savings Association which have been lost.

DHEC Contract

Transfer

Library Appt.

Emergency  
Planning  
Committee

Grant Request

Replace Lost  
Bonds

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Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that the South Carolina Wildlife & Marine Resources grant in the amount of \$120,000 be used as per attached when approved by the Delegation and Wildlife.

SC Wildlife  
Grant

Mr. Crain informed Council that SHARE will be moving to Seneca.

SHARE

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the attached DSS Contract for child support be adopted.

DSS Contract

Mr. Crain informed Council there is a problem of animals running loose in the Newry area. Mr. Crain referred this to the Law Enforcement, Safety, Health, Welfare & Services Committee. The committee set a meeting at 6:00 PM August 4, 1987 just prior to the Council Meeting.

LEC Committee

Mr. Crain read a letter to Council confirming the August 5, 1987 date for a meeting between Council, the School Board and Delegation to discuss the school's financial problems.

Meeting

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Council go into an executive session to discuss a legal matter.

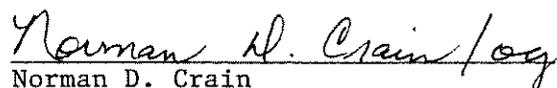
Executive

When Council resumed open session Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, defeated 3 - 2 (Mr. Dyar, Dr. Earle and Mr. Williams voting against) that the county attorney negotiate with a land owner for five feet of right-of-way to be able to pave the road (not using money) and if we could not negotiate, allow a court to determine what right-of-way the county owns and if less than the required amount then how much Oconee County owed for five feet of right-of-way.

Open Session

After much discussion, Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar approved 4 - 1 (Mr. Butts voting against) that the county attorney check the deeds for properties on the other side of the road for reference made to the right-of-way, the width of the right-of-way or the road itself so as to determine if there is a written right-of-way. If there is no right-of-way, ask the county attorney to approach the property owner to reach a reasonable conclusion to the matter.

Adjourn.



Norman D. Crain  
Supervisor-Chairman  
Oconee County Council