

MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

There was a special meeting of the Oconee County Council Tuesday, September 29, 1987 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 & The Oconee Leader.

Press

Members of the press present: Sue Nolan - Seneca Journal, Dave Partenheimer - WSNW Radio & Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio.

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

The invocation was given by Mr. Williams.

Invocation

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the special meeting held September 22, 1987 be adopted as printed.

Minutes

The following persons addressed Council at the public hearing held concerning \$31,800 federal revenue sharing funds:

Public Hearing

Ms. Valarie Hughes spoke on behalf of Oconee Theater;

Sheriff Earle Holcombe spoke on behalf of the proposed computerized gas pumps at the motor pool;

Ms. Katherine Griswald spoke on behalf of the Blue Ridge Arts Association; and

Mr. Walt Purcell spoke on behalf of the Rescue Squads.

After discussion, Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 87-9, "1987-88 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance" be approved on third and final reading with the following expenditures:

Ord. 87-9

\$ 1,300 Cap Exp (Printer) Comptroller's Office

5,000 Cap Exp (Vehicle) Emergency Preparedness

25,500 E 911 Program

\$ 31,800 Total Expenditures

Dr. Earle informed Council the Coalition of Counties will meet in Columbia November 5, 1987 and there will be committees formed to study self health insurance and the relation of Councils with School Boards. Dr. Earle requested the Council Members let him know if they would be interested in serving on either committees.

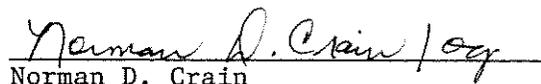
New Business

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that Council go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

Executive Session

Council went back into open session for the purpose of adjourning at 4:05 PM.

Open Session


Norman D. Crain
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council

PERSONS ATTEND PUBLIC HEARING 9/29/87

Persons Attending Public Hearing
9/28/87

please sign & pass around

Ross Russell

Katherine Grunwald

Ray ~~Wiggin~~

Valerie Hughes

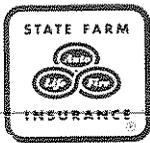
James C. Manning

Dick Mangum W606

Dave Pattenheim - WSNW

Sue Nolan - Journal/Tribune of Seneca

Earl Holcombe (87)



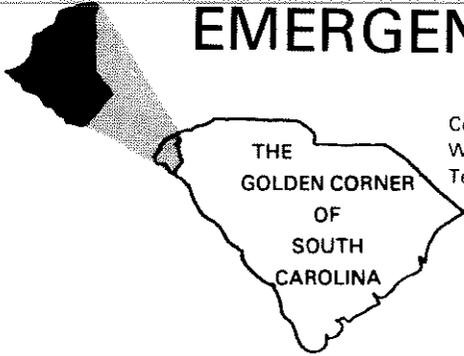
Greet the Board -- Thank them for the opportunity to talk with them.

The Oconee Community Theatre is the only performing arts vehicle in Oconee County. Each year we produce six plays that include two children's productions, a drama, a comedy, and two large-scale musicals. Most recently over 2079 local residents attended our production of My Fair Lady. In addition each year we provide up to five professional companies for our community; these have included jazz quintets, puppet theatre, dance troupes, folk singers, mime troupes, and magic acts. We are one of the fastest growing community theatres in South Carolina with over 850 season ticket -- members.

In addition to providing live entertainment for Oconee County our playhouse is continually being used by a variety of local groups: The Seneca Senior High Class uses the theatre for its Senior Class play each year; various religious groups have used the theatre for meetings and gospel music; The Seneca Women's Club and Blue Ridge Arts Association have held benefit performances in the theatre; Local business has used the theatre for large meetings; and a local day care center recently used the theatre for its graduation ceremony.

The playhouse is a converted "movie theatre" that we have been renovating since 1980. We have replaced the heating/air conditioning system, repaired the roof and marquee, renovated the bathrooms making them accessible to the handicapped; and replaced all the stage wiring. We are now asking that you use some of the \$30,000 in funds you have to help us continue this renovation. We are asking for \$5,000 to complete the renovation of our lobby and install a bathroom in the dressing room area. Our renovation efforts have been stifled by increases in our utility bills, insurance costs and royalty fees. For example we were required to pay over \$2,000 for the rights to My Fair Lady. These had to be paid before a costume was made, a set constructed, or rehearsal held. Your support will provide the necessary funds to insure that we continue to grow and help us provide Oconee County with a theatre we can all take pride in.

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September 18, 1987

MEMO

TO: Norman Crain, Supervisor/Chairman
Oconee County Council

FROM: Walt Purcell, Director

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM FEDERAL REVENUE
SHARING ACCOUNT

Request due consideration be given for additional funding in the amount of \$5,000, or any amount obtainable, toward our Capital Expenditure account toward purchasing needed equipment for our County Rescue Squads.

Each year we have requested necessary realistic funding for our volunteer squads, but due to budget consideration, we have been unable to purchase all the necessary equipment as requested by the Rescue Squads. (See attached past year budget request for Capital Expenditures.)

Any consideration by County Council in obtaining this additional funding for our volunteer Rescue Squads who serve the people of Oconee County would be deeply appreciated by all concerned.



Walter Purcell
Director

WP:cb

Emergency Preparedness: Budget Code No. 53

10-00840

Priority #1 - RESCUE VEHICLE (2)

Pick-up truck, 4-wheel drive, with utility bed. \$16,000.00 each.

TOTAL --- \$32,000.00

At present time the majority of the rescue vehicles in the county range in age from ten (10) years to thirty (30) years. In order to rectify this obvious problem area (response and safety) it is recommended that we commence replacement of these vehicles on a yearly basis by the following means. That each budget year, we plan on purchasing two (2) vehicles from our Capital Expenditure account. Based on this schedule, it would permit us to replace our present antiques over a period of five (5) years. This request is deemed prudent in long range planning and fiscal responsibility.

Priority #2 - RESCUE EQUIPMENT

Rescue equipment (wide variety), six (6) squads.

TOTAL--- \$12,000.00

This figure represents a need for a variety of rescue equipment which has been denied in the past and is in need of for the present. Detail breakdown of types of equipment available upon request.

The total dollar figure of all equipment requested by the six (6) squads amounted to approximately \$113,521.00. In an effort to be realistic and to satisfy each particular squad needs based on their individual priorities, it is requested to allocate \$2,000 per squad, for a total of \$12,000, for units to make their direct purchase of equipment as they deem appropriate due to funding limitation and priorities involved. It is hoped that by means of a year to year allocation the goals of the Rescue Squads as pertains to requested equipment can be achieved.

Wide variety of equipment dictates this reply.