

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held December 15, 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, Anderson Independent, Greenville News, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, WLOS TV & WYFF TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Randall Holcombe - Greenville News, Sue Nolan - Seneca Journal, Dave Partenheimer - WSNW Radio, Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio, Cindy Landrum - Anderson Independent, & Steven Stock - WYFF TV.

All other persons who have asked to be notified of meetings were also notified by mail.

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

Call to Order

The invocation was given by Mr. Harper.

Invocation

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the December 1, 1987 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

First on the agenda was a public hearing concerning the moving of eight (8) graves recently located in the Lake Hartwell Fair Play Recreational Area. (See attached list of persons attending hearing)

Public
Hearing
Concerning
Moving of
Graves

Mr. Crain read the attached letters from Mr. Gary Isbell and Mr. Hal Gene Isbell who believe their relatives are buried in the graves.

Mr. Crain had talked Ms. Geraldine Royster who had heard of the site and she thinks the graves should be moved to Beaverdam Baptist Church as does several other people that were contacted concerning the matter.

Ms. Wanda Childs was contacted concerning the matter but she had no knowledge of the matter.

Ms. Debbie Justus felt the graves should be moved.

Mrs. Fred Isbell had no comment concerning the matter.

Mr. M. C. Sheriff, representing the Historical Society, felt the graves should be preserved by building a wall around the graves so the water could not get to them when the lake is at its highest level.

Mr. Clint Isbell who felt that these are graves of his descendants would like for the government to determine whose graves they are and a historical marker be put up.

Mr. George Carnes who lives in the area said his father told him it was Isbells who lived there and a Mr. Strandrege used the markers as piers for his hours.

Mr. Charles E. Herring stated he felt it should be handled in a dignified manner.

Mrs. Louise Corbett stated she felt the graves should remain where they are and a peninsula should be built around them to keep the water off the graves.

There were seven (7) people who attended the hearing who felt there were related to the persons buried, none of these were in agreement that the graves should be moved to Beaverdam Baptist Church.

After considerable discussion Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that the Corps of Engineers refigure the cost of building a peninsula out to the gravesite and if it is at all financially feasible to construct such a peninsula and erect an appropriate monument in honor of the persons buried in the graves.

At the request of Solicitor George Ducworth, Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the Solicitor's Office be allowed to transfer funds within the department to hire a part time assistant solicitor for the remainder of this fiscal year. (See attached request)

Solicitor

Mr. Horace Padgett of Elliott, Davis & Co. addressed Council concerning the audit for the 1986-87 fiscal year. Mr. Padgett noted that: 1) Fixed asset records detailing date acquired, actual costs, or estimated historical cost of assets should be maintained and that the county is in the process of implementing such a system; 2) The county has experienced problems in the costing of parts inventory but is in the process of revising this inventory pricing system; 3) The Oconee County Rock Crusher is very profitable and revenue generated by that facility has been previously considered as a part of the general fund but should be handled as an enterprise fund; 4) That Oconee County is in excellent financial condition.

Audit

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to replace Patient's Choice Health Insurance, which terminates December 31, 1987 with a self funded plan as proposed by Agent Hawkins & Marke, P. O. Box 2999, Greenville, S. C. 29601. General Administrators, Inc., P. O. Box 5430, Greenville, S. C. 29606 will be administrators of the plan and stop/loss insurance will be provided by Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's of London. The premiums for dependent coverage will remain the same as with Patient's Choice through June 30, 1987 and the county's cost will be \$20,954 more than Patient's Choice and will come from contingency. The benefits will be basically the same as Patient's Choice. The coverage will be for an eighteen (18) month period beginning January 1, 1988.

Insurance

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that carpet be installed in the E-911 Office at a cost not to exceed \$934.55.

Carpet for
E-911 Office

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the following persons be appointed to the Emergency Planning Commission: Mr. Robert Brock of the School Department, Mr. Daniel Whitehurst of the Department of Social Services, Mr. W. J. Ruff of the Clemson Extension Program and Ms. Carmelita Baumagarner as secretary.

Emergency
Planning
Commission

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

Transfer

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Henry Field be reappointed to serve as a member of the Oconee Planning Commission with his appointment to commence January 1, 1988 and expire December 31, 1991.

Commission
Appointments

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the following Commission Appointments be made with terms to commence January 1, 1988 and expire December 31, 1991:

John Lay	Planning Commission
Derrill Holcombe	Health & Sanitation Commission
Ray Wigington	Emergency Preparedness Comm.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that the bill for Gary Concrete in the amount of \$63.54 due to an error in the original statement be paid.

Gary Concrete

Mr. Crain informed Council he had a request from Mr. Fred McCracken that a portion of CE 48 be abandoned by the county.

CE 48

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Carolina Burglar & Alarm be awarded the bid for an alarm system for the Treasurer's Office at a cost of \$34.00 per month and these funds come from contingency.

Treasurer's
Office

* Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that the attached job description of the E-911 Technician be approved.

E-911 Job
Description

Due to poor service and bad quality on uniforms ordered for the Sheriff's Department from Hub-Stinette Uniforms, Inc. Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the company be suspended from bidding for a one year period.

Uniforms for
Sheriff's
Department

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that "Mothers Against Drunk Driving" be allowed to hold a vigil on the steps of the courthouse contingent upon approval of the county attorney.

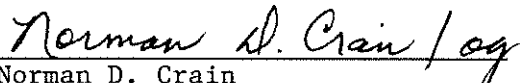
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Mr. Crain read the attached letter from Mary B. Earle concerning the property between the Law Enforcement Center and Westview Cemetery, he assigned this to the Building & Grounds Committee to make a recommendation as soon as possible.

Bldg. & Grnds

Adjourn: 6:10 PM


Norman D. Crain
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council

*Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 87-10, "Industrial Revenue Bond Ordinance for Log Cabin Acquisition Corporation, Inc. in the Amount not to Exceed \$2,000,000" be adopted on second reading.