

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, February, 16, 1988 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, Westminster News, Greenville News, Anderson Independent, Keowee Courier, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, WCCP Radio, WYFF TV & WLOS TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Dave Partenheimer - WSNW Radio, Randall Holcombe - Greenville News, Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio, Beth Lowry - Seneca Journal & Cindy Landrum - Anderson Independent.

All other persons who have requested 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.

Meeting

The invocation was given by Dr. Earle.

Invocation

Mr. Crain asked that it be made a part of the public record of his and Council's congratulations to Mr. Bob Strother on being named Director of the Council of Governments.

Congratulation
to Mr. Bob
Strother

Mr. Strother introduced Ms. Julie Strickland who will be covering the Oconee County Council Meetings.

Next on the agenda was a public hearing concerning the abandonment by the county of County Roadway Ch 4 which runs through the property of Mr. Blake Griffith, Ms. Kim Reese and Ms. Gladys Reese. All three of the property owners have signed a request that this roadway be abandoned. Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that this request be honored.

Public Hearing
on Ch 4

At the request of Ms. Debbie Thomason of the Humane Society and Ms. Lindsay Fields, President of the Humane Society, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that the attached addendum to the agreement by and between Oconee County and the Oconee County Humane Society be adopted.

Humane
Society

Also at the request of the Humane Society, Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper out of room) that some of the animals that are not adopted after the five (5) day holding period could be assigned to the Humane Society before they are put to sleep for a thirty (30) day period to give the animal an opportunity to be adopted.

At the request of Sheriff Earle Holcombe, Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 4 - 1 (Mr. Dyar voting against) that the bid for the summer uniforms for the Sheriff's Department be awarded to the higher bidder for the color, quality and the fact that they could match the patch exactly. They are also on the deputies' way when they go to Columbia. The total of the bid is \$3,064.74. (See attached bid)

Sheriff's
Uniforms

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar approved 5 - 0 that the Board of Registration's attached request for temporary help in the amount of \$3,500 be approved.

Bd. of
Registration

Mr. Earlen Auterburn addressed Council concerning the lengthening of County Roadway CE 112. Mr. Auterburn purchased the property in 1979, he was not told at that time it was a county roadway nor was he told a roadway would be provided by Oconee County.

CE 112

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Crain referred this matter to legal counsel.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 88-2, "1987-88 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance" be adopted on first reading in title only.

Ord. 88-2

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that a 1988 Ford F600 4X4 Truck be purchased on state contract for the road department at a cost of \$28,600.

Truck for
Road Dept.

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Ted Snyder's resignation from the Library Board be accepted and Dr. Donald E. Neal, Route 2, Box 543, Winstead Road, West Union, S. C. 29696 be appointed to replace him with his term commencing immediately and expiring June 30, 1991.

Commission
Appointment

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the attached two (2) transfers be approved.

Transfers

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Robert Gaillard & Mrs. Lucille Battle be reappointed to Board of the Council of Governments with their terms commencing immediately and expiring January 1, 1991.

COG
Appointments

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. John Barnett be appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Mr. Claude Wooten of the PRT Commission with his term commencing immediately and expiring January 1, 1990.

PRT Appt.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the Department of Social Services be permitted to allow the Oconee County Literacy Program to use whatever room might be available for use for tutors who are helping Oconee County residents complete the GED or Adult High School Program of Oconee County.

Literacy
Program

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Wachovia Bank & Trust be permitted to replace lost Duke Power Project Bonds owned by the The Exchange Bank of Kingstree as per attached request.

Duke Bonds

After discussion, Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Butts out of room) that each Council Member individually contact Senator Alexander Macaulay to convey their feelings to him concerning the Local Government Finance Act.

Local Gov.
Finance Act

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Mr. Crain wanted to go on record he was opposed to the Local Government Finance Act because the average citizen would pay more in sales tax than he presently pays in property tax and it would not generate that much revenue for the county.

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