

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, March 15, 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, Keowee Courier, Greenville News, Anderson Independent, Westminster News, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, WCCP Radio, WYFF TV & WLOS TV.

Press

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

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.

Meeting

The invocation was given by Mr. Dyar.

Invocation

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 that the minutes of the March 1, 1988 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

At the request of Ms. Julie Strickland of COG, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 to apply on behalf of the Appalachian Council of Governments for an EDA Grant in the amount of \$25,000.

EDA Grant

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 to award the bid for 200 picnic tables for the PRT Department to Iron Mountain Forge at \$91.00 per table for a total of \$19,110.

PRT
(Picnic Table)

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that Ordinance 88-2, "1987-88 Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance" be adopted as amended on third and final reading.

Ord. 88-2

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that Sloan Construction be awarded the bid for recapping county roadways in the amount not to exceed \$896,000 (including "C" funds) and Pickens Construction be awarded the bid for County Roadway SE 45, South Cove Parking Lot and set up and asphaltting (to include CH 9) in an amount not to exceed \$260,639 (including "C" funds). These were the low bidders. (See attached bid sheet)

1988 Rd. Pav

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that Ralph Hadley Architect & Associates be awarded the bid for architectural services for Lakeview Rest Home at a cost of \$7,500 plus direct expenses not to exceed \$500.

Lakeview

Page 2 - March 15, 1988

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that Ordinance 88-3, "An Ordinance Amending the Taxable Amount in Ordinance 87-10 (Log Cabin) from \$145,000 to \$265,000 be adopted on third and final reading.

Ord. 88-3

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 4 - 0 that Resolution 88-6, "A Resolution Designating the Anderson-Oconee Council on Aging as an Entity to Provide Transportation for the Handicapped and/or Elderly" be adopted on first and final reading.

Res. 88-6

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 that the Resolutions 87,88 & 89 be adopted on first and final reading:

Res. 87,88,89

"A Resolution Designating April 6, 1988 as Thomas Green Clemson Day in Oconee County"

"A Resolution Congratulating Clemson University on its Centennial Celebration"

"A Resolution Directing that the Clemson University Flag Shall Fly Over the Courthouse the Week of April 6, 1988"

Mr. Jack Ruff, Director of Clemson Extension Operation in Oconee County, also asked that each Council Member appoint one member and the County Supervisor appoint one member to an advisory committee to outline goals and give guidance for the extension program. These members terms would match Council Members terms.

Mr. Crain informed Council that Dr. Garrison of Tri County Tech has informed him that Anderson & Pickens Counties are interested in the proposed building project at Tri County and are currently trying to work out funding details. Dr. Garrison also informed Mr. Crain it would be possible to fund Oconee County's portion of \$200,000 over a two fiscal year period. Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that Oconee County commit to this funding.

Tri County
Tech

In response to Mr. Williams' question, Mr. Crain informed Council the county had done temporary repair on the leak of the courthouse roof and General Tire & Rubber will make the repair to the roof.

Courthouse
Roof

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 that the attached transfer for the Rock Crusher be approved.

Transfer

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 4 - 0 that \$874 be taken from contingency for temporary help in the Law Enforcement Center while one of the employees is out for surgery.

Temporary
Help (LEC)

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 that \$155 be taken from contingency and placed in line item number 10 011 00150 11351 to replace funds taken from this line item to purchase a flowmeter. Dr. Earle also asked that the letter be dated 3/14/88 as that is when it was received by the Council Clerk.

Animal
Shelter
(Contingency)

Mr. Crain reminded Council of the Emergency Preparedness meeting to be held Thursday, March 17, 1988 to discuss a siren warning system for the areas of the county who do not presently have the system.

Emergency
Preparedness

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 that Third National Bank be permitted to replace Oconee County, South Carolina Industrial Revenue Bonds (Phillips Project) numbers 733 & 734 which have been lost, these bonds belong to Mr. Edwin Malloy, Jr.

Bonds

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that the attached transfer from the supervisor be approved.

Transfer

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 4 - 0 that Oconee County obtain an option to purchase approximately 58 acres of property adjoining the airport for the purpose of opening the extension of the runway, the county to pay the expenses of the surveyor (if the property should survey out to be much less than expected the county would have to rethink its position.)

Airport

If the county does purchase the property, the cost of \$171,000 would be made in three payments, \$55,000 will be paid this fiscal year, one half of the remaining amount would be paid the week of July 1, 1988 and the remaining amount would be paid in the 1989-90 fiscal year with an annual interest rate of 8 1/2 percent.

Mr. Crain updated Council on the fuel leak at the Motor Pool. He informed Council they had to dig approximately thirty nine (39) feet to reach soil acceptable to DHEC in which the fuel had leaked. He also informed Council he did not feel it was necessary to replace these tanks at this time, although some of the Council Members felt these tanks would eventually have to be replaced, it would be good to see how well the county operated without them for a while.

Fuel Leak

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that that attached transfer for the Assessor's Office be approved.

Transfer

Page 4 - March 15, 1988

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that Resolution 88-10, "A Resolution Directing a Special Election be Held July 12, 1988 to Fill the Unexpired Term of Mr. Larry A. Butts, Council Member from District Four" be adopted on first and final reading.

Res. 88-10

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 4 - 0 that the attached arts contract be approved.

Arts Contract

It was announced at the committee meeting Monday Night, March 14, 1988 immediately following the regular Council Meeting there would be a discussion concerning the hospital lease.

Hospital

After a five minute recess the Council Meeting resumed to discuss the lease under old business.

Dr. Earle requested Mr. W. H. Hudson, Administrator of the Hospital participate in the discussion. Dr. Earle stated the two main concerns of Council are participation and representation of the people of Oconee County on the Hospital Board. Dr. Earle stated the original proposal stated there would be one (1) member from each Council District, Board Members continue to be represented by the Chief of Staff, Chief of Staff Elect, a County Council representative and one minority representative from the county at large.

The annual meeting be advertised in county newspapers, mailings go out to all registered voters, the ads and mailings include the list of nominees from the nominating committee of the hospital board. Members would be elected by Council Districts at the next annual meeting following the general election at which the County Council are elected. This would mean that at the annual meeting in 1989 members would be elected to represent districts 2, 4 & 5. Also in order to serve on the board these members must be members of the association. Voting would be restricted to association members and registered voters in that particular district. Dr. Earle further stated it was the consensus of Council that two (2) members should be elected from each Council District in order to elect one member every year instead of every two years, this would also take care of the minority representation.

For participation, the hospital board suggested an agenda of the annual meeting be included in the mailings as well as the proposed list of nominees and a statement of the mission and purpose of the hospital.

The main difference that remains unresolved is the method of electing the board members. The method recommended by the hospital association is to restrict voting to association members.

County Council feels all registered voters who reside in the district should be able to vote on nominees for board members and in addition nominees be received from the floor.

Hospital
Discussion
Continued

Mr. Hudson stated he felt the Board felt only members of the association should vote, however he personally felt there was room for negotiation. He further stated he felt there could be some room for change in the method used to register voters in the association, that each member of the association be a registered member with a number assigned to each member.

Mr. Hudson stated he had some reservations and he also had some reservations of the board's acceptance of one (1) member elected from each Council District and one (1) member appointed from each Council District.

Mr. Crain stated he believed what Council had agreed to do the night before was to reduce their position to writing and present it to the hospital board for their consideration.

He felt there could be a special meeting to change the bylaws, no one's present term would be shortened and the terms should be at the discretion of the association.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Crain suggested that a paying member could run for office and a non paying member could vote for the representative from his district only.

Mr. Dyar stated he felt the amendment Mr. Crain had proposed of a person attending the annual board meeting with a voter's registration card being able to participate in the election process was a good idea.

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that the following proposal be forwarded to the hospital board for their consideration:

District lines be changed to conform to Council District lines; two members be elected from each district; to have the Chief of Staff, Chief of Staff Elect, a representative of Council serve on the board with the President of the Association serving as an ex-officio member; thirteen voting members and one non voting member; the mail outs would be good information; the nominating committee would nominate no less than two (2) nominees per position, nominations would be taken from the floor allowing ample time for any nominations from the floor; association members be allowed to vote on any issue and registered voters be allowed to vote only on the representative from their district and if the association so desired they could accept that as membership; voting

Page 6 - March 15, 1988

voting members could run for office, non paying members could not.

Mr. Crain also suggested the annual meeting be held somewhere other than the hospital in hopes there would be many people in the county attend, he suggested the courtroom.

Adjourn: 5:40 PM

Norman D. Crain /og
Norman D. Crain
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council

Hospital
Discussion
Continued