

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, May 3, 1988 at 7:00 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, Randall Holcombe - Greenville News, Cindy Landrum - Anderson Independent, Ashton Hester - Keowee Courier & Dave Hennigan - 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 April 19, 1988 meeting be adopted with the amendment that the motion to adopt Ordinance 88-4 be 'in title only', not 'on third and final reading'.

Minutes

Mr. Jimmy DuPre, Superintendent of Education, Mr. Jim Bridges & Mr. James Brown of the School District presented the 1988-89 school budget request to Council.

School  
Budget

Mr. DuPre informed Council that the funds spent per Oconee County pupil had gone from number ten in 1982 to number twenty-nine in 1987 in South Carolina. He further informed Council that projected revenue which comes as a result of state laws and that generated within the district itself will amount to only \$787,000 new dollars next year. This is not enough to pay required salary increases and without additional local funding the school district will not be able to cover normal increases in operational costs.

Mr. Bridges informed Council that 42% of the school department's funding comes from taxes (county taxes).

Mr. Brown related the three budget requests in the following manner:

- (1) Crucial relates to standards
- (2) Much needed relates to status quo - improving existing programs
- (3) Needed is creditable

After much discussion, Council accepted their requests and informed them there would be a public hearing on the entire proposed budget Tuesday, May 10, 1988 at 7:00 PM in the courtroom.

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that Ordinance 88-4, "An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 87-8, Animal Control Ordinance" be adopted as read by the County Attorney on second reading.

Ord. 88-4

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 4 - 0 that Ordinance 88-5, "1988-89 Budget Ordinance" be adopted on first reading in title only.

Ord. 88-5

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that Oconee County send a letter to Farmers Home Administration stating Oconee County's intent to participate in the Farmer's Home Administration's discount program and canceling an undistributed amount of \$33,938.13 in undisbursed funds.

FHA Loan

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that Oconee County loan the Oconee County Sewer Commission on a short term basis \$198,404.76 to go along with the letter of intent that has to be at the FHA Office in Greenville by Friday, May 6, 1988.

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that McNair Law Firm of Greenville be selected as bond counsel for this project.

Mr. Crain explained that it will be necessary for the county to issue, on behalf of the Sewer Commission, revenue bonds sufficient to pay off the remaining balance of \$3,968,095 at a discount rate of approximately 30%. This should result in a savings of \$2,000,000 over the life of the bonds.

Council agreed by consensus the county should accept proposals on this to see what investment firm can save the county the most money.

Council scheduled a special meeting Tuesday, May 10, 1988 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers to consider the proposals.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that the attached nine (9) transfers be approved.

Transfers

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 4 - 0 that check number 108841793 from the Mike Gullledge Fund received as a matching grant on behalf of COG be deposited and a check for the same be sent to COG. Also, a letter of thanks be sent to the Honorable Robert N. McLellan for his assistance in receiving this check.

COG Grant

Mr. Crain presented Council Members with copies of the engineering proposals received and asked them to look them over before the next regular Council Meeting.

Engineering  
Proposals

As per the attached request from the tenant of the Calvitt property, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that the tenant secure a professional exterminator to spray the house for spiders and the county deduct up to \$50.00 from the rent for one month with the tenant paying the remainder.

Calvitt  
Property

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that \$2,608.50 be taken from contingency and placed in line item number 10 026 00220 01220, courthouse maintenance, for the installation of fire alarms and emergency lights in the tax center in the courthouse and that \$816 be placed in the 1988-89 budget for maintenance.

Contingency

Mr. Crain referred a request for office space from the Board of Assessment Appeals to the Building & Grounds Committee.

Office Space

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 4 - 0 that the attached contracts for DHEC for dental care for dental care for the migrants be approved.

Health  
Contracts

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 that \$800 be taken from contingency to pay a secretary to work while the PRT Secretary is out on maternity leave.

Contingency

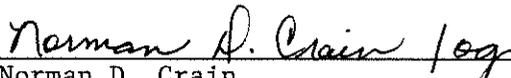
Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 4 - 0 that Council go into executive session to discuss a legal matter.

Executive  
Session

When Council resumed open session, Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 that Mr. Brandt's request that Council approved the hiring of Co-Counsel to work with him on the hospital suit due to the importance of the litigation and also that he be allowed to make a recommendation at the special meeting to be held May 10, 1988 as to the person to hire for this position.

Open Session

Adjourn: 9:45 PM

  
Norman D. Crain  
Supervisor-Chairman  
Oconee County Council