

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, May 17, 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, WZLI/WLET Radio, WYFF TV & WLOS TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio & Tom Johnson - 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. Williams.

Invocation

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that the minutes of the regular meeting held May 3, 1988 be adopted as printed.

5/3/88
Minutes

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 that the minutes of the special meeting held May 10, 1988 be adopted as printed.

5/10/88
Minutes

First on the agenda was second reading of the 1988-89 budget ordinance. Some of the highlights of the proposed budget Mr. Crain pointed out are:

1988-89
Budget

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| Budget Total: | \$25,708,814 |
| County Portion: | \$10,888,578 |
| School Portion: | \$14,504,615 |
| Tri County Tech: | \$ 315,621 |

The present millage is 132 mils, however to comply with SC Code of Laws, it appears the millage will have to be decreased to 126 mils with reassessment going into effect.

Estimated millages to cover expenses in the proposed 1988-89 budget are:

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| County Operating: | 35.00 mils |
| County Bonds: | 2.75 mils |
| School Operating: | 78.75 mils |
| Tri County Tech: | 2.00 mils |
| Total Mils: | 131.00 mils |

The school department will receive 71% of all ad-valorem taxes collected in the county. The county portion of the proposed budget will require no increase in taxes.

Mr. Crain recommended local school funding operational of \$12,370,587, he recommended a transfer of 2.25 mils and a 5.00 mil tax increase for the school department. This is a 12.91% increase for operational purposes which is 59% more than is required by South Carolina Law.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, that Ordinance 88-5, "1988-89 Oconee County Budget Ordinance" be adopted on second reading.

Ord. 88-5

Although it was the consensus of Council that it is unfair of the state to mandate programs and then not fund them and no one really wanted a tax increase, the ordinance was adopted on second reading by a vote of 4 - 0.

At the recommendation of the Chief Magistrate and the Sheriff, Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that Unisys Computer System be purchased for their offices at a cost of \$89,714.54 which includes hardware to add the Seneca Magistrate Office.

Computer for Sheriff & Magistrate

At the recommendation of the Probate Judge, Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that Smith Data be awarded the bid for a computer for the Probate Judge's Office at a cost of \$14,051.19 plus \$1,716.75 for maintenance.

Computer for Probate Judge

Mr. Ward Stone addressed Council concerning the county striping the roadways in Stonehaven Subdivision. Mr. Stone informed Council that he, as the developer, and the residents were opposed to the roadways being striped because the yellow lines would mar the looks of the subdivision and they care about how the subdivision looks.

Road Striping

Mr. Stone also read the attached petition signed by twenty-six (26) families in the subdivision objecting to the striping of the roadways.

Mr. Crain read the attached letter from Seneca High School requesting the roadway be striped for safety purposes.

Mr. Brandt, County Attorney, stated it was ultimately the county supervisor's decision as which roadways should be striped.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Stone stated he would like to poll the residents to see if they would like for the county to abandon the roadways in Stonehaven Subdivision.

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that Iron Mountain Forge be awarded the bid for grills for PRT at \$39.10 each for 180 campfire grills and \$55.90 each for stand up grills. (See attached bids)

Grills
for PRT
for stand

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that Palmetto Equipment Company be awarded the bid for bar lights for the Sheriff's vehicles at a total cost of \$4,928.11. (See attached bids)

Bar Lights
Sheriff's
Vehicles

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 on third and final reading.

Ord. 88-4

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that Resolution 88-14, "A Resolution to Endorse Application by Anderson-Oconee Council on Aging for Gasoline Tax Funds to Finance Capital Equipment for Elderly & Handicapped Needs" be adopted on first and final reading.

Res. 88-14

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 that Resolution 88-15, "A Resolution of the Oconee County Council Endorsing Application by the Tribble Center for Gasoline Tax Funds to Finance Capital Improvements" be adopted on first and final reading.

Res. 88-15

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 3 - 0 (Mr. Harper abstained from voting due to having a relative working for one of the firms to be considered) that J. C. Bradford be awarded the bid as underwriter for the bond refinancing of the Oconee County Farmers Home Administration Loan.

Invest
Firm for
Sewer Bonds

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 that Ordinance 88-6, "A General Obligation Ordinance Authorizing & Providing for the Issuance of Sewer System Revenue Bonds of Oconee County, South Carolina; Prescribing the form of the Bond; Limiting the Payment of the Bonds Solely to the Revenues Derived from the Operation of the System & Pledging the Revenues to Such Payment; Creating Certain Funds and Making Other Covenants & Agreements in Connection with the Foregoing" be adopted on first reading in title only.

Ord. 88-6

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that Ordinance 88-7, "A First Supplemental Ordinance Providing for the Issuance & Sale of Oconee County, South Carolina, Sewer System Revenue Refunding & Improvement Bonds, Series 1988, & Other Matters Relating Thereto" be adopted on first reading in title only.

Ord. 88-7

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

Transfers

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Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that paragraph V of "General Instructions to Bidders" be revised to read as per attached copy.
Bid

Revision
of General
Inst. to

Due to the increase in the cost of radios, Dr. Earle, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 that the county purchase used 110 watt radios at a cost of \$627 each.

Radios

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 4 - 0 that Council go on record supporting the Supervisor-Chairman's position on the R. Pete Julian water problem that if Mr. Julian purchase the pipe and install it, Oconee County will dig the ditch and recover it. Also Mr. Brandt is to write Mr. Julian a letter stating the county's position.

R. Pete
Julian
Water Problem

Council scheduled a committee meeting Tuesday, May 24, 1988 at 2:00 PM in Council Chambers to discuss the engineering proposals for engineering services for the coming year.

Committee
Meeting

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 that rather than send \$1,754 revenue sharing funds back to the federal government that it be used to pour concrete beside the Motor Pool & Purchasing Department, purchase a hose reel for the diesel pump and an aluminum canopy to cover the pumps at the Motor Pool.

Federal
Funds

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 that upon the City of Seneca's recommendation Ms. Saverne Williams be appointed to the Health & Sanitation Commission to represent the City of Seneca as an Ex-Officio Member and that Mr. Johnny McLellan be appointed to the Sewer Commission.

Commission

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

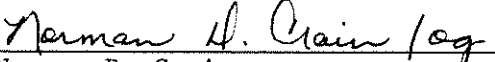
Executive
Session

When open session resumed, Mr. Brandt, County Attorney, recommended that Mr. Theodore Snyder or Mr. Michael Glenn be appointed as Co-Counsel to work with him on the hospital law suit.

Open Session

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 that Mr. Snyder be appointed.

Adjourn: 5:30 PM


Norman D. Crain
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council