

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, June 6, 1989 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, Westminster News, Greenville News, Anderson Independent, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, WYFF TV, WLOS TV, WBES Radio, & WZLI/WLET Radio.

Press

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio, Tom Johnson - Seneca Journal, Randall Holcombe - Greenville News & Aston Hester - Keowee Courier.

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

Other Persons

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

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the May 16, 1989 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

At the request of Mrs. Roddey Stoudemire, Library Board Chairman, there was a consensus of Council that the \$36,000 in the 1988-89 budget be carried forward into the next fiscal year. (See attached letter)

Library

At the request of Mr. Robert Winchester, Sewer Commission Director and Mr. Howard Adams of the Sewer Commission, Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the attached proposed 1989-90 budget for the Sewer Commission be approved.

Sewer Budget

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that Ms. Susan Tucker of the Health Department conduct a health risk appraisal for the county employees as per attached letter.

Health Risk

At the request of Mr. Lee Davis, Motor Pool Director, and Ms. Helen Jackson of the Motor Pool, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that a computer be purchased for the Motor Pool from Ross Computer Consultants at a cost of \$1,845. The computer has an eighteen (18) month warranty and they were low bid. This will replace the present computer as they are having a problem with this computer losing data, etc.

Motor Pool
Computer

After considerable discussion in which Mr. Strickland apologized to Mr. Brown, School Superintendent, saying he was not referring to the school principals when he was talking about school personnel being overpaid and the value of a school mill at this time being established at a value of \$172,000. Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland that second reading of Ordinance 89-3, "1989-90 Oconee County Budget Ordinance" be delayed, have a work session at the earliest possible time and have a special meeting next Tuesday.

Ord. 89-3

After further discussion, Mr. Dyar said he would withdraw his motion, but Mr. Strickland did not want to withdraw his second to the motion. However the request to withdraw the motion was defeated with Mr. Strickland, Dr. Earle and Mr. Stone voting against.

Mr. Brandt advised Council the motion was out of order and therefore it was dropped.

Mr. Crain presented the proposed 1989-90 county budget to Council, the proposed budget is a total of \$30,267,378 with the school portion \$17,788,074 and the county portion \$12,479,313. The millage is 139.85 with 39 mills for county operational purposes and 100.85 for the school. This includes a 4% cost of living raise for county employees, one (1) new deputy, two (2) new dispatchers, a new fire truck and one half of the county's portion for an auditorium to be built at Seneca, Walhalla and the renovation of the auditorium at Tamassee-Salem.

Budget

After Mr. Crain's presentation, Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle that Ordinance 89-3, "1989-90 Oconee County Budget Ordinance" be adopted on second reading.

Ord. 89-3

Mr. Dyar stated he could not support a budget that called for a twenty-one (21) Mill increase on the people of Oconee County. Mr. Strickland concurred with him.

Dr. Earle stated he agreed with Mr. Dyar and Mr. Strickland and made a motion to amend the budget to exclude the 3.85 mills for auditorium purposes. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the motion to adopt Ordinance 89-3 be postponed until June 13, 1989 at 3:00 PM.

Council then scheduled a work session for Thursday, June 8, 1989 at 6:30 PM for further discussion of the budget.

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that up to \$300,000 be taken from the Rock Crusher sinking fund account for the purchase of a screening plant at the Rock Crusher.

Screening
Plant

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper approved 4 - 1 (Mr. Harper voting against) that his motion be amended to include that revenue from the sale of the product of the screening plant be set aside for the purchase of major equipment.

Mr. Crain stated he opposed this for reasons previously stated.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfer for the Motor Pool be approved.

Transfers

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

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfer Planning & Development be approved. #1

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfer for the Solicitor's Office be approved.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that that attached transfer for Animal Control be approved.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfer for Planning & Development along with \$1,834 from contingency be approved.#2

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfer for PRT be approved. #1

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfer for PRT be approved. #2

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfer for Rock Crusher be approved.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 1 (Mr. Dyar voting against) that the attached transfer for the Law Enforcement Center be approved.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 3 - 2 (Mr. Harper & Mr. Dyar voting against) that the attached transfer for Public Buildings be approved.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Ed Wright be appointed to the Arts & Historical Commission with his term commencing immediately and expiring December 31, 1991.

Arts Appt.

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the attached arts contracts be approved.

Arts Contract

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the bid for health insurance for the 1989-90 fiscal year be awarded to General Administrators as per attached bid and monthly rates.

Health Insurance

By consensus of Council, Mr. Jerry Dyar was reappointed to the Private Industry Council.

PIC Council

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper out of room) that Mr. Mike Sponsler and Mr. Thomas A. Campbell be appointed to the PIC Council.

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Plus, Inc.'s contract for typewriter maintenance and Morris Communications' contract for radio equipment be extended for the 1989-90 fiscal year at the same rates of the 1988-89 fiscal year.

Typewriter & Radio

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the county purchase a total of sixty-five (65) steel beams from the South Carolina Highway Department at \$2.50 per linear foot with Thrift Brothers moving them to Oconee County for approximately twenty-five (25) of them. The total cost is \$9,370.

Steel Beams

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the difference of \$2,009 received by Oconee County by the insurance company and the cost of having Lakeview Rest Home cleaned when the furnace malfunctioned.

Lakeview

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the 4-H Club be allowed to have one (1) mare from the Animal Shelter as per attached request.

4-H Club

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the regular Council Meeting which would be held July 4 be moved to June 27, 1989 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers.

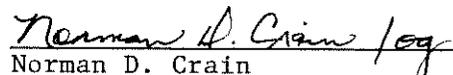
First Meeting
in July

Mr. Ronnie LeCroy, owner of Cherokee Path Restaurant, addressed Council regarding a county facility centrally located rather than building auditoriums at all the schools.

Auditoriums

Mr. Crain and Council thanked him for his comments and interest in governmental matters.

Adjourn: 10:50 PM


Norman D. Crain
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council