

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, July 18, 1989 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers with all Council Members and W. Jerry Fedder, Attorney, present.

Members of the press notified (by mail): Seneca Journal, Keowee Courier, Westminster News, Anderson Independent, Greenville News, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, WBES Radio, WZLI/WLET Radio, WYFF TV & WLOS TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio & Ron Barnett - Anderson Independent.

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

Other Person

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Chairman Crain who welcomed the guests and media.

Meeting

The invocation was given by Mr. Strickland.

Invocation

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the June 27, 1989 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

Mr. Jimmy Skilton addressed Council regarding recreation for teenagers in Oconee County. Mr. Skilton stated he represented a group called "Keep Straight" and they were wanting permission to get something for the teenagers to do. After considerable discussion, Mr. Crain asked Mr. Kevin Ewbank, PRT Director, to help this group get into some of the existing programs and he also suggested they join some of the church activities.

Recreation
for Teenager

Mr. Tony Baker addressed Council regarding maintenance on a roadway in front of his home. After considerable discussion, it was determined this portion of the roadway would not qualify for maintenance under the present policy.

Road Maint.

Mrs. Margaret K. Stiepel addressed Council regarding the paving of county roadway SE 261. After considerable discussion, Mr. Crain explained to Mrs. Stiepel the priority in paving roads, and that the county's policy is to pave the roadways that serve the most people. (See letter)

SE 261

Mr. Wayne Lowry & Mr. Peter Friedman addressed Council regarding a non-exclusive county wide cable TV franchise in Oconee County. After discussion, this was referred to the Law Enforcement, Safety, Health & Welfare Services Committee for a recommendation.

Cable TV

Mrs. Ruby Crooks addressed Council regarding alleged harassment by the PRT Director.

PRT

After discussion, Mr. Ewbank, PRT Director, stated he had talked with Mrs. Crooks on several occasions about going through the green boxes and opening trash bags and going through them, however, he was not trying to harass Mrs. Crooks, but felt he would have to do whatever was necessary to keep Mrs. Crooks or anyone from this practice.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the county donate approximately seven hundred, fifty (750) tons of gravel to the school district for preparing a parking area and exit for Code Elementary School.

Gravel for
Code Elem.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that two (2) JTPA Workers for the Magistrate's Office be approved at no cost to the county.

JTPA Workers
Magistrate

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Oconee County accept the bid of Kirk Messick & Norman Trotter to audit the county records for fiscal year 1989-90 with the intention of staying with them for three (3) years. This could be canceled by either party with a ninety (90) day notice and would be awarded one year at a time.

Auditors

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper out of room) that the Oconee County Library be allowed to hold a surplus book sale with the funds being deposited in the county general funds then transferred to a library account by action of Council when requested by the Library Board.

Library

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper out of room) that the attached DSS contract be approved.

DSS Contract

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the attached contract with Cott Corporation for the indexing of court records be approved.

Cott Contract

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that \$420 be taken from contingency and placed in line item number 10 004 00110 00429 to be able to hire an experienced deputy at a step above entry.

Deputy Salary
(Contingency)

The Building & Grounds Committee scheduled a meeting Thursday, July 27, 1989 at 9:00 AM in the Tax Center to review the office space needs of the Delinquent Tax Collector's Office.

Bldg. & Grnds

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Resolution 89-5, "A Resolution Honoring Mr. Jack Kelley as Outstanding Volunteer of the Year" for his work at the Rosa Clark Clinic be adopted and Mr. Kelley be invited to the August 1, 1989 meeting to be presented this resolution.

Res. 89-5

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, 5 - 0 that eight (8) cubic yards of crusher run gravel be donated to the Arts & Historical Society for a walkway at Stumphouse Tunnel as well as transport any cross ties they might find if the entity donating them does not have a way to transport them. (See attached letter)

Gravel for
Arts &
Historical

Mr. Crain asked the Council Members to review the attached "Drug Free Workplace Policy" and make a decision to adopt this or a similar policy in the future.

Drug Free
Policy

Mr. W. Jerry Fedder, Attorney, informed Council that the only time volunteers are referred to in the workers compensation act is in the case of volunteer firemen and emergency workers. The only other section that refers to volunteers is the exclusion of casual employees. If a person is working on a regular daily or weekly basis he would not be considered a casual employee and the county would be liable if he should get hurt on the job.

Workers
Compensation

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that a purchase order be approved in the amount of \$5,100 plus freight (\$3,000 up front) for the Auditor's Office to update and improve the capacity of their computer equipment.

Auditor's
Office

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the county accept bids to rent the Calvitt house at the airport with a \$500 security deposit and a minimum bid of \$300 a month for rent or a \$250 security deposit with payroll deductions and a minimum bid of \$300 a month for rent.

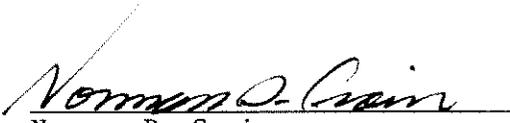
Calvitt House

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that Council to into executive session to discuss a contractual matter and a personnel matter.

Executive
Session

When open session resumed, there was no action taken by Council and Council adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Open Session


Norman D. Crain
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council