

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Dr. J. R. Earle, District I    Mr. Jerry Dyar, District II  
Mr. Michael E. Harper, District III    Mr. Roy B. Strickland, District IV  
Mr. Johnny D. Stone, District V

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, August 21, 1990 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers with all members present. Mr. Henry Floyd, Attorney, was also 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: Tom Johnson - Anderson Independent, Dick Mangrum -- WGOG Radio, Sherill Williams - WSNW Radio & Ron Barnett -- Greenville News.

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.

Call to Order

The invocation was given by Dr. Earle.

Invocation

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the August 7, 1990 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

First on the agenda was consideration of bids for a storage building for the Sheriff's Department. The low bid was \$1,448 over the budgeted amount. Some \$700 could be saved if the building were built without electricity. Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the project be rebid.

Stg. Bldg.  
Sheriff

Mr. Henry Floyd, Attorney, advised Council that the approval of a referendum regarding general obligation bonds for the hospital construction/renovation project would have to be done by ordinance, he further advised that first reading of the ordinance be August 22, 1990, second reading be August 23, 1990 and third reading be August 31, 1990. Also under the voting rights act the matter would have to be cleared by the Justice Department. The question of the hospital board members could not be included in this referendum as it is a separate issue in itself, this would be done as an advisory referendum only if Council wanted to pursue this further. Mr. Floyd further stated he did not feel their tax exempt status would change if the hospital had non partisan election of board members.

Hospital  
Discussion

Mr. Crain informed Council he had a revised request from the hospital requesting \$17,147,000 for a new hospital and \$2,940,000 to convert the present hospital into a long term care facility.

Mr. Strickland asked Mr. Floyd to check into the tax exempt status of the hospital, he further stated he thought it only made good sense to elect the board members for the hospital.

Hospital  
Discussion  
Continued

Mr. Crain stated he would like to commend the hospital board for their interest concerning the hospital, he did feel there is a need for some improvements at the hospital especially in surgery and the emergency room facilities. He further stated he felt it was unrealistic to think the voters will approve \$20,000,000 in general obligation bonds.

Mr. Crain also stated he felt the request should be modified so that it would have a chance to pass - the project could be co-funded, private sector funds should be sought, he felt some grants would be available and general obligation bonds should be used.

He further stated that he felt that if the public is asked to fund the project then the public should govern the facility through public election of board members.

Dr. Earle stated he felt the public also needs to have more involvement, however financing and the election of board members should not be combined at this time. The financing of such a project is the responsibility of the general public and revenue bonds should be reserved for equipment.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that Council proceed with the referendum and have the special meetings necessary to do so. The special meetings were then scheduled for August 22, 1990 August 23, 1990 & August 31, 1990 at 7:00 PM.

At the recommendation of Mr. Ken Williams, Auditor, Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the millage for 1990 tax year be set at 140 mills, this is a four (4) mill increase for school purposes over last year, broken down as follows: county operational - 40 mills, school - 98.25 mills and Tri County - 1.75 mills.

Millage

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

Magistrate  
Transfer

The transfer request for the Probate Judge's Office was delayed until the next meeting as there was no one from that office present.

Probate  
Judge  
Transfer

At the recommendation of Mr. Roger Williams, Assessor, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Stephen H. Owens be granted land use for the 1990 tax year and denied land use for 1988 and 1989 as it was not questioned until July 25, 1990.

Land Use

At the request of Mr. Jack Hirst, CCS Director, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the CCS Department be allowed to sell batteries from the landfills to keep lead and acid from contaminating the soil with the understanding that they follow the County Attorney's advice and call known vendors every three months or so to obtain the best price.

CCS

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Pioneer Machinery be awarded the bid for a used dragline for the Rock Crusher at \$68,500. (See attached bid)

Dragline  
Rock Crusher

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that Oconee Implement be awarded the bid for a tractor/sweeper for the road department with trade in of a used Ford tractor/sweeper 3000, serial number C462728 at a total cost of \$16,900. (See attached bid)

Tractor/Sweep  
Road Dept.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone that Ordinance 90-8, "The Smoking Pollution Control Ordinance" be adopted on third and final reading.

Ord. 90-8

Mr. Ken Williams, Auditor, addressed Council regarding the wording in the ordinance and after discussion, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Section V be amended to read: The use of smokeless tobacco in all enclosed government buildings and government vehicles is hereby prohibited.

The ordinance as amended was then adopted on third and final reading by unanimous vote.

The Building and Grounds Committee scheduled a joint meeting with the Health & Sanitation Commission Tuesday, September 4, 1990 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers to discuss concerns regarding the manned compaction site.

Building  
& Grounds  
Meeting

Mr. Stone announced there would be an informal Departmental Head meeting Wednesday, September 19, 1990 at 9:00 AM in Council Chambers.

Departmental  
Meeting

Mr. Crumpton, Rock Crusher Director informed Council the screen operation is going well at the rock crusher, they took in around \$20,000 last month from the operation.

Rock Crusher

Mr. Dewitt Mize, Rural Fire Marshal addressed Council regarding the law requiring volunteer firemen to have a physical. He is to get the county attorney a copy of this law.

Rural Fire

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the attached grant in the amount of \$7,401 for equipment.

Hospital  
Grant

Mr. Brandt, County Attorney, presented the attached explanation regarding Resolution 90-12, "A Resolution Providing for a Referendum on the Question of Continuing the Supervision and Control of the Confinement Facility & Jail Portion of the Oconee County Law Enforcement Center Under the Oconee County Council & to Provide that Appropriations for the Jail Shall be Made in the Fiscal Budget of the Oconee County Law Enforcement Center as a Separate & Distinct Department of County Government.

Explanation  
on Res.  
90-12

Mr. Crain asked Council Members to study the explanation and be prepared to vote on it at the special meeting to be held August 22, 1990.

Explanation  
Continued

Mr. Brandt then briefed Council regarding the default of Log Cabin as of March 1, 1990. The county is the mortgage holder, we have entered into suit for foreclosure on the mortgage, once this is done any proceeds will be remitted to the trustee bank for application to the bonds.

Log Cabin

Mr. Gene Lane has approached Mr. Brandt about delaying the foreclosure, but Mr. Brandt had informed him he could not commit himself until he had reviewed their books.

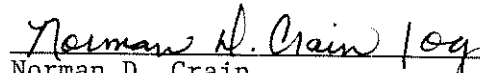
However, it will be sixty (60) days before anything can be done as IRS has liens against the property and they have this long to answer the judgements.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 to go into executive session for a personnel matter.

Executive  
Session

At 5:00 PM Council went back into open session for the purpose of adjourning.

Open Session

  
Norman D. Crain  
Supervisor-Chairman  
Oconee County Council