

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mrs. M. Fran Burrell, District I Mr. Jerry D. 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, February 5, 1991 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, Westminster News, Keowee Courier, Anderson Independent, Greenville News, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, WBES Radio, WZLI/WLET Radio, WYFF TV & WLOS TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Robin Boyles - Seneca Journal, Ron Barnett - Greenville News & Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio.

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.

Call to Order

Mr. Crain called for a moment of silent prayer for our armed forces in the Persian Gulf, then he asked Mrs. Burrell to give the invocation.

Invocation

Mr. Crain informed Council and those present that the county is constructing a fifty-two foot by thirty-two foot display in the shape and color of the flag on the front lawn of the courthouse on which the names of the citizens of Oconee County who are serving in the mid east will be placed for the duration of the war.

Flag Display

Mr. Crain introduced Mr. Alex James, the new PRT Dir. to those present.

PRT Director

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the January 15, 1991 be adopted as printed.

Minutes

At the request of Mr. Larry Butts, Chief Magistrate, Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfer in the amount of \$728 from out of county travel into salary line item 010 060 00110 06007 be approved.

Transfer for Magistrate

Also at the request of Mr. Butts, Mr. Strickland made motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfer in the amount of \$100 from maintenance on buildings into water be approved.

Transfer for Magistrate

At the request of Mr. C. D. Robinson of the Aeronautics Commission, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfer for \$1,000 from fertilizer & line into capital expenditures buildings and \$950 from maintenance buildings into capital expenditures buildings be approved. This is for the repair of the roof at the airport.

Transfer for Aeronautics

Mr. Eddie Cochran and Mr. F. M. McConnel had planned to speak against the proposed route for the Cryovac sewer line but said they could support the alternate route as proposed by the Sewer Commission.

Sewer Line
for Cryovac

At the recommendation of Mr. Howard Adams and Mr. Robert Winchester of the Sewer Commission, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper abstaining due to the fact that the alternate route could go across some property he owns) that Council adopt alternative number eight which is a short version of alternative number five for a sewer line for Cryovac. Also that a survey be completed where alternative number eight leaves off to determine if the two pump stations for the City of Seneca can be picked up.

** Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the \$50,000 in the Planning Commission budget be used to update the 201 Plan and if it exceeds this cost the Sewer Commission will pay the difference. This update is to include the need for holding tanks.

201 Update

Mr. Ed Hines Lowery, Mayor of Seneca, stated that the City of Seneca was in agreement with the action taken by the Sewer Commission.

Seneca Pump

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the City of Seneca and the Sewer Commission jointly fund the diversion of two of their pump stations from Seneca Creek to Perkins Creek with City of Seneca engineers overseeing the project. The Sewer Commission will fund \$426,000 of this project and the City of Seneca will fund \$230,000.

Mr. Crain read the attached proposed letter to the three cities (Walhalla, Westminster & Seneca) regarding the repair of their sewer lines to correct the I & I problems.

Letter to
Cities

Mr. Brandt, County Attorney, informed Council that according to a letter from the McNair Law Firm, the county could give the cities (Seneca, Walhalla & Westminster) tax funds to help repair the I & I problems on the basis that such a grant would be beneficial to the economy of the county. He further informed Council this should be done in the form of an ordinance.

Letter from
McNair

Mr. Crain asked for a motion to endorse the principle of borrowing \$1,250,000 through general obligation funds to be divided equally among the cities (Walhalla, Seneca & Westminster) to toward the correction of their I & I problems.

Council scheduled a special meeting Friday, February 8, 1991 at 9:30 AM in Council Chambers to consider this proposal.

Special Meet

Mr. Ray Harrison of the Tri County Builders Association commended Mr. Crain on his proposal.

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the attached request from the Library Board that certain library employees be excused with pay one and one-half hours for Mrs. Sarah M. Norton's funeral be approved. (See attachment)

Library
Request

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. strickland, approved 5 - 0 that Rural Fire be allowed to use \$120 in capital expenditures equipment for the purchase of computer furniture.

Rural Fire

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that a 1969 Ford 1800 tanker owned by the South Union Fire Department be transferred to Oconee County.

Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the attached "Blanket Purchase Agreement" be approved.

Blanket Bond

At the recommendation of Mrs. Marianne Dillard, Purchasing Director & Mr. Lee Davis, Motor Pool Director, Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that Blanchard Machinery repair the breaks on the Caterpillar loader at the Rock Crusher. They do not feel there is another qualified vendor in this area who can do the work as well as Blanchard who is the Caterpillar dealer. The estimated cost for this work is \$9,500 - \$10,000.

Rock Crusher

Mr. Davis also informed Council that he would probably have to have some transfers for gasoline at the next meeting.

Gas

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Jim Smith, Public Buildings Director, be allowed to do the plaster work at the courthouse and buy the items needed to do this work out of line item number 010 026 00220 01220.

Plaster Work

Mr. Crain informed Council that the lease on the Blue Ridge Electric Building expires May 30, 1991 and Blue Ridge Electric has indicated they do not need this building and are going to sell it. Oconee County has right of first refusal on this building.

Blue Ridge
Electric Bldg

Council asked the Council Clerk to get in writing the hours the Magistrate's Office has been using this building.

Magistrate's
Hours

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that \$3,795 received from the insurance company be placed back into contingency for the repair of the fire alarm at Lakeview Rest Home.

Funds Back to
Contingency

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that the attached JTPA contracts be approved.

JTPA

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that the attached arts contract with John Thomas Fowler for five appearances in the Oconee Schools in the amount of \$650 be approved.

Arts Contract

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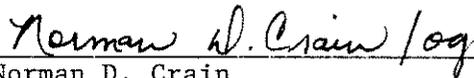
Mr. Crain asked Mr. Strickland, Chairman of the Law Enforcement, Safety, Health, Welfare & Services Committee to go with him and Mr. Hirst, CCS Director to a bid opening for solid waste recycling equipment at the SC Appalachian Council of Governments February 27, 1991 at 11:30 AM.

COG Meet

Mr. Brandt, County Attorney, informed Council that the suit brought against Oconee County by Ms. Nanette Alexander for wrongful dismissal had been dismissed.

Settlement
on Suit

Adjourn: 9:20 PM


Norman D. Crain
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council

** Amended to read Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the \$50,000 in the Planning Commission Budget be used to update the 201 Plan and if the cost exceeds this amount the Sewer Commission will pay the difference. The motion included the Sewer Commission to solicit proposals, review the proposals, interview the prospective engineering firms as well as select the firm to update the 201 Plan. This update is to include the study for the need for holding tanks.