

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mrs. M. Frances 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, April 16, 1991 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, 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: Robin Boyle - Seneca Journal, Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio, Ashton Hester - Keowee Courier & Ron Barnett - Greenville News.

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

The invocation was given by Mr. Dyar.

Invocation

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the April 2, 1991 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

At the request of Sheriff Holcombe, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the attached contract between the Oconee County Sheriff's Department and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service be adopted.

Sheriff
(Forest Service Contract)

At the request of Mr. Michael Willimon, Chairman of the Aeronautics Commission, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that the attached application for federal assistance for land acquisition and obstruction removal at the airport be approved. The application is in the amount of \$1,052,500; \$947,250 of this would be federal funds, \$52,625 would be state funds and \$52,625 would be local funds. If these funds are awarded the county will need to appropriate the matching funds at that time.

Aeronautics

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

Aeronautics
(Transfer)

Mr. Willimon, on behalf of the Aeronautics Commission also recommended that private individuals build hangers at the airport, leasing them to the individuals for twenty five (25) years and then the hangers revert to county ownership. Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that this be referred to the Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee.

Aeronautics

The Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee scheduled a meeting Friday, April 19, 1991 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers to discuss the "T" hangers, the junk car ordinance and the request of the hospital for Council to support the building of a new facility and financing it through revenue bonds.

Intergovernmental Meet

Also at the request of Mr. Willimon, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Talbert & Bright complete the specifications and inspect the installation of two (2) above ground fuel tanks for the airport.

Aeronautics

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfers in the amount of \$100 and \$230 be adopted.

PRT
(Transfers)

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfer for summer employees be adopted.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfers in the amount of \$867 and \$1,200 be adopted.

Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Arrington Well Drilling be awarded the bid for installing the new water line at High Falls Park and removing the old system at a cost of \$2,100. (See attached bid)

PRT
Water Line

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. James be allowed to hire a Green Thumb Worker for High Falls Park and when the contract with Green Thumb expires, he be hired as a seasonal worker at the park. Mr. Dyar also asked Mr. James to keep Council advised as to how well the program works.

PRT
Green Thumb

Mr. James also informed Council that the electrical work at South Cove Park had been completed and the park is now returning revenue to the county.

South Cove

Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that Resolution 91-2, " A Resolution Designating April as Fair Housing Month in Oconee County" be adopted on first and final reading.

Res. 91-2

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 91-4, " An Ordinance Granting Franchise to Command Cable of South Carolina, Inc., Its Successors and Assigns, to Operate a Community Antenna Television System in the County; Setting Forth Conditions Accompanying the Grant of the Community Antenna System: and Prescribing Penalties for Violation of the Franchise Provisions" be adopted on first reading in title only.

Ord. 91-4

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 91-3, 1990-91 Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance be adopted on second reading.

Ord. 91-3

Mr. Crain informed Council there would be a public hearing Tuesday, May 7, 1991 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers to receive written and/or oral comments regarding the supplemental appropriation ordinance.

Public Hearing

Mr. Harper gave Mr. Crain copies of Hospital Board Meetings & financial statements to keep on file for review.

Hospital

At the request of Mr. Strickland, Sheriff Holcombe informed Council that the employees in the Sheriff's Department are working overtime due to the fact there is more and more court sessions and other activities. Whoever is available works the over time, if no one volunteers to work the overtime, then it is assigned to someone.

Over Time
(Sheriff)

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that Walhalla, Westminster & Seneca be given one thousand tons of gravel per calendar year and five hundred tons be given to Salem & West Union per calendar year to be used for walking trails and such like projects.

Gravel for
Towns

Mr. Crain informed Council he had a request from the City of Westminster for one hundred, thirty tons of gravel.

Mr. Stone informed Council the next Departmental Head Meeting would be held May 8, 1991 at 10:00 AM in Council Chambers.

Departmental
Head Meet
CCS Commissio

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. John Brunson's resignation from the Health & Sanitation Commission be accepted with regret and he be sent a letter of appreciation.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Bruce Norton be reappointed to the Library Board with his term commencing July 1, 1991 and expiring June 30, 1995.

Library
Board

Mr. Crain appointed all Council Members to serve on the committee to study the request of Oconee Memorial Hospital for Council to support the building of a new facility to be financed through revenue bonds and Mr. Harper as Chairman of the Committee.

Hospital

Mr. Brandt, County Attorney, advised Council he did not feel he had a conflict of interest in this matter and he would be willing to give Council legal counsel on the matter.

The committee scheduled a meeting Friday, April 19, 1991 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers to discuss the matter.

Mr. Crain informed Council there were three (3) roadways that the names could not be resolved for 911 purposes. The roadways are SC Hwy. 182 presently known as Hwy. 182 or Oakway Road and S 198 and WA 29 presently known as LeCroy Road. Council scheduled a public hearing on these roadways Thursday, May 9, 1991 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers.

911 Naming
of Roadways

The Oconee County Budget & Finance Committee scheduled a meeting Thursday, April 25, 1991 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers for the purpose of discussing the proposed 1990-91 budget.

Budget Meet

Mr. Crain informed Council there would be a rally July 4, 1991 to welcome the troops home from Desert Storm.

Welcome
Home Rally

Mr. Brandt informed Council that it was time to renew the 7-Q-10 permit for the Sewer Commission and that DHEC will most likely lower the 7-Q-10 rate and that the discharge into Coneross Creek is based on the 7-Q-10 rating. The permitting of Aquenergy will depend on the 7-Q-10 level.

7-Q-10

At the recommendation of Mr. Brandt, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland approved 5 - 0 that the county proceed with the legal brief for a rehearing on the 7-Q-10 level and split the cost 50/50 with the Sewer Commission with the county's portion coming from contingency.

7-Q-10 Cont'd

Mr. Brandt also informed Council that the rate analyst for the \$1,000,000 General Obligation Bond is Standard & Poor and Moody's Investors in New York. They do not send representatives anywhere for a bond that small, therefore, Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that if a representative from Oconee County should need to go to New York that the county pay the expenses for Mr. Crain and Kathy McKinney from McNair Law Firm to go.

Bonds

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that Council go into executive session for a personnel and legal matter.

Executive Session

When Council went back into open session, Mr. Crain informed those present that the charges of judicial misconduct against Mrs. Becky Gerrard, Magistrate had been dismissed. Mr. Dyar then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that Mrs. Gerrard be reimbursed \$7,029.66 for legal fees.

Open Session

Mrs. Opal Green, Council Clerk, informed Council there were some problems with Cobra insurance that need to be corrected July 1, 1991.

Cobra Ins.

Mr. Brandt informed Council that all action taken in executive session regarding the Magistrate's case is restricted to confidentiality.

Magistrate

Adjourn: 6:50 PM

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