

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mrs. M. Fran Burrell, District I    Vacancy, District II  
Mr. Michael E. Harper, District IV    Mr. Roy B. Strickland, District IV  
Mr. Johnny D. Stone, District V

MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Oconee County Council held a special meeting Monday, July 29, 1991 at 10:00 AM in the Oconee County Council Chambers with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

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

Press

Members of the press present: Robin Boyle - Seneca Journal, Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio & Ron Barnett - Anderson Independent.

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

Call to Order

The invocation was given by Mr. Stone.

Invocation

Mr. Frank Wise, Director of the Anderson-Oconee Council on Aging, addressed Council regarding applying for a CDBG grant in the amount of \$400,000 for the renovation of the old Seneca Preschool for a senior center.

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Mr. Wise informed Council he had a letter from the South Carolina Commission on Aging committing \$10,000 to the project.

Mr. Wise also informed Council he had a letter from Anderson Oconee County on Aging committing \$10,000 to the project.

He further informed Council that Anderson-Oconee Council on Aging had an additional \$5,000 that could be used as a part of the match.

Mr. Wise also informed Council that the force account would receive credit for inspection by the building inspector, the fire official and volunteer labor.

Mr. Wise stated he felt he had the three items Council had requested:

- (1) Commitment for funds
- (2) Answer from the Health Department that they would not participate
- (3) A letter from the School District authorizing a ten (10) year lease on the building with option to renew

Mr. Wise assured Council he could get a letter from Council on Aging committing the \$5,000 to offset the force account. (See attachment)

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 4 - 0 that Resolution 91-8, "A Resolution Committing Matching Funds to a Community Revitalization Project that will Renovate the Seneca Preschool Building for use as a Senior Center of the Anderson-Oconee Council on Aging" be adopted on first and final reading.

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There was considerable discussion regarding the attached proposed sewer contract by and between Oconee County and the City of Seneca for the correction of I & I problems inside the city limits of Seneca.

Sewer Contract

Mr. Crain stated he felt the county had the right to inspect the entire sewer system to insure that I & I is corrected in all the cities.

Mr. Brandt, County Attorney, also stated the county had a right to inspect the entire system and this was an important part of DHEC releasing the county from the moratorium.

Mr. Brandt further informed Council the county could not maintain control with inspection of the project and he could not recommend the county accept the proposed contract from the City of Seneca from a legal standpoint.

Mr. Michael Smith, City of Seneca Attorney, assured Council that Seneca officials recognized their responsibility to correct the problem, however he felt the proposed contract gave the county right to inspect how the \$500,000 is spent, beyond that the city does not have to get the approval of the county, but the City of Seneca would do what was necessary to correct the problem to meet DHEC standards.

The Council Members felt the county needed to see that the work is completed correctly and and time.

After further discussion, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 3 - 1 (Mr. Harper voting against) that unless the City of Seneca approves the same I & I agreement that the Cities of Walhalla & Westminster approved by noon, Wednesday July 31, 1991, the offer be deemed rejected and Council meet in special session at 3:00 PM Wednesday, July 31, 1991 to consider the disposition of \$500,000.

Adjourn: 12:15 PM

*Norman D. Crain*  
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