

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mrs. M. Fran Burrell, District I    Vacancy, 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, October 1, 1991 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

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

Press

Members of the press present: Robin Boyle - Journal/Tribune & Carol Kreklar - Anderson Independent.

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. Heyward Douglass & Mr. C. D. Robinson of the Aeronautics Commission addressed Council regarding the approval of correspondence to be sent to property owners adjacent to the airport informing them of survey work to be done in that area and possible purchase of the property for air clearance at the airport. (See attached letter)

Aeronautics

Mr. Brandt, County Attorney, informed Council he would be glad to send the letters on behalf of the county, but he did want Council to be committed to the completion of acquiring the property even though it might require condemnation of the property.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell that the correspondence be approved by Council and sent by the Attorney.

Mr. Strickland made a motion, but withdrew it that the motion be amended that the Supervisor-Chairman and the Chairman of the Committee talk with the property owners and the letter be put on hold until this takes place.

The correspondence for the County Attorney to send to the property owners was then approved 4 - 0.

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 that the attached agreement with the Humane Society be adopted for the construction of an addition to the animal shelter with the understanding that construction will not begin until the exact acreage for Lakeview Rest Home has been settled.

Humane Society

Mr. Ernst Hesterberg, Chairman of the Arts & Historical Commission addressed Council regarding the adoption of the attached long range plan.

Arts & Historical

After discussion, Mrs. Vera Duke, Chairperson of the Oconee County Museum Association, addressed Council in opposition of the long range plan stating that the Lunney Museum had been omitted from the study. (See attachment)

Mr. John Bishop, President of the Blue Ridge Arts Association, stated the goal was to have an executive director to support all other organizations and the funding would be supported by all arts organizations.

Mrs. Betty Plisco, Lunney Museum, stated they did not disagree with the basic concept, they just want to be included.

Mr. Crain suggested that the Arts & Historical Commission and the Oconee County Museum Association meet and attempt to work out their differences and then it be assigned to committee.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 4 - 0 that the Oconee County Museum Association be allowed to apply for a grant to the South Carolina Department of Archives and History for funds to be used for a feasibility study for the restoration and renovation of the Lunney Carriage house and out-house.

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 that the attached transfer for the Veterans Affairs Office be approved.

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 that the attached transfer for the Assessor's Office be approved.

At the request of Sheriff Holcombe, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper that \$13,100 (including tax) be taken from contingency and placed in line item 10 004 00150 00840 for the purchase of two (2) used 1989 Ford Crown Victoria vehicles from NC State Purchasing & Contracting Division. Mr. Brandt, County Attorney, said he had no problem with the purchase being made without going through the bid process.

Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 that the motion be amended to include one (1) vehicle be purchased from funds in the Sheriff's Department for vehicles at a cost of \$6,550 (including tax). This would be a total of three (3) vehicles to be purchased.

The motion as amended was then adopted 4 - 0.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 that the request of PRT to use funds (\$2,314) to be received from an insurance claim on a damaged shelter at Chau Ram be applied to purchase a front end loader attachment for the parks.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 3 - 0 (Mr. Strickland out of room) that the bid for road paving to awarded to Thrift Brothers at \$21.50 per ton for recapping and \$4.50 per square yard for set up. (See attached bid)

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 3 - 0 (Mr. Harper out of room) that \$1,750 be taken from contingency and placed in line item 10 009 00150 00025 for dues to be paid to the American Association of Airport Executives in regard to storm water discharge application. (See attachment)

Lunney Museum

Veterans  
Affairs

Assessor's  
Office

Sheriff  
(Contingency)

PRT

Road Paving  
Bid

AAAE  
(Contingency)

Mr. Brandt, County Attorney, asked that it be made a part of the official record that it was not the intent of County Council to restrict the hauling of stone for governmental agencies, at the discretion of the Supervisor, by the adoption of Ordinance 91-10.

Ord. 91-10

Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland that Ordinance 91-10, "An Ordinance to Provide for the Sale of Surplus Stone, Gravel, and Like Products by Oconee County and to Prescribe the Manner of Such Sales and the Payment and Accounting Therefore, and to Repeal Ordinance 78-8 as Amended by Ordinance 79-12" be adopted as amended.

Ord. 91-10

Mr. Strickland then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 4 - 0 that Ordinance 91-10 be amended that anyone who had done \$3,000 business with good credit in the past year not have to have a credit check.

Ordinance 91-10 as amended was then adopted 4 - 0.

Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 that \$2,500 be taken from contingency and placed in line item 17 054 00150 00056 to correct the computer for credit sales.

Rock Crusher  
(Contingency)

Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 that Council go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Executive  
Session

When Council resumed open session, the Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee scheduled a meeting October 8, 1991 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers to discuss the recommendations of COG for those employees who had appealed their job classification.

Open Session

Mr. Crain, Supervisor-Chairman, appointed a Special County Council Committee to study and make recommendations to facilitate the completion of 911 - Mrs. Burrell, Chairperson, Mr. Stone & Mr. Harper.

911 Committee

Mr. Stone announced the quarterly Departmental Head Meeting would be October 16, 1991 at 10:00 AM in Council Chambers.

Departmental  
Meet

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 that the attached transfer for the Supervisor's Office be approved. Council also agreed to take sufficient funds from County Council operational to tie into the Smith Data soft ware package to the computer system in the Council Office and the two front Supervisor's Offices.

Supervisor  
(Transfer)

Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 that the profit from the screening plant - \$53,368 & \$70,029, depreciation be placed in a reserve account for the replacement of the \$300,000 that was taken from fund reserve for the purchase of the screening plant. (See attached letter of recommendation from auditor)

Reserve  
Account

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 that Council go into executive session for a legal matter.

Executive  
Session

When open session resumed, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 that Mr. Brandt, County Attorney, be authorized to consent to the order of dismissal of a suit that Associated Technical Services had against the Supervisor, Council, Treasurer, Auditor & Assessor.

Open Session

Mr. Crain excused himself at this time due to a conflict of interest in Ordinance 91-9.

Ord. 91-9

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 3 - 0 (Mr. Harper acting as Chairman) that Ordinance 91-9, "An Ordinance Establishing Criteria for Accepting Roads Other Than Subdivision Roads for County Maintenance and to Repeal Ordinance 82-7" be adopted on third and final reading as amended.

Adjourn: 11:20 PM

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