

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mrs. M. Fran Burrell, District I    Mr. C. Samuel Donald, 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, December 17, 1991 at 3:00 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, WCCP Radio, WZLI /WLET Radio, WYFF TV, WLOS TV & WSPA TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Robin Boyle - Journal/Tribune & Ron Barnett - Greenville News.

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. Strickland.

Invocation

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell that the minutes of the December 3, 1991 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

Mr. Donald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes be amended that the motion regarding the county accepting debris from the municipalities at the landfills be reconsidered at the next regularly scheduled meeting be amended to read so that Council Members could discuss the matter with the municipalities within their district.

The minutes as amended were then adopted  
5 - 0.

At the request of Mr. Ernst Hesterberg, Chairman of the Arts & Historical Commission, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that the attached arts contracts - one in the amount of \$1,500 for story teller Jackie Torrence and one in the amount of \$700 for story teller John Fowler Thomas be approved.

Arts

At the request of Mr. Alex James, PRT Director, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Parks, Recreation & Tourism

PRT

apply for a PARD Grant to rewire approximately sixty-two (62) campsites at High Falls Park. (See attached request) This is an eighty-twenty (80-20) match, Mr. James informed Council the twenty percent match would be labor in kind.

Also at the request of Mr. James, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donald, approved 5 - 0 that PRT send a letter of intent to apply for a Recreation Land Trust Grant to purchase three (3) or four (4) acres of land adjacent to Chau Ram Park. This is needed as we presently lease .106 acres adjacent to Chau Ram where the park infringes on the adjoining land owner. The letter needs to be in by December 27, 1991. Mr. James informed Council he did not know the amounts available, but he would get the cost of the land prior to the March 31, 1992 deadline.

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfer for the Health Department be approved.

Health Dept. (Transfer)

Mr. Donald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 91-11, "An Ordinance Adopting a Reapportionment Plan for Oconee County" be adopted on first reading in title only.

Ord. 91-11

Council scheduled a public hearing regarding reapportionment January 14, 1991 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Mr. Bob Buse of Keep Oconee Beautiful Association informed Council that KOBA would have a Christmas tree collection this year to grind the trees up before disposing of them. There will be four (4) locations for this - the parking lot of the Keowee Shopping Center, the parking lot of the Agriculture Building, the downtown parking lot at Seneca and the depot parking lot at Westminster. He further informed Council they did need volunteers to stack them, they will be doing this the Saturday after Christmas and the Saturday after New years.

KOBA

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that Council go on record as supporting this action.

Mr. Buse also asked that Council have a ground breaking ceremony at the landfills to let the public be made aware of the recycling program in the county.

KOBA  
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Mr. Crain informed those present that the CCS Commission should be consulted and involved in something of that nature.

Mr. Donald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that the county apply for a DARE Grant which is a 75-25 match grant to provide a deputy for drug education in the schools and this not be funded until the 1992-93 budget year.

Sheriff  
DARE

Mr. Michael Crenshaw, Deputy in Sheriff's Department, has estimated a cost of \$52,000 for the first year for this program which would make the county's portion \$13,000.

After considerable discussion, Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donald, defeated 3 - 2 (Mrs. Burrell & Mr. Donald voting for, Mr. Strickland, Mr. Stone & Mr. Harper voting against) that a inquiry be made to determine if the recent guilty pleas of Mr. Sam Thrift & Mr. Tom Thrift warrant a one year debarment from bidding on county projects.

Inquiry  
(Thrifts)

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donald, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Henry Field be reappointed to the Planning & Development Commission with his term commencing January 1, 1992 and expiring December 31, 1995.

Comm.  
Appts.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Frank Broach be reappointed to the Rural Fire Commission with his appointment commencing January 1, 1992 and expiring December 31, 1995.

Mr. Crain informed Council he had received a letter from Governor Campbell informing him that a \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant had been approved for the renovation of the Seneca Pre-School Building to be used as a senior center. (See attached letter)

CDBG  
Grant

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Ms. Saverne Williams be appointed to the SC COG Board with her term commencing January 1, 1992 and expiring December 31, 1993.

COG  
Appt.

Adjourn: 4:05 PM

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Supervisor-Chairman  
Oconee County Council