

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, May 5, 1992 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, WSNW Radio, WCCP Radio, WZLI/WLET Radio, WYFF TV, WLOS TV & WSPA TV. Press

Members of the press present: Carol Kreklar - Anderson Independent, Ashton Hester - Keowee Courier, 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 Mrs. Burrell. Invocation

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the April 21, 1992 meeting be adopted as printed. Minutes

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that the attached arts contract for the FROGS in the amount of \$100.00 be adopted. Arts

At the request of Mr. Michael Willimon, Aeronautics Commission Chairman, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that \$1,000 be taken from contingency and placed in line item number 010 009 00150 00840 and the attached transfer(s) be adopted for the installation of two (2) septic tanks at the airport. Aeronautics (Cont. & Transfers)

Mr. Donald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfer for the Law Enforcement Center be adopted. LEC (Transfer)

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

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the parks start charging a \$10.00 fee for opening and closing the gates before 7:00 AM and after 10:00 PM. This fee will not be charged in the event of an emergency. Signs to this effect will be posted. PRT

Mr. Buddy Hawk, 911 Coordinator, informed Council that all of the county had been addressed for 911 purposes except those highlighted in pink on the attached map. Mr. Hawk stated that he felt the addressing could be completed by July 1, 1992 if nothing unforeseen happens.

911

At the request of Mr. Hawk, Mr. Donald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that \$1,500 salary be taken over into the 1992-93 budget year for two (2) of the temporary clerks to help with the auditing of the records.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfer for 911 be adopted.

(Transfer)

Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Robert Gaillard, Planning Commission Director, be given permission to apply to the SC State Board for a grant in the amount of \$48,900 for an eight (8) inch sewer line for a proposed Becton-Dickenson building in Westminster on Hwy. 123.

Planning
Commission
& Control

Mr. Gaillard also asked that Council authorize a comprehensive land use study for Oconee County. He informed Council that the SC Appalachian Council of Governments would do this study for around \$9,600 and the Strom Thurmond Institute would do the study for between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

Comp. Land
Use Study

Mr. Brandt, County Attorney, advised Council that if they were interested in having such a study done that they interview each institution and see what each one would offer in their study.

Mr. Crain referred the matter to the Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee and the Budget & Finance Committee.

Mr. Gaillard further informed Council there was some \$3,500 available in state funding to help finance such a study.

Mr. Bob Buse, Keep Oconee Beautiful Association, also addressed Council regarding this matter. Mr. Buse stated that Oconee County needs to have a comprehensive land use study done as expeditiously as possible.

Mr. Buse also informed Council that the new Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator is Mrs. Betty Davis, 18018 Cedar Cove Road, Seneca, SC 29678, phone 885 0506.

Ms. Sara Allmendinger addressed Council regarding mental health in Oconee County. Ms. Allmendinger stated that it was the duty of Council to place sufficient funds in the

Mental
Health

Mental Health budget to help care for the 5,000 mentally ill people in Oconee County. She further informed Council there are seven hundred, eighty five (785) cases of mental illness per month on a regular basis.

Ms. Allmendinger asked that Council amend the Oconee County budget from \$20,000 to \$60,000, she also stated that the Mental Health Center receives \$750,000 from the state. She informed Council that Anderson gives \$145,000 a year to the Mental Health Center, but she did not feel that Oconee & Pickens Counties give their fair share.

The Council Members expressed support and appreciation to the Mental Health Center for their work, but did not feel that funds were available to increase the budgeted amount from \$20,000 to \$60,000.

At the request of Mr. Herb Fedder of the SC Department of Highways & Public Transportation, Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donald, approved 5 - 0 that the attached right of way be approved for the expansion and improvement of Miracle Circle.

Highway
R-O-W

Mr. Jack Hirst, CCS Director, & Mrs. Marianne Dillard, Purchasing Director, presented to Council the bids for the Solid Waste Feasibility Study for the landfills. Council scheduled a committee meeting Wednesday, May 13, 1992 at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers for the purpose of interviewing Cranston, Robertson & Whitehurst, Tribble & Richardson, HDR Engineering and London & Associates regarding the feasibility study.

Solid
Waste
Feasibility
Study

Mr. John Huey & Mr. David Devoe of Metro Engineering, Mrs. Marianne Dillard, Purchasing Director & Mr. Jack Hirst, CCS Director, addressed Council regarding the cost of closing the landfills. (see attachment)

Closure/
Post
Closure

Mr. Crain requested that the Health & Sanitation Commission and County Council meet jointly Monday, May 11, 1992 at 5:30 PM to discuss this matter.

Mr. Stone, Chairman of the Roads & Transportation Committee, informed Council that it was the recommendation of the committee that Council go on record as supporting the request of Hopewell Baptist Church that a portion of SE 315 & SE 74 be closed and rerouted at the expense of the church with the county furnishing the gravel and Mr. Brandt, County Attorney and Mr. Sprouse, Hopewell Baptist Church Attorney, negotiate the contract for this work. This recommendation was adopted unanimously.

Roads &
Transpor-
tation

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donald, approved 5 - 0 that \$695 be taken from contingency and placed in line item 10 010 00150 00840 for a flag at the Westminster Library.

Library
(Cont.)

Mr. Donald, Budget Committee Chairman, requested that Council think about the expansion and renovation of the courthouse and be prepared to make a decision on it at the Budget Committee Meeting Thursday, May 14, 1992.

Budget

Mr. Harper, Personnel & Intergovernmental Chairman, also requested that Council Members be prepared to discuss comprehensive land use at that same meeting.

Intergovern
mental

Mr. Strickland, Law Enforcement, Safety, Health, Welfare & Services Chairman, informed Council he had some dry hydrant information for them.

LEC

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that the attached list of JTPA Workers be approved.

JTPA
Workers

Adjourn: 9:25 PM

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