

**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, September 15, 1992 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers with all Council Members present and Mr. Timothy Cain, 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: Maxie Duke Keowee Courier & 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. Donald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the September 1, 1992 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

The consideration of a retention schedule of records in the Treasurer's Office & the Assessor's Office was postponed until the county attorney had a chance to further review them.

Treasurer & Assessor

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the Assessor's Office be allowed to use funds in their schools, seminars and training line item for two (2) appraisers to take the State Appraiser Licensing Exam.

Assessor

At the request of Mr. Howard Adams, Sewer Commission Chairman, and Mr. Robert Winchester, Sewer Commission Director, Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donald, approved 5 - 0 that the completion date of I & I be extended to September 30, 1993. Mr. Winchester informed Council the new completion schedule would be submitted to DHEC.

Sewer I & I

To Mr. Donald's inquiry as to change the to method of funding an update of the sewer system Mr. Brandt, County Attorney, advised that it would take a referendum to change the current method.

At the request of Mrs. Molly Westmoreland, Library Director, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that the Library apply for a Library Services Construction Act grant in the amount of \$5,749.40 to be matched by local funds of \$8,625.60 in the local book line item for a Title I Library Development project which will upgrade the adult non fiction category in the library.

Library

Also at the request of Mrs. Westmoreland, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that the Library apply for a Library Services Construction Act grant in the amount of \$28,410 to be matched by \$20,000 state aid book line item, \$20,000 from the local book line item and \$3,375 local equipment line item to hire a Title I Adult Service Director for a one (1) year period.

At the request of Mrs. Westmoreland, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the Library apply for a Title III Automation Grant in the amount of \$11,910. This is a federal grant to be matched by \$17,865 in local funds which is not the Library budget.

However, these funds cannot be expended unless the local funds are raised. When the grant is approved the Library will have until September, 1993 to raise the match funds.

Mr. Strickland suggested that the Library meet with the School Board and ask them for some funds.

Mrs. Westmoreland informed Council that the Friends of the Library would like to do some fund raising for this project.

Although the county would have no obligation until the entire \$17,865 is raised, the county would then have an obligation of \$4,140 for maintenance and phone lines for the automation system per year.

One of the things Mrs. Westmoreland is hoping to do if this grant is approved is increase the service hours at the Library.

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that \$8,932.50 be taken from contingency to match what the Friends of the Library and/or any persons/groups might raise toward the local match portion of the above referenced \$17,865.

(Cont.)

Mr. Heyward Douglas informed Council there were some trees on the airport property that needed to be removed for safety reasons and that West Union Hardwood had agreed to pay the county between \$1,000 and \$2,000 for these

Airport

trees and remove them from the property.

Mr. Donald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved that West Union Hardware be allowed to remove the trees from the property after getting a firm amount the county would be paid for the trees and due to the urgency of the matter not to advertise it.

Airport

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that the vote on the above matter be postponed until Mr. Douglas could secure some information regarding the lighting system at the airport.

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donald, approved 5 - 0 that the attached listing for surplus county items to be auctioned be adopted.

Auction Listing

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that office equipment costing less than \$100 and other equipment costing less than \$200 be deleted from the county inventory. This would not however, relieve the department from keeping up with these items.

Deletion of Items From Inventory

Mr. Bob Buse of Keep Oconee Beautiful Association, addressed Council informing them of his concerns regarding recycling and the fact that the landfills have to be closed by October, 1993.

Recycle

Mr. Crain, Supervisor-Chairman, assured him that the county was also concerned about this problem and the budget for the CCS Department had continually increased since the 1990-91 budget.

The motion to let West Union Hardwood remove the trees on the airport property was adopted 4 - 1 (Mrs. Burrell voting against)

Aeronautics

Mr. Harper asked that if any of the Council Members had any names of prospective members of Oconee County Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee that they give them to the Council Clerk. The committee then scheduled a meeting September 21, 1992 at 7:00 AM in Council Chambers.

Tourism Committee

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Glen Cox be reappointed to the PRT Commission.

PRT

Mr. Donald, Chairman, Special Sign Committee, informed Council that it was the committee's recommendation that a committee of three (3) people choose the top three (3) entries, one representative from the Blue Ridge Arts Association, one person from the School District and one

Signs

representative from the Arts Community.

These representatives would choose the top three designs and present them to the Sign Committee and the committee would make the final choice. The deadline for entries would be October 25, 1992.

The designer of the top entry will receive a \$100 savings bond and a plaque, the other two entrants will receive a \$50 savings bond and a plaque. The Sign Committee would reserve the right to make any changes needed for the type of signs needed. This recommendation was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Donald also said he wanted it made a matter of public record that he was going to accept the pay increase he had originally stated he would not accept if he became a County Council Member.

Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that \$99.32 be taken from contingency and placed in line item 10 020 00150 00032 to void a delinquent tax sale as per attached letter.

Tax  
Collector

Mr. Donald made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 92-5, "An Ordinance to Adopt the Ordinance Summons Pursuant to SC Code of Law, Section 56-7-80 1976 as Amended, and Provide for its Use in Oconee County" be adopted on first reading in title only.

Ord.92-5

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that the attached letter from the regarding the collection of fines at the animal shelter be adopted if it is not in violation of the Animal Control Ordinance.

Humane  
Society

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. John McLellan's resignation from the Sewer Commission be accepted and Mr. John Hamrick be appointed to replace him.

Sewer  
Appt.

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that the City of Seneca be given a screen from one of the old deputy vehicles as they are no longer useful to the county.

City of  
Seneca

Mr. Hunnicutt, Finance Director, informed Council that the aid to local subdivisions had been reduced and it would lower the amount Oconee County will receive by \$108,313.

Aid to  
Sub's

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donald, approved 5 - 0 that Council go into executive session to receive a legal briefing and discuss a personnel

Executive  
Session

matter.

When open session resumed, Mr. Donald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the county purchase 5,000 gallons of AV gas for testing the pump at the airport and then enter into a contract with Mr. Ray Smith, Jr., Airport Fixed Base Operator, to repay the county for the fuel.

Open  
Session  
(Airport)

Mr. Donald also made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that the county purchase 2,000 gallons of reserve AV gas and enter into a contract with Mr. Smith to pay the county back.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 3 - 2 (Mr. Stone & Mr. Donald voting against) that Ms. Reece in the Veterans Affairs Office be notified that Council found the report of the Grievance Committee to be incomplete and somewhat ambiguous in that the committee evidently found that she was being asked to do tasks not fairly encompassed in her job description, but failed to enumerate such tasks. It is county policy that no employee be required to perform any task of duty on a repetitive basis that is not fairly encompassed in the job description. Therefore County Council respectfully requests that the Veterans Affairs Officer take immediate steps to see that she perform only duties and tasks that are fairly encompassed in her job description.

Personnel  
(V/A)

Adjourn: 8:00 PM

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Oconee County Council