

A G E N D A

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING - FEBRUARY 2, 1993

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Discussion Regarding Procedures in the Delinquent Tax Collector's Office - Ms. Alisa Champion
5. Update on Activities in the Veterans Affairs Office - Mr. Jerry Dyar, V/A Officer
6. Briefing & Consideration of Contract for Geotechnical Services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade - Mr. Robert Winchester, Sewer Commission Director & Mr. Howard Adams, Sewer Commission Chairman
7. Consideration of Exchanging of Vehicle at Friendship Fire Station - Mr. Dewitt Mize - Rural Fire Marshal
8. Consideration of Transfer for PRT Office - Mr. Alex James, PRT Director
9. Consideration of Request for Contingency Funds in the Amount of \$3,100 to Rewire a Portion of the Camp Grounds at Chau Ram Park - Mr. Alex James, PRT Director
10. Consideration of Bids for Removal, Recycling & Disposal of Scrap Tires at Landfill - Ms. Marianne Dillard, Purchasing Director & Mr. Jack Hirst, CCS Director
11. Consideration of Bids for Used Compactor for the CCS Department - Ms. Marianne Dillard, Purchasing Director & Mr. Jack Hirst, CCS Director
12. Old Business
13. New Business
14. Adjourn

*****6:45 PM*** Administrative Briefing
(All meetings Open to Public)**

*****5:00 PM*** Hospital Study Committee Meeting**

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mrs. M. Fran Burrell, District I Mr. Harrison E. Orr, District II
Mr. Michael E. Harper, District III Mr. Roy B. Strickland, District IV
Mr. Alton K. Williams, District V

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, February 2, 1993 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers with all Council Members and Mr. Cain, 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.

Press

Members of the press present: Robin Boyle
- Journal/Tribune.

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. Harper.

Invocation

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the January 19, 1993 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

The first item on the agenda was an address regarding procedures in the Delinquent Tax Collector's Office. Due to the fact that litigation had been mentioned, Mr. Cain, County Attorney, advised Council to listen very closely to what was said, but not to make comments.

Delinquent Tax Procedures

Ms. Alisa Champion addressed Council regarding the fact that she had contracted to purchase a house in February, 1991, in April, 1991 the seller paid the 1988, 89 and 90 taxes with a check that later did not clear the bank due to insufficient funds. However, in the meantime when her attorney checked for liens against the property the records at the Tax Collector's Office showed no back taxes owed on the property.

When her husband checked on the 1991 taxes, he was informed by the Tax Collector's Office that the 1988, 89 and 90 taxes were also unpaid. They had made an effort to resolve the matter by offering to pay the taxes if the penalties were removed. Ms. Champion also stated that she had spoken with Mr. Williams, County Auditor, the Supervisor's Office and the County Attorney.

Mrs. Mona Towe, Delinquent Tax Collector, stated that although she was sympathetic to Mrs. Champion's situation, she had to follow state law.

After discussion, Mr. Crain asked the County Attorney to work with Ms. Champion and her attorney to see if the matter could be legally resolved and to advise Council at the next meeting of its options in the matter.

Mr. Jerry Dyar, Veteran's Affairs Officer, informed Council that during 1992 the VA Office had 18,000 telephone calls and office contacts. He also stated that he had made thirty nine (39) visits to veterans hospitals, clinics, etc, he had assisted two hundred, forty eight (248) survivors, assisted seventy-eight (78) veterans obtain their education, and had made ninety-eight (98) visits to private hospitals. The transportation van has transported sixty (60) veterans to Greenville to obtain services.

V/A

At the request of Mr. Howard Adams, Sewer Commission Chairman, Mr. Robert Winchester, Sewer Commission Director, and Mr. Lamar Bailes, Sewer Commission Finance Chairman, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Orr, approved 5 - 0 that the bid for geotechnical services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant be awarded to Piedmont Geogtechnical Consultants, Inc. at a cost of \$8,950.

Sewer
Commission

Also at the request of Mr. Winchester, Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that \$7,900 returned to the county by DHEC for fines be returned to the Sewer Commission.

At the request of Mr. Dewitt Mize, Rural Fire Marshal, and Mr. Billy Lee, Friendship Fire Chief, Mr. Orr made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the county exchange a 1969 Ford vehicle for a 1979 International vehicle to be used by the Friendship Fire Department and the county will continue to maintain and insure the 1979 International vehicle.

Rural
Fire

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfer for the PRT Office be adopted.

PRT
(Transfer)

Also at the request of Mr. James, PRT Director, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Orr, that \$3,100 be taken from contingency and placed in line item number 10 018 00150 00022 to rewire a portion of Chau Ram Park.

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Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that the bid for the removal, recycling and disposal of scrap tires at the landfills be awarded to US Tire Recycling. (See attached bid)

CCS

Mr. Orr, Chairman of the Roads & Transportation Committee, informed Council that the committee meeting originally scheduled for February 5, 1993 at 9:30 AM had been cancelled.

Roads
Committee

The Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee scheduled a meeting Thursday, February 11, 1993 at 4:00 PM to discuss a comprehensive land use study for the county.

Personnel
& Int.

Mr. Orr made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that Council go into executive session for a legal briefing.

Executive
Session

There was no action taken when Council went back into open session.

Open
Session

Adjourn: 9:10 PM

Norman D. Crain /eq
Norman D. Crain
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council



Oconee County Sewer Commission

623 Return Church Road • Seneca, South Carolina 29678
803-972-3900

M E M O R A N D U M
2-2-93

Mr. Norman Crain - County Supervisor
Mr. Roy Strickland - Council Member
Mr. Michael Harper - Council Member
Mrs. Fran Burrell - Council Member
Mr. Alton Williams - Council Member
Mr. Harrison Orr - Council Member

The Sewer Commission has requested time on your meeting agenda tonight to update you on the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade project.

Engineering for the project design is ongoing and proposals have been received for geotechnical services and subsurface investigations.

Attached find a copy of Jordan, Jones and Goulding's Mike Rachelson, summarizing the proposals and making a recommendation to utilize Piedmont Geotechnical Services for this work at an estimated cost of \$8950.00. The proposals were reviewed by the Facilities Committee and J.J. & G's recommendation was approved by the full Commission. The contract has also been reviewed by the County Attorney.

Funding for this contract was approved to be taken from the contingent fund in our current year budget.

The Commission has decided to install an earthen holding basin with a capacity of 5-6 million gallons in lieu of the 1.5 million gallon equalization tank originally proposed in the DRAFT 201 Facilities Plan. A copy of the 201 Plan DRAFT was given to you early in the project.

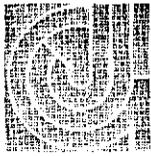
If you have questions or need further information, please call.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Winchester
General Superintendent, OCSC

cc: Commissioners
Tim Cain

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Jones &
Goulding**
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January 18, 1993

Mr. Robert C. Winchester
General Manager
Oconee County Sewer Commission
623 Return Church Road
Seneca, South Carolina 29678

RE: Coneross Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion
Geotechnical Investigations

Dear Bob:

As we discussed, proposals were sent to several qualified geotechnical consultants for services during design of the plant expansion. Proposals were sent to ATEC Associates, Inc., Atlanta Testing and Engineering (AT&E), and Piedmont Geotechnical Consultants, Inc. Copies of their responses are submitted herewith for your selection along with the original proposal request letter.

We have reviewed the proposals and find ATEC's to be too costly at \$14,950. The other two proposals are reasonably similar in cost with AT&E at \$7,218.25 and Piedmont at \$8,950. The difference in these proposals is in the depth of the borings. Both proposals recommend 13 borings, with a total boring depth of 345 feet for AT&E and 590 feet for Piedmont.

While we believe both firms are qualified, based on recent experience, it is our preference to use Piedmont because of our higher confidence in their ability to properly evaluate the settlement of the secondary clarifiers. It should be kept in mind that the proposals include unit cost items with quantities which may vary, depending on actual borings taken and work performed.

Please review these proposals with the Commission and advise us which firm is selected. If you have any questions, please call us.

Sincerely,

JORDAN, JONES & GOULDING, INC.

Michael L. Rachelson

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Enclosures
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BUDGET ADJUSTMENT AUTHORIZATION

Revised 07-01-90

DATE 1-29-93 DEPARTMENT PRT CHANGE NO. _____

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES BE MADE IN MY 92-93 BUDGET:

1. TO: OPERATIONAL # 10-018-00150-00032 \$ 257.92
(fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

FROM: ELECTRICITY # 10-018-00150-00043 \$ 257.92
(fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

Justification: To COMPLETE TREE-CUTTING PROJECT AT HIGH FALLS PARK.

2. TO: _____ # _____ \$ _____
(fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

FROM: _____ # _____ \$ _____
(fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

Justification: _____

3. TO: _____ # _____ \$ _____
(fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

FROM: _____ # _____ \$ _____
(fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

Justification: _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE

APPROVED: 2/2/93
Date of Council Meeting

DATE: 1/29/93
Received by Council Clerk

DISAPPROVED: _____
Date of Council Meeting

ATTEST: Opal O. Breen
COUNCIL CLERK

OCONEE COUNTY BID TABULATION

BID FOR: Disposal Scrap Tires at Seneca and Five Forks Landfills **DATE:** January 27, 1993

BID NO: 92-18 **LOCATION:** Walhalla, SC **TIME:** 2:00 p.m.

BIDDERS	U. S. Tire Recycling	Tire Disposal Service	George R. Griffin		
Price per load	✓ 775.00	850.00			
Surcharge, if any	\$100.00 per load	.50 per tire	\$1.36 per tire		
Stipulations:			Did not meet specs.		

ATTENDING OPENING: Marianne Dillard, Jenny Peay - Purchasing Dept.; Lee Davis - Motor Pool

BID NO. 92-18

(Use this number on envelopes
and all related correspondence)

BID FORM
OCONEE COUNTY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
201 WEST MAIN STREET
WALHALLA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29691

The U.S. TIRE RECYCLING, L.P.

submits herewith our Bid in response to bid request number shown above, and in compliance with the description(s) and/or specification(s) numbered one page and attached hereto for removal, recycling and disposal of scrap tires at the Seneca and Five Forks Landfills.

1. Price per Load \$ 775.00
2. Surcharge, if any \$ 100.00

Stipulations: There will be a one-hundred dollar surcharge if a load contains more than 200 passenger tires on rims or 15 truck tires on rims; or if loads are excessively dirty(see attached); or if trailer sits in excess of 30 days without pulling.

Bid shall include delivery to location stated on Bid Notice.

Show any exception, deviation, extra computation, or information on Bid Supplemental Form attached hereto.

Delivery Date: 1/27/93

BIDDING ORGANIZATION U.S. TIRE RECYCLING, L.P.

ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 6322 Poplar Tent Rd.

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE Concord, N.C. 28027-7730

SIGNATURE OF BIDDERS REPRESENTATIVE: 

TITLE: Director of Marketing & Transportation

DATE: 1/15/93

TELEPHONE: 1-800-328-8473 or 1-704-784-1210

(Use this number on envelopes and all related correspondence)

BID FORM
OCONEE COUNTY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
201 WEST MAIN STREET
WALHALLA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29691

The Tire Disposal Service

submits herewith our Bid in response to bid request number shown above, and in compliance with the description(s) and/or specification(s) numbered one page and attached hereto for removal, recycling and disposal of scrap tires at the Seneca and Five Forks Landfills.

- 1. Price per Load \$ 850.00
- 2. Surcharge, if any \$.50

Stipulations: Surcharge is for cleaning previously buried tires or tires contaminated with rock and or dirt. These tires must be cleaned before they can be shredded or recycled.

Bid shall include delivery to location stated on Bid Notice.

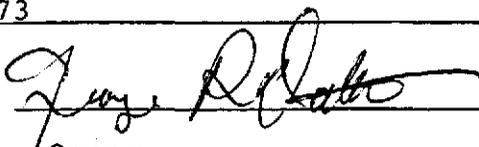
Show any exception, deviation, extra computation, or information on Bid Supplemental Form attached hereto.

Delivery Date: Upon signing contract

BIDDING ORGANIZATION Tire Disposal Service

ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 9416 Mini Ranch RD

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE Waxhaw, NC 28173

SIGNATURE OF BIDDERS REPRESENTATIVE: 

TITLE: Owner

DATE: January 14, 1993

TELEPHONE: 1-800-572-1927

(Use this number on envelopes and all related correspondence)

BID FORM
OCONEE COUNTY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
201 WEST MAIN STREET
WALHALLA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29691

The George R. Griffin (Griffin Grading & Clearing)

submits herewith our Bid in response to bid request number shown above, and in compliance with the description(s) and/or specification(s) numbered one page and attached hereto for removal, recycling and disposal of scrap tires at the Seneca and Five Forks Landfills.

1. Price per Load

\$ 118.00 per ton or
1.36 per tire

2. Surcharge, if any

\$ _____

Stipulations:

No skidder/earth moving tires will be Accepted.

Bid shall include delivery to location stated on Bid Notice.

Show any exception, deviation, extra computation, or information on Bid Supplemental Form attached hereto.

Delivery Date:

1/25/93

BIDDING ORGANIZATION

George R. Griffin - Griffin Grading & Clearing

ADDRESS: P.O. BOX

Rt. 1 Box 203

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Pomaria, SC 29124

SIGNATURE OF BIDDERS REPRESENTATIVE:

George R. Griffin

TITLE:

OWNER

DATE:

1/25/93

TELEPHONE:

276-7180



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COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

50 Grand Avenue • PO Drawer 6668
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January 22, 1993

Mr. Norman Crain
County Supervisor
Oconee County
208 Booker Drive
Walhalla, SC 29691

Dear Mr. Crain:

Some time ago you had asked me to get back in touch with you regarding the county's comprehensive land use plan shortly after the new year. The Council of Governments has committed staff time to work on a plan and is enthusiastic over the opportunity to work with Oconee County. I do have some concerns with undertaking a planning process at this time and would like to offer some alternatives which may be more in line with the needs of the county.

My primary concern is with the public acceptance of a land use plan. Through past experience I have learned that for a planning process to be successful it has to be perceived as having a local advocacy. If Oconee's citizens see the plan as being driven by a "bureaucrat" from some governmental organization in Greenville, they will not accept it as their own. To mitigate this problem, rather than producing a document and submitting the finished product, the Council of Governments typically facilitates a planning process driven by respected community leaders. This helps the plan to be tailored to the jurisdiction it serves and develops a local advocacy group to push for its adoption and implementation. While the Palmetto Leadership group is interested and could serve as a local instrument for developing the plan, I am concerned that they may be viewed as having too narrow a focus, that they may not have broad citizen support. In addition, final responsibility for carrying out plan conclusions rests with county council. I am not sure that the policy views of your council members are consistent with those of Palmetto Leadership.

Another factor county council members should be made aware of is that land use planning is extremely controversial. By coordinating the process properly we can focus arguments on the relevant issues and can keep council members informed as to what will be upcoming; however, we cannot eliminate controversy completely. If the local elected leadership strongly believes land use planning is important and has strong support for the project, the COG would have no hesitancy in working with you. With the many challenges Oconee is currently facing, such as solid waste disposal, the expansion of the sewer plant, and the hospital issue, I wonder how much enthusiasm there is on the part of council to pursue land use planning at this time.

The Oconee Development Partnership meetings, conducted by Mr. Cargill last Fall, offered insight into the attitude toward land use planning held by many people in the county. At one of those meetings, I facilitated a small group discussion concerning this issue. It struck me that the group was dominated by well educated, more progressive people, the type of people who would be more likely to support planning. The group did not see land use planning as an important issue. Although they expressed mild interest in gaining a better understanding of the process, their overall attitude was fairly negative.

If I have misread county council and land use planning is a priority, we are ready to proceed with the project. Should you share my concerns, however, I would like to offer some options that may be more consistent with the county's needs.

1. Spend several months educating the public on planning. Upon concluding the educational process, determine if there is an adequate nucleus of support to proceed.
2. Hold off on undertaking the project for an indefinite period, until a more broad based nucleus of support is developed.
3. Rather than producing a comprehensive land use plan, produce any combination of the studies listed below.
 - a. Urban Area Analysis
 - b. Industrial Development Plan
 - c. Environmental Sensitivity Analysis

Any of the three reports listed might be of greater benefit to Oconee County at this time than a comprehensive land use plan would be, and might avoid some of the drawbacks of a comprehensive planning process. I believe the three topics, analysis of urban growth, industrial development, and the preservation of environmentally sensitive areas would be the most important issues addressed in a comprehensive plan. These reports could introduce the idea of land use planning to the county and could help to familiarize policy makers with land use planning and regulatory options, while avoiding the controversial nature of the state mandated comprehensive planning process. In addition, unlike with a comprehensive land use plan, recommendations developed would be presented to county council as information. In accepting the study (or studies), council would not be imposing any additional obligations on itself. Pressure would be reduced because county council would retain discretion concerning the implementation of recommendations. A brief description of each suggested study is included below.

Urban Area Analysis

The urban area could be defined as the triangle connecting Seneca, Walhalla, and Westminster; could be expanded to include Keowee Key; or could be reduced to just include small areas adjacent to the cities. The purpose of the report would be to examine projected growth within the defined study area, analyze impacts of development, identify significant issues and propose alternatives for resolving issues. By concentrating on the urban portion of the county, we may be able to address many of the concerns of those in favor of planning, while avoiding undue fear among the more rural residents of the county.

Industrial Development Plan

The expected major findings of this plan would not give the Planning and Development Board any knowledge they do not already have, that the primary industrial areas in Oconee County are those that have convenient access to state highways, water and sewer. I think there would be benefit, however, in identifying these areas on a map, analyzing the amount and character of land available, discussing local and regional industrial trends, and analyzing infrastructural needs. By identifying the most likely areas for industrial growth, the report may alleviate fears of residents in other locations by showing that the industrial impact on their residence should be relatively light. As with the Urban Area Analysis, another benefit of this report would be to familiarize policy makers with the concept of planning. If council and planning and development board members see this report as producing rational conclusions that serve the needs of the county, that would increase their enthusiasm for planning in the future. One product of an industrial development plan might be a marketing brochure or fact book that the planning and development board could distribute to prospects. In preparing such a document, I would anticipate that our staff would work with Mr. Gaillard to produce a fairly brief document containing information industries need to make locational decisions.

Environmental Sensitivity Analysis

This would be the most controversial of the three reports listed. The components of the study would be to identify areas of the county with particular environmental sensitivity, analyze the issues, and discuss options for mitigating negative impacts. I believe this is a primary concern of those advocating land use planning, though environmental issues may not have a broad understanding throughout the county. From the perspective of elected officials, the advantage of this type of study over the inclusion of an environmental element in a comprehensive land use plan is that recommendations are less formal and carry no legal obligation for implementation. Because Oconee lacks a familiarity with planning, I believe council members would be hesitant to commit themselves to policies included in a land use plan at this time.

The planning staff of the Council of Governments is prepared to proceed in accordance with the desires of county council. Perhaps, it would be useful for Mr. Gaillard, yourself and I to meet to discuss the concerns I have identified and to determine the best course of action to pursue. Obviously, the COG is willing to modify the proposal we submitted last Fall in order to serve the county more effectively.

Thank you for your consideration of the points I raise in this letter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

With Regards,



Steve Pelissier
Principal Planner

CC: Mr. Bob Gaillard