

A G E N D A

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1993

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Update on South Carolina Appalachian Council of Governments' Activities in Oconee County - Mr. Robert Strother, Executive Director
5. First Reading of Ordinance 93-8, "An Ordinance Approving the Financing of the Improvements, Renovations and Additions to Certain Sewer Treatment Facilities in Oconee County, South Carolina Through the Borrowing by Oconee County, South Carolina of not Exceeding Eight Million, One Hundred, Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$8,190,000) From the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund, by Agreement with the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority, Pursuant to Title 48, Chapter 5, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as Amended Providing for the Agreement to Make and to Accept a Loan, the Execution and Delivery of a Loan Agreement Between Oconee County and the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority, The Execution and Delivery of a Promissory Note From Oconee County to the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority; and Other Matters Relating Thereto" - Mr. Howard Adams, Sewer Commission Director, Mr. Lamar Bailes, Finance Chairman & Mr. Robert Winchester, Director
6. Consideration of Resolution 93-27, "A Resolution to Generate Funds to Retire the Bonded Indebtedness of the State Revolving Fund to Finance the Upgrade of the Coneross Creek Wastewater Facilities" - Mr. Howard Adams, Sewer Commission Chairman, Mr. Lamar Bailes, Finance Chairman & Mr. Robert Winchester, Director
7. Consideration of Awarding of Bid for the Upgrade of the Coneross Creek Wastewater Facilities - Mr. Howard Adams, Sewer Commission Chairman, Mr. Lamar Bailes, Finance Chairman & Mr. Robert Winchester, Director

8. Consideration of Recommendations from the Accommodations Tax Committee - Ms. Cindy Reidhead, Chairperson
9. Discussion Regarding the Publishing of the History of Oconee County, South Carolina - Mr. Don Mills, President, Don Mills Inc. for Walsworth Publishing Co., Inc.
10. Consideration of Request to Purchase 911 Equipment - Mr. Buddy Hawk, 911 Coordinator
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Adjourn

*****6:45 PM*** Administrative Briefing**

(All Meetings Open to Public)

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, November 2, 1993 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, WBFM Radio, WCCP Radio, WZLI/WLET Radio, WYFF TV, & WLOS TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Ashton Hester - Keowee Courier, Eric Gorsky - Anderson Independent & Lee Hendren - 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. Strickland.

Invocation

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

Minutes

Mr. Robert Strother, Executive Director, SC Appalachian Council of Governments gave Council an update on COG Activities in Oconee County. Mr. Strother informed Council that COG was created in 1971 and that two thirds of its board members are elected officials and the remaining members are appointed by the regional councils.

COG Report

He further informed Council that SC COG has assisted Oconee County in receiving \$879,000 in federal and state grants in the past two or three years, the staff of COG is working on the regional landfill concept and the staff recently completed the update of the job descriptions and salary schedule for Oconee County. The newest service provided by SC Cog is assistance to the elderly.

Mr. Strother also invited Council to attend SC COG open house Friday, December 10, 1993 from 12:30 until 3:30 PM, Mr. Robert Hipp, BMW, will be speaking.

At the Request of Mr. Howard Adams, Sewer Commission Chairman and Mr. Lamar Bailes, Sewer Commission Finance Chairman, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 93-8, "An Ordinance Approving The Financing Of The Improvements, Renovations, And Additions To Certain Sewer Treatment Facilities In Oconee County, South Carolina, Through The Borrowing By Oconee County, South

Ord. 93-8

Carolina Of Not Exceeding Eight Million, One Hundred, Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$8,190,000) From The State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund, by Agreement With The South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority, Pursuant to Title 48, Chapter 5, Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976 As Amended; Providing For The Agreement to Make And To Accept A Loan, The Execution And Delivery Of A Loan Agreement Between Oconee County And The South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority, The Execution And Delivery Of A Promissory Note From Oconee County To The South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority; And Other Matters Relating Thereto" be adopted on first reading.

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that Resolution 93-27, "A Resolution To Generate Funds To Retire The Bonded Indebtedness Of The State Revolving Fund to Finance the Upgrade Of The Coneross Creek Wastewater Facilities" be adopted on first and final reading.

Res. 93-27

Mr. Orr made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the bid for the upgrade of the Coneross Wastewater Facilities be awarded to Thamer Construction, Inc. of Norcross, GA who was low bid at \$7,781,262.00. (See attached bid sheet)

Bid for Upgrade of Sewer

At the request of the Accommodations Tax Committee, Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that an ATAX Grant be awarded to the Oconee County Museum Association in the amount of \$5,300 for the renovation of the carriage house, an ATAX Grant in the amount of \$3,000 be given to the Pendleton District Historical, Recreational and Tourism Commission for the Wild River Country project and an ATAX Grant in the amount of \$10,000 be given to Discover Up-country Carolina Association for the promotion of tourism in Oconee County.

ATAX Committee

Mr. Don Mills, President of Don Mills, Inc. for Walsworth Publishing Co., Inc. addressed Council regarding the publishing of a history of Oconee county written by county residents and asked for an endorsement from the County. Although Council did express an interest in this project, it was the consensus of Council that an endorsement for this project would be setting a precedent and declined to do so.

County History

At the request of Mr. Buddy Hawk, 911 Coordinator, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that an emergency switch be purchased for the Communications Department to switch calls from Walhalla to Seneca at a cost of \$1,100 installation and \$170.50 per month. Also that a 911 back up system be purchased for the CERT Van at a cost of \$10,634 with a monthly cost of \$170. The funds to pay for these expenditures is available from the \$.48

911 Equipment

tariff that is charged to the phone customers each month.

Council voted 4 - 1 (Mr. Orr voting against) to accept the Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$175,000 for the purchase and renovation of the Battle Building to be used by the Rosa Clark Clinic, that one individual from Rosa Clark be appointed as the county's contact during the renovation of the building. Also that the county be notified in writing of any citations against the clinic by any regulatory agency and the clinic provide the county with quarterly reports for one year and at the end of one year an assessment will be made as to the frequency of the reports.

Rosa Clark

The Roads & Transportation Committee scheduled a committee meeting Tuesday, November 16, 1993 at 2:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Roads & Trans.

Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Law Enforcement, Safety, Health, Welfare & Services Committee to allow off duty officers to use equipment and vehicles for security work for private vendors, the deputies will be limited to a total of fifty-four (54) hours worked per week (off and on duty), the vendor will have to provide worker's compensation coverage. This will be done on a six (6) months trial basis and reviewed at that time. There is some language in item number nine (9) which the county attorney needs to reworded.

Off Duty Employment

Mr. Orr made a motion that the recommendation be amended that the deputies not be allowed to drive a county vehicle to the off duty employment but the motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Orr made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that the Animal Control Ordinance as proposed by the Oconee County Humane Society be rejected and the Humane Society be informed that the presently proposed ordinance is not acceptable, however if the society would like to revise the proposal Council will be happy to review it.

Proposed Animal Control Ordinance

Mr. Strickland, Chairman of the Law Enforcement, Safety, Health, Welfare & Services Committee, also informed those present that the proposed noise control ordinance as presented by Sheriff Singleton has been accepted as information.

Noise Ordinance

At the recommendation of Ms. Marianne Dillard, Purchasing Director, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that HDR Engineering conduct the preliminary site investigation of the proposed landfill site at a cost of \$4,100 for drilling and laboratory

Solid Waste

soil analysis which will be handed under a subcontract and site evaluation, analysis report, meetings, etc. at a cost of \$13,300 as per Section C,2 - "When it is to the advantage of Oconee County to acquire goods and/or services on the basis of a previously awarded bid" of Ordinance 85-2, "Oconee County Manual of Centralized Purchasing".

Also at the recommendation of Ms. Dillard, Mr. Orr made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that an air compressor for the Law Enforcement Building be purchased from General Wholesalers who is an authorized Trane distributor at a cost of \$5,159 plus tax as per section C,4 - "When in the Purchase Agent's judgement and with concurrence of County Council, it is to the advantage of the County's interest to do so."

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The Roads & Transportation Committee accepted the responsibility of finding locations for nine (9) "Welcome to Oconee County" signs.

Signs

At the recommendation of Mr. Cain, County Attorney, Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Orr, approved 5 - 0 that Council go into executive session for a legal briefing.

Executive Session

When Council went back into open session, Mr. Crain informed those present that Council had received a legal briefing and there was no action to be taken.

Open Session

Adjourn: 10:15 PM



Norman D. Crain
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council



Oconee County Sewer Commission

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WASTEWATER PLANT UPGRADE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- October 19, 1993 Finance Committee to meet and decide on the loan amount to be included in the RESOLUTION to be presented to County Council.
- November 1, 1993
- a) Commission act on recommendation of Finance Committee to recommend bond resolution to County Council.
 - b) Commission act on engineers' recommendation to award bid to Thamer Construction Company.
 - c) Resolution to raise sewer rates 46% or such level as necessary to generate revenue for new debt service.
- November 2, 1993
- a) County Council first reading of bond resolution for SRLF loan amount = \$8,190,000.
 - b) Tentative resolution to award bid to Thamer Construction Company.
 - c) Resolution to raise sewer rates 46% or such level as necessary to generate revenue for new debt service.
- November 16, 1993 Second reading bond ordinance.
- December 6, 1993 Third reading bond ordinance.
- As soon as possible after December 6, 1993, closing of the SRLF loan.
- Formal award of the bid before December 29, 1993. This is the 90th day. Low bid is active for 90 days.

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 93-27

WHEREAS, the Oconee County Sewer Commission and the Oconee County Council have determined that it is in the best interest of Oconee County to upgrade the Coneross Creek Wastewater Treatment Facilities in order to comply with Federal and State Water Quality Regulations and provide for future economic growth in Oconee County; and

WHEREAS, the Oconee County Sewer Commission and the Oconee County Council acknowledges that these improvements, renovations, and additions are estimated to cost in excess of \$8,000,000, including construction, contingency and a two percent (2%) loan closing fee; and

WHEREAS, a low interest loan is available through the South Carolina Budget and Control Board's State Revolving Loan Fund for financing this upgrade; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of receiving such a loan, Budget and Control Board officials require the County to commit to increase its sewer rates by at least forty six percent (46%) no later than July 1, 1995, or such lesser amount as the Board may agree to based on written evidence from the County which shows sufficient revenues will be produced to pay debt service on the SRF loan and meet coverage requirements of the County's 1988 General Bond Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Oconee County Council in session duly assembled this date, November 2, 1993 that:

The Oconee County Council commit to increase sewer fees at least forty six percent (46%) no later than July 1, 1995, or such other amount as may be required or agreed to by the Budget and Control Board for the purpose of generating sufficient revenues to repay the principal and interest on the SRF loan.

RATIFIED AND ADOPTED on first and final reading this second day of November 1993 by a vote of:

_____ :YES

_____ :NO

Norman D. Crain
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council

Attest:

Opal O. Green
Council Clerk



**Jordan
Jones &
Goulding**
INCORPORATED

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October 4, 1993

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

RE: Coneross Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion

Dear Bob:

Bids for this project were received last Thursday, September 30, 1993. Thamer Construction, Inc. was the apparent low bidder on the project with a total bid of \$7,781,262.00, including Alternate No. 1. This is lower than our estimated construction cost of \$8,300,000 which did not include the items we agreed to change or delete at our August 11th meeting. A tabulation of the bids indicating the total amounts and unit prices for each bidder is enclosed for your reference.

We have completed our review of the bid documents and find them in order. We have also checked their references and other pertinent information with positive results. If you would like a more detailed report of our findings, we will be glad to provide this to you.

Mr. John Morris of Thamer Construction has confirmed that USF&G Insurance Company will furnish payment and performance bonds for this project. They are listed in the current revision of the U.S. Department of the Treasury Circular #570. They are shown as being licensed in the State of South Carolina with an underwriting limitation that is greater than the bond amount. While we make no representation as to the solvency of the surety company, inclusion in the Treasury Department circular does indicate that they were acceptable as a surety on Federal bonds at the time the bulletin was published.

As a result of this investigation, we recommend Thamer Construction, Incorporated as the successful, responsible, low bidder for the project. Further, we recommend the Commission award the contract to Thamer Construction, Inc. pending receipt of EEO documentation for SRF funding required in the contract.

Mr. Robert Winchester
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If you concur with our recommendation, please advise us and we will notify the contractor of award and will transmit the conformed documents to the them for execution and attachment of bonds and insurance.

If you have any questions, please call us.

Sincerely,

JORDAN, JONES & GOULDING, INC.



Michael L. Rachelson

MLR:dlk
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Howard Adams (with enclosure)
Mr. Mike Clark (with enclosure)

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BID RESULTS**CONEROSS CREEK WWTF EXPANSION****OCONEE COUNTY SEWER COMMISSION
OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Bids to be Received Until 2:00 p.m., local time, September 30, 1993

Bidder	Base Bid Amount	Alternate No. 1	Total Bid
Thamer Construction, Inc. Norcross, Georgia	\$7,749,262.00	\$32,000.00	\$7,781,262.00
Haren Construction Company Etowah, Tennessee	\$7,993,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$8,014,000.00
Adams-Robinson Construction Co. Dayton, Ohio	\$8,112,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$8,154,000.00
Lee Construction Company Charlotte, North Carolina	\$8,388,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$8,408,000.00
Summit-Beers Construction Company Scottsdale, Georgia	\$8,409,455.92	\$23,257.00	\$8,432,712.92
Good Water, Inc. Greenville, South Carolina	\$8,520,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$8,540,000.00
South Atlantic Constructors, Inc. Greenwood, South Carolina	8,592,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$8,632,000.00
Ruby-Collins, Inc. Smyrna, Georgia	\$8,939,289.00	\$20,000.00	\$8,959,289.00

FROM: ~~803~~ -7044 S. J. Reidhead -ATAK

NOTES

10/29/93

OPAT - here is a quick run-down on the proposals approved on 10/27.

- Lunney Museum - \$5300 - Peppies - renovation - carriagehouse
- Discover Upcountry - \$10,000 - Advertising + promotion
- Pendleton Hist. Dist - \$3,000 - Wild River Country rd. campaign

Rejected

City of Sevier \$20,000.00 power water for parking lot
Re: 10/20/93 letter to Norman Crain

Tables for further study & will be attached at a later date)

General Downtown Merchant's Assn. \$5,000 - portable stage
KIM HESBERG is conducting a study to consider the needs of the entire county. There is a need for a stage for county-wide use.
(We will be re-considering this request when we have a consensus of county-wide sign needs. We feel it will be more cost-effective to do all signs at one time)

All applications have been placed on file with you.

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Don Mills, Inc.

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October 12, 1993

Ms. Opal Green, Council Clerk
208 Booker Drive
Walhalla, SC 29691

Dear Opal:

We're Walsworth Publishing Company, and we're coming to Oconee County to publish a new **HISTORY OF OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA!** I'd like to come to your County Council meeting on November 2 to discuss this project with you.

We are not asking for funding and there is no risk to the county. Walsworth is no stranger to your area, having published the History of Walhalla in 1991. Now we want to invite wide participation for all citizens of Oconee County. At the meeting I will show samples of other county histories we have published, including Graham and Jackson County, NC. In these books, the strong emphasis is on people. A book about Oconee County people, written by Oconee County people! We invited each household to submit a free story and picture. These are published along with articles and pictures of clubs, churches, organizations, towns, places, things and events.

Typically, a book committee is formed. This committee may take an active or passive role in the project. While there is no risk to the committee, there is a profit on each book sold.

This is just a brief summary of our project. I will be anticipating your encouragement or endorsement of this exciting project. I look forward to meeting you on November 2.

Sincerely,

Don Mills, President

Don Mills, Inc.

for Walsworth Publishing Co., Inc.

C: Norman Crane, County Administrator

MR. BUDDY HAWK
E911 COORDINATOR
OCONEE COUNTY
203 BOOKER DRIVE
WALHALLA, S.C. 29691

OCTOBER 18, 1993

DEAR BUDDY,

YOU HAD INQUIRED ABOUT A 'MAKE BUSY' CIRCUIT AT THE LEC TO ALLOW THE DISPATCHERS TO REROUTE 911 CALLS. BELOW ARE THE PRICES FOR THIS CIRCUIT:

<u>QTY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ONE TIME</u>	<u>MONTHLY</u>
49	IOC MILEAGE/GREER	115.00	145.55
2	LOCAL CHANNELS	970.00	23.40
1	ON/OFF SWITCH	20.00	1.55
	TOTAL	1100.00	170.50

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION REGARDING THIS SERVICE PLEASE CALL ME AT 800-922-5430. THANK YOU.

SINCERELY,

Jim Spahr

JIM SPAHR
SYSTEMS DESIGNER



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FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

October 29, 1993

M E M O R A N D U M

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TO: Mr. Norman Crain and County Council Members

FROM: Howard Adams, Chairman Sewer Commission

SUBJECT: Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade, Loan Ordinance,
Rate Resolution, and Construction Bid (Tentative
Award)

Attached find a Schedule of Events which the Sewer Commission is proposing to continue the process of upgrading the Coneross Creek Wastewater Treatment Facilities.

Also included is a resolution and a bid tabulation which the Sewer Commission is expected to approve at our November 1, 1993 meeting. A copy of the loan ordinance was supplied to Mrs. Green earlier this week.

Time has been requested on the agenda at the November 2, 1993 County Council meeting to present these requests for approval.

If you need anything further, please call.

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cc: Mr. Tim Cain
Commissioners

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October 18, 1993

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

Re: Solid Waste Facilities Project
HDR Project No. 07488-001-018

Dear Mr. Crain:

Enclosed is the modified scope of work for the development of the new facilities at the site on Wells Highway near the Seneca landfill. We have eliminated the transfer station as well as the truck maintenance facility; however, we will designate areas on the site plan for those facilities to be added if they are needed at a later date.

The site as currently planned will be the location of the solid waste services administration building, a materials recovery facility, and a yard waste mulching/compost area. As we agreed at our last meeting, all the development on the site is interrelated from an engineering point of view and should be developed as a single project. With that in mind, we have combined the job to take advantage of any overlap in effort and eliminate any duplication in effort.

The engineering fee for all these services is \$143,800, which is less than 10% of the estimated cost of the building structures which is \$1.48 million. Construction administration is not normally considered as part of the 10%-12% rule of thumb. Adding the cost of construction administration (\$25,900), which includes bidding, negotiating construction contracts, administering contracts, and monitoring construction activities, the total fee still falls well within the 10% to 12% range that is generally accepted as reasonable engineering fees. Under this scenario, our fee measured against the yardstick is 9.7%. Overhead, expense, and profit are included in the quoted fee.

Also enclosed is a scope of work for the preliminary investigation of the proposed site for the new landfill. The work under this scope includes an engineering and geological analysis of the suitability of the site for use as a landfill. As a part of the data collection process, boring will be advanced at the site to determine geologic conditions and to obtain soil samples or further analysis. Drilling and laboratory soil analysis will be handled under a subcontract and is estimated to be approximately \$4,100. Our fee for the site evaluation, analysis report, meetings, expenses, overhead, and profit is \$13,300.

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Mr. Norman Crain
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The work will satisfy the requirements in DHEC regulation 61-107.258, Subpart B, Location Restrictions, and the preliminary hydrogeologic considerations in 61-107.258.17. The result of the work will provide the County with knowledge necessary to make a decision to continue to the next step which is an indepth hydrogeologic characterization report as required in 61-107.258.75-76, Subpart H, Permit Application Requirements. We anticipate completion of the report within 45 days from notice to proceed.

If you have any questions on comments regarding the enclosed material, please do not hesitate to call me at (704) 338-6720.

Very truly yours,

HDR Engineering, Inc.



Louis W. Watts
Project Manager

LWW/nct

Attachment