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SPECIAL MEETING, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
&
OCONEE COUNTY AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 1994

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Matters Relating to the Oconee County Airport and the Private Airport Now Known as Eagle Ridge and Formerly Known as Hidden Glen, and for Such Other Business as May Come Before Said Bodies
4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. Adjourn

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, SPECIAL MEETING, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Oconee County Council held a special meeting, Thursday, August 18, 1994 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, WLOS TV, WCCP Radio, Greenville News, WGOG Radio, Northland Cable, Anderson Independent & Shopping Guide, Keowee Courier, Westminster News, WYFF TV & WBFM Radio.

Press

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum, Allen Bowie, Greenville News, Steve Edwards - Journal/Tribune, Lee Hendren - Journal/Tribune & Kathleen Stoll - Anderson Independent.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Chairman Crain.

Call to Order

The invocation was given by Mr. Williams.

Invocation

Mr. Michael Willimon, Aeronautics Committee Chairman, presented the recommendation of the Aeronautics Committee regarding an agreement with Eagle Ridge, formerly known as Hidden Glen as follows:

Airport

1) Obtain the property signatures of all other parties to be named in said documents, including proof of authorization for such signatures by the governing bodies of any Corporations and/or Associations or other entities which are to be parties to such documents.

2) Obtain the properly executed Subordination Agreements by any Mortgages or lien holders of lots and the airstrip in Eagle Ridge Subdivision, together with appropriate title certifications to Oconee County as to such property at the expense of the owners of such property.

3) Obtain written verification from the FAA and SCAC or SC Division of Aviation, Department of Commerce, that the entry into such agreements by Oconee County will not adversely affect (a) the safe operation of the Oconee County Airport; and (b) past, present or future State and Federal funding for the Oconee County Airport.

4) Acceptance and approval of all the documents by the Court of Common Pleas for Oconee County, South Carolina.

Mr. Gene Rogers, Attorney, then addressed Council regarding the requested right turn for the Oconee Airport and the continued equivalency of safety in the area of the Clemson-Oconee County Airport. Mr. Rogers urged Council to adopt the recommendation of the Aeronautics Commission.

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

Executive
Session

When open session resumed, Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 1 (Mr. Strickland voting against) that the County's legal counsel be authorized and directed to proceed to obtain contingencies 1, 2 & 3 as contained in the recommendation of the Aeronautics Commission and when obtained, present the same to County Council for review and approval when such documents are properly presented to Council.

Open
Session

Mr. Crain stated he was opposed to the opening of the private airport as the developer did not follow the proper SC Aeronautics and FAA procedures in developing the airport, eight-tenths of a mile is too close for another airport to be to the Oconee Airport, there will be problems to the Oconee County Airport in the future as the Oconee Airport expands, the safety at the County airport is being placed at risk, he felt the Council Members were voting in favor of allowing the private airport to open to relieve present political pressure and there is no effective way to enforce the restrictions as the SC Aeronautics Commission would not enforce present SC State Law regarding airports.

Mr. Crain further stated that FAA funding and SCAC funding was contingent upon the twenty-nine (29) restrictions being "implemented and maintained" and if Eagle Ridge should violate these restrictions, Oconee County would also be in violation which could place Oconee County in the position of having to return grant funds. He further stated that as a citizen, he objected to placing the Oconee County Airport at risk to guarantee the investment of a private development.

Mr. Crain also stated that the present owners bought the subdivision with the airport closed down and if Council voted to approve the proposed agreement with Eagle Ridge and directed him to sign it, he would do so only when directed, and further he would reserve the right to attach his concerns to all related documents.

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Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 3 - 2 (Mr. Orr & Mrs. Burrell voting against) that Council reconsider terminating its contract with the SC Department of Corrections and the former motion for Council the exercise number twenty-eight of the present contract between Oconee County & SC Department of Corrections be reversed.

Inmates

Adjourn: 8:50 pm

Norman D. Crain
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council