

A G E N D A

SPECIAL MEETING, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1995

9:00 AM

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Presentation of Proposed 1995-96 Budget - Mr.
Norman D. Crain, Supervisor-Chairman
4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. Adjourn

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Ms. M. Fran Burrell, District I Mr. Harrison E. Orr, District II
Mr. Harry R. Hamilton, 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 Tuesday, May 10, 1995 at 9:00 am with all Council Members.

Members of the press notified (by mail):
Journal/Tribune, Keowee Courier, Westminster News, Anderson Independent, Greenville News, WGOG Radio, WBFM Radio, WCCP Radio, WCCP Radio, WYFF TV & WLOS TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio, Ashton Hester - Keowee Courier, Jennifer Barnett - Anderson Independent & Karen Peterson - Greenville News.

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

Call to Order

The invocation was given by Mr. Hamilton.

Invocation

As required by SC Statute 4-9-130, Subsection 4, Mr. Crain presented a balanced proposed operational budget for fiscal year 1995-96 to Council for their consideration.

Proposed Budget Ordinance

The proposed budget Mr. Crain presented to Council does not require a tax increase. One of the items recommended in this budget is a three percent (3%) cost of living increase for employees.

This proposed budget does not include the School District request and Mr. Crain informed Council that representatives of the School District would be at the May 16, 1995 Council Meeting to present their request.

(School)

follows: Council scheduled budget readings as

Budget Readings

May 16, 1995 - First Reading in title only

June 6, 1995 - Second Reading

June 8, 1995 - Public Hearing - 7:00 pm in Courtroom

June 13, 1995 - Third Reading - 7:00 pm

In the proposed budget, Mr. Crain recommends nine and one half (9 1/2) new employees and cutting seventeen (17) positions in the current Solid Waste budget.

Recommendation

Mr. Crain also recommends taking \$1,449,000 from fund balance to equate the budget.

Some of Mr. Crain's other recommendations are:

The Administrative Assistant in the Sheriff's Department be replaced with someone who is not deputized. (The present administrative assistant is retiring June 18, 1995)

The county fund the DARE Officer as a Deputy I as the federal funds for this program are no longer available.

Three additional deputies

Eight (8) deputy vehicles plus one (1) 4X4 vehicle for the Sheriff's Department

\$600,000 for ADA requirements

Part time secretary for Aeronautics

Part time clerk for Solicitor

Appraiser for Assessor's Office

Custodian I for PRT

Court Clerk I for Clerk of Court

After Mr. Crain presented his recommended 1995-96 budget, he informed Council that taking the 1992 projected costs, adding three percent (3%) per year through 1996 he estimated it would cost \$4,500,000 to build a tax center, renovate the present tax center for other office use and build the three (3) offices (Consolidated Farm Service Agency, Natural Resource & Conservation Service and Rural Economic and Community development) federal offices that must be housed together by federal law. This cost includes a fifteen percent (15%) contingency for land and site preparation.

Construction

Mr. Crain estimated a cost of \$323,159 per year for debt service and utilities which translates into a tax increase of 1.6 mills.

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After Mr. Crain presented the proposed budget to Council, the Budget & Finance Committee scheduled a meeting Tuesday, May 16, 1995 immediately following the Council Meeting to discuss the proposed budget.

Budget
& Finance
Meet

The Council Clerk informed Council the hearing on the regional landfill was scheduled for May 18, 1995 at 3:00 pm in the Pickens County Courthouse.

Hearing

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Orr, approved 5 - 0 that the county obtain an option on property for a manned convenience center to serve the area between the Richland and Salem centers.

Manned
Center

Adjourn: 1:25 pm

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