

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL,

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2001
OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
415 SOUTH PINE STREET
WALHALLA, SC 29691
4:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding Route for Newry Sewer
4. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding Disposition of Rock Building
5. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding Disposition of Office Building on Courthouse Site
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Adjourn

The Transportation Committee meeting schedule Monday, February 12, 2001 has been cancelled, it has been rescheduled for Friday, March 2, 2001 at 10:00 AM at the Oconee County Library, W. S. Broad St., Walhalla, SC.

The Oconee County Budget & Finance Committee will meet Tuesday, February 13, 2001 at 2:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691 for the purpose of interviewing for a financial advisor for Oconee County.

The Oconee County AD HOC Committee will be meeting Tuesday, February 19, 2001 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691.

The Oconee County Purchasing, Contracting, Real Estate, Building & Grounds Committee will meet Tuesday, February 20, 2001 at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC for the purpose of discussing the proposed agreement for hangars at the airport.

The Oconee County Council will meet with members of the Stephens County February 23, 2001 at 9:00 AM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC for the purpose of discussing water, environmental and other issues.

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Tim O. Hall, III, District I Mr. Kenneth E. Johns, Jr., District II
Mr. Harry R. Hamilton, District III Mr. Marion E. Lyles, District IV
Mr. H. Frank Ables, Jr., District V

MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Oconee County Council held a special meeting Thursday, February 15, 2001 at 4:00 PM in Council Chambers with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

Press:

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

Members of the press present: Dave Williams – Anderson Independent, Robin Boyle – Daily Journal & Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Chair Hughes.

Invocation:

The invocation was given by Mr. Lyles.

Newry Sewer:

The first item on the agenda was discussion and possible action regarding the placement of the sewer line for the Newry project.

Mr. Hall reminded those present that the grant agreement for funds received from the SC Community Development Block Grant Program for the rehabilitation of the Newry Sewer prohibits the charging low to middle income families a connection fee to the system. Please see special conditions of the attached agreement. Mr. Hall also reiterated that the grants expire September 2001 if progress has not been made.

After a brief discussion regarding the grant Mr. Alan Pope of Goldie & Associates informed those present that when Goldie & Associates prepared the original Preliminary Engineering Report the most feasible route to dispose of the waste at Newry was to pump the waste from Newry into the Sewer system down the Old Clemson Highway into the ISS pump station.

Since that time a possible route down Highway 130 into the Seneca system has been proposed, the capital cost would be more to go that way. The most cost-effective route would depend on how operation and maintenance and depreciation are defined. The cost to run the line down Highway 130 is an estimated \$285,000 over the grant funds received.

To Mr. Hall's inquiry, Mr. Pope stated initially the least expensive route would be down Old Clemson Highway, however, if operation and maintenance, etc. is taken into account it may be less expensive to go down Highway 130.

To Mr. Hamilton's inquiry, Mr. Pope informed Council there are state rights-of-ways that can be used going down Highway 130.

To Mr. Johns' inquiry, Mr. Pope informed Council if the force main on Highway 123 can be converted into a gravity sewer line it is possible to reduce the expected \$285,000 overrun.

Executive Session:

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hall, approved 5 - 0 that Council go into executive session for the discussion of legal and contractual matters.

Open Session:

When open session resumed, Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 - 0 that \$7,500 of the interest earned on grant funds be used to engage Goldie & Associates to prepare a feasibility study for the Newry project Highway 130 route. Further the determination of the final route will depend on the review and acceptance of this study.

Rock Building:

To Mr. Hamilton's inquiry, Mrs. Hughes informed Council that Ms. Marianne Dillard, Procurement Director is to provide Council with information from a rock mason as to the value of the structure and rock work on the building is difficult to find any more as it is no longer performed.

Council delayed any action on the disposition until this information is obtained.

Brandt Building:

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 5 - 0 that the Brandt Building be moved to the old 911 office space and used for Probation & Parole and Department of Juvenile Justice.

School District Request:

Mrs. Hughes informed Council she had received a request from the Oconee County School District to use a portion of the Pine Street Properties (approximately 3.74 acres) for an office complex. Mrs. Hughes assigned this matter to the Purchasing, Contracting, Real Estate, Building & Grounds Committee.

The committee scheduled a meeting Tuesday, February 20, 2001 at 12:30 PM in Council Chambers to discuss this matter.

Parks & Recreation Commission Appointee:

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hall, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Ken Davis be appointed to represent District IV on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Executive Session:

Mr. Hall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 - 0 that Council go into executive session for the purpose of discussing a legal matter.

Open Session:

When open session resumed, there was no action taken regarding the executive session.

SHARE:

Upon request of Ms. Helen Jenkins, SHARE, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 - 0 that due to the extremely cold winter Oconee County has experience the county give SHARE a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to help with heating bills and if there is another shortage of funds, SHARR make another request of Council.

Adjourn:

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Respectfully Submitted,



Opal O. Green
Council Clerk