

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Steven R. Moore, 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, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Oconee County Council met Tuesday, July 16, 2002 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with Council Members Lyles, Hamilton and Moore present. The County Attorney was also present.

Press:

Members of the press notified (by mail): Keowee Courier, Westminster News, Anderson Independent, WGOG Radio, Daily Journal, WYFF TV, WLOS TV.

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

Other Organizations Notified:

Also notified were the Oconee County Tax Payers Association and the Oconee County Democratic Party.

Call to Order:

Supervisor-Chair Hughes who welcomed those called the meeting to order present for the meeting.

Invocation:

Mr. Hamilton gave the invocation.

Minutes (6/18/02 & 6/25/02):

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 3 - 0 that the minutes of the regular meeting held June 18, 2002 and the minutes of the special meeting held June 25, 2002 be adopted as printed.

Discussion Regarding Water in County:

Upon invitation of Supervisor Hughes, the following municipal officials addressed Council regarding the water needs of their municipalities:

Honorable Vera Duke, Mayor, City of Westminster
Mr. Sam Stribling, City of Westminster
Mr. Greg Dieterick, City of Seneca

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Discussion Regarding Water Continued:

Mr. Dewitt Martin, City of Seneca
Honorable Thurman Coward, Mayor, Town of Salem
Honorable Dorothy Gibson, Mayor, Town of West Union
Honorable Bill Whitmire, Mayor, City of Walhalla
Mr. Scott Parrish, City of Walhalla

Mr. Coward expressed concerns for the persons in his area whose well gone dry and the water lines for the Town of Salem do not extend to reach their houses.

Mr. Martin stated that although the City of Seneca has not had problems at this time people need to use water wisely.

Mr. Dieterick informed Council that the City of Seneca's water supply is connected to all the municipalities with the exception of West Union. They also supply water for Pioneer Water & Keowee Key.

Mr. Whitmire expressed the need for Walhalla, as well as the other municipalities, to develop alternative sources for water.

Mr. Stribling informed Council the City of Westminster is in relatively good condition at this time, they are however, trying to identify some infrastructure needs to allow for better provision of water.

After a brief discussion, Mrs. Hughes stated the main issues seem to be identification of additional water sources and connecting all the municipalities together. Mrs. Hughes asked that the Mayors meet with her the following week to further discuss the matter.

Newry Housing Revitalization Grant:

Mr. Dirk Reis, SC Appalachian Council of Governments, informed Council that fourteen of the fifteen houses to be renovated using the Newry Housing Revitalization Grant has been completed. However, the fifteenth house exceeds the estimated costs by some \$560. Mr. Reis assured Council he had spoken with Dale Culbreth, the grants manager and felt sure from his conversation with her that this would not negatively impact the county's ability to receive future grants. Mrs. Hughes requested Mr. Reis try to obtain this statement in writing from Ms. Culbreth.

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 3 – 0 that the contract for the fifteenth house be executed.

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Solid Waste:

Ms. Melissa Grant, Solid Waste Director, Mr. William Bolt, Convenience Center Supervisor & Mr. Robert Banks, County Engineer presented the attached *Manned Convenience Center Survey Results & Projections* to Council.

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 3 – 0 that Council take action regarding this matter.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 3 – 0 that \$40,000 be taken from line item 010 703 60278 to be used with the \$30,000 that was set aside in the Solid Waste Budget for the expansion at the Ebenezer site.

Bids for Communications, County Auditing, Engineer of Record & Tires for Heavy Equipment:

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 3 – 0 that the following bids be adopted:

- (1) Radio equipment for Communications be awarded to Gunby Communications, Inc. who was the only bidder at a total cost of \$94,110.10. (See attached bid sheet)
- (2) County Auditing be awarded to Byerley & Payne at a cost of \$26,500 plus \$35 to \$75 per hour for additional work for implementation of GASB 34 to include the School District's financial information. (See attached letter)
- (3) Engineering Services be awarded to Goldie & Associates, Davis & Floyd and Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc. (See attached bid sheet)
- (4) Tires for heavy equipment be awarded to Miller Brothers Giant Tire Service, Inc. who was the only bidder at approximately \$53,050 for approximate quantities. (See attached bid sheet)

Ordinance 2002-12:

First reading of Ordinance 2002-12, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2001-15, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CENTRALIZED PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS AND REPLACING ORDINANCE 85-12" was postponed until the Purchasing, Contracting, Real Estate, Building & Grounds Committee have an opportunity to meet and review a proposed ordinance.

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DJJ Contract:

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 3 – 0 that the attached Memorandum of Agreement Between the SC Department of Juvenile Justice Department and Oconee County for the house of juveniles be adopted.

Commission Appointments:

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 3 – 2 that Mr. Nick Williams be reappointed to represent District IV on the Emergency Management Commission and Ms. Barbara Waters be appointed to represent District IV on the Arts & Historical Commission.

DSS/DHHS Building:

Mr. Lyles, Chair of the Purchasing, Contracting, Real Estate, Building & Grounds Committee informed Council the committee had looked at the DSS/DHHS Building, but were not ready to make a recommendation.

Public Comment Session:

Mr. B. J. Littleton expressed an opinion that all counties need facilities to house juveniles. He also stated a water line could have been installed when Bad Creek was constructed or it might be possible to get water from Stumphouse Tunnel.

Executive Session:

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore approved 3 – 0 that Council go into executive session to discuss a legal matter and a contractual matter.

Open Session:

There was no action when open session resumed.

Adjourn:

Adjourn 4:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Opal O. Green
Council Clerk