

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, December 3, 2002 at 7:00PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members and the County Attorney was also present.

Press:

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

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio & Ray Chandler – Daily Journal.

Other Organizations Notified:

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

Call to Order:

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

Invocation:

- Mr. Hamilton gave the invocation.

Minutes:

- Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that the minutes of the regular meeting held November 19, 2002 be adopted as printed.

SC 8-Hour Ozone Early Action Compact:

- Upon recommendation of Mr. Tom Hendricks, Planning Director, Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 5 – 0 that Oconee County participate in South Carolina's 8-Hour Ozone Early Action Compact. (See attachment)

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Per Diem for Meals:

- Upon recommendation of the Budget & Finance Committee, Council voted unanimously that an employee receive the maximum of \$15.00 for meals when attending a one day conference and to adopt the internal revenue per diem method of reimbursing employees for meals when traveling overnight on county business.

SC Geodetic Mapping Grant:

- Upon recommendation of Mr. Carl Hayden, IT Director, Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 – 0 that the attached SC Geodetic Mapping Grant in the amount of \$15,000 with a 50% county match be adopted.

Water & Sewer:

- Mr. Norton, County Attorney, informed Council the negotiations regarding water and sewer were going well and he is meeting with the cities again December 5, 2002.

Transition Committee:

- Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 5 – 0 that the transition committee to form the qualifications of the administrator for the county be comprised of the following:

- An appointee from each Council Member
- An appointee from the County Supervisor
- Two appointees from the Council Body
- Mr. Joe Newton to work closely with the committee

Personnel & Intergovernmental:

- Mr. Hamilton, Chair, Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee informed those present that that committee had met prior to the Council meeting for the purpose of discussing the staffing study conducted by MGT of America and would be meeting again on December 17, 2002.

Purchasing, Contracting, Real Estate, Building & Grounds:

- Upon recommendation of the Purchasing, Contracting, Real Estate, Building & Grounds Committee Council voted unanimously to adopt the concept of Greene & Associates for the construction of hangars at the airport. (See attached request)

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Solid Waste:

- Mr. Ables informed those present that Council had never discussed a "pay as you throw" policy for the disposal of household waste at the convenience centers and he personally was opposed to the idea.

Public Comment Session:

- Mr. B. J. Littleton urged Council to tour the new courthouse to look at the work being done there. He also expressed no confidence in DHEC.

Adjourn:

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- Adjourn: 7:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Opal O. Green
Council Clerk