

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Steven R. Moore, District I Mr. Kenneth E. Johns, Jr., District II
Rev. William "Bill" Rinehart, 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 Tuesday, August 12, 2003 at 5:00 PM with all Council Members except Mr. Rinehart present. Mr. Norton, 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: Ray Chandler – 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:

Interim Supervisor-Chair Hamilton called the meeting to order.

Invocation:

Mr. Johns gave the invocation.

Video System:

Upon recommendation of Chief Deputy Terry Wilson & Ms. Marianne Dillard, Procurement Director, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 4 – 0 that a Video Analyst System be purchased with Local Block Grant Funds from Intergraph as sole source at a cost of \$27,342. (See attachment)

Mining Moratorium:

After considerable discussion regarding the inability of Council to impose a moratorium on mining in the county without zoning, Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 4 – 0 that the matter be referred to the Planning Commission for a recommendation with regard to clean water, protection of the environment and health and welfare of our citizens.

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SWAG Agreement:

Mr. Norton, County Attorney, presented the attached Intergovernmental Agreement regarding water and sewer to Council for their consideration.

The intent of the agreement is as follows:

- (a) To facilitate the working together of the County and the Cities for their mutual benefit and progress through the expansion of the sewer systems and water systems.
- (b) To protect the Cities from the costs related from system expansions outside of municipal limits, unless the cities decide to expand their systems outside of their municipal limits.
- (c) To assure fair treatment for entities wishing to connect to the water and sewer system and receive water and sewer service
- (d) To state that the County, Commission and City understand that a different rate structure should apply for water and/or sewer service outside of a City's municipal limits and that Cities and Commission should receive a return for providing water and/or sewer service, and that this return is essential for maintaining the current system and for expansion of the system.

Sewer Expansion:

Mr. Paul Lewis, Goldie & Associates presented the attached opportunities for sewer expansion to Council for their consideration.

Areas evaluated in the Master Plan are as follows:

- (a) Areas that the County may have an interest in providing sewer to enhance growth
- (b) Areas or entities that may approach the County with an interest in obtaining sewer service

These areas include:

- 1. Interstate 85 corridor and surrounding areas
- 2. Richland Creek area between Seneca and Walhalla
- 3. Martin Creek and Oconee County Airport areas in the eastern portion of the County
- 4. The Salem area along Highway 11
- 5. The Duke Power/Keowee Key area

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SWAG & Sewer Continued:

Mr. Hamilton assigned these matters to the Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee.

Pickens Sewer Line:

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 4 – 0 that Pickens County be granted permission to install a gravity sewer line across the Tri County Regional Landfill property. (See attachment)

Parks:

Upon request of Ms. Vickie Satterfield, Parks Director, Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 4 – 0 that six radios purchased by the Roads Department be installed in Parks vehicles.

Vehicle for GIS:

Upon request of Mr. Carl Hayden, IT Director, it was the consensus of Council that Mr. Hamilton look into the possibility of a surplus vehicle for GIS and if one is not found the Vehicle Maintenance Director look into the feasibility of purchasing a vehicle from Surplus Supply in Columbia.

Dates for Council:

Mr. Hamilton reminded Council of a meeting planned for September 2, 2003 for Mr. Joe Newton of SC Appalachian Council of Governments to address Council regarding the hiring of an administrator and a breakfast meeting with Dr. Booth, President of Tri County Technical College September 3, 2003.

Mr. Hamilton also informed Council he planned to schedule a work session some time in September regarding Solid Waste.

GIS:

Mr. Hamilton informed Council the first phase of GIS was approved by the Planning Commission, however, this is an unfunded item, this matter was referred to the Law Enforcement, Safety, Health, Welfare & Services Committee.

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Resolution:

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 4 – 0 that Council adopt a resolution supporting a jointly owned Walhalla-Salem expanded water system.

Poor Farm Lake:

Mr. Moore informed Council that Heather Stevens, ASCS Office, would like to meet with the Purchasing, Contracting, Real Estate, Building & Grounds Committee regarding the conservation measures being undertaken at Poor Farm Lake.

Library:

Council Members were reminded of Library Board Members that need to be replaced or reappointed.

Rural Fire:

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 4 – 0 that the burn building be placed out for bids as approved by the Planning Commission.

Adjourn:

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Respectfully Submitted

Opal O. Green

Clerk to Council