

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, October 28, 2003 at 5:00 PM with all Council Members and the County Attorney 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.

Change Order for Public Safety Facility:

Mr. Robert Banks, County Engineer, addressed Council regarding the attached change order for the Public Safety Facility stating that \$13,023 of the proposed \$55,012 change order is due to errors and omissions on the construction plans as a result of oversights by a sub-consultant, not changes requested by Oconee County or the architect. Mr. Banks also informed Council that in speaking with Davis & Floyd they have indicated a willingness to pay fifteen percent (15%) of the change orders that were a result of their errors and omissions.

Executive Session:

After a brief discussion, Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 – 0 that Council go into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal and contractual matters regarding this issue.

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Open Session:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 – 0 that the payment of \$55,012 be made to M. B. Kahn Construction Company, Inc. and that additional payments to Freeman-White be frozen until a plan of action has been completed regarding the Law Enforcement Center and that plan of action be presented to Council at the November 4, 2003 Council Meeting.

Further as a part of that motion, there is also a plan of action to be presented to Council at that same meeting concerning problems related to the fire trucks.

"Welcome to Oconee" Signs:

Ms. Marianne Dillard, Procurement Director, addressed Council regarding the need for the nine "Welcome to Oconee County" signs needing to be refurbished at a cost of \$5,200. After a brief discussion, Council requested that a report be made Tuesday, November 4, 2003 regarding the need of all the signs to be refurbished.

Survey of County Property:

Ms. Dillard also informed Council of a citizen's concern that the County has encroached on his property in the Five Forks area. Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 4 – 0 (Mr. Rinehart out of room) that a portion of the \$15,000 allocated for reseeding and herbicidal spraying of the acreage where the timber is to be cut be used to secure a survey of approximately 300 acres of County owned property.

Mr. Rinehart had to leave at 11:15 AM & Mr. Johns had to leave at 11:30 AM.

Discussion of Capital Improvement Plan:

Mr. Orr, Roads & Bridges Superintendent informed Council he would have no problem with the Road Department moving to the DAVCO Building if a satellite office for materials and equipment remained at the Five Forks location.

Mr. Ables & Mr. Lyles expressed concern regarding the removal of the road paving funds to a fund for capital improvement.

Mrs. Kay Olbon, Human Resources Director, expressed the attached concerns to Council.

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Capital Improvement Plan Continued:

Mr. Hamilton made the following recommendations to Council:

- (1) The Administrator, Council Clerk and Administrative Assistant be moved to the front three offices
- (2) Human Resources be moved to where Finance is now located
- (3) Finance (to include Tax Collector) occupy the remainder of the offices on the left side of the hallway
- (4) Probate Judge be moved to what is now being used as storage and the conference room
- (5) Election & Registrations be moved to the present location of the Probate Judge

Mr. Hamilton estimates it will take some \$30,000 to renovate the area for Probate Judge.

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles that Council approve in principal the moving of the Road Department to the DAVCO Building, the moving of Rural Fire to Five Forks, the construction of a new DSS Building as delineated in the capital improvement plan and replacement of vehicles and equipment as delineated in the capital improvement plan.

The motion was adopted 2 – 1 (Mr. Ables voting against)

Courthouse:

The discussion regarding the courthouse was postponed until the November 4, 2003 Council Meeting.

Solid Waste:

Upon recommendation of Ms. Melissa Grant, Solid Waste Director, Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 3 – 0 that a limit of ten off-road tires per month per customer and one hundred passenger tires per generator/hauler be imposed at the landfill until the new rates go into effect November 21, 2003.

Rosa Clark:

Ms. Susie Cornelius addressed Council regarding the Rosa Clark Clinic and the purchase of the Booker Building.

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Capital Expenditures Moratorium:

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 3 – 0 that the moratorium on capital equipment costing in excess of \$5,000 remain in effect until the capital improvement plan is in place and effective.

Adjourn:

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Respectfully Submitted

Opal O. Green
Clerk to Council