

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Steven R. Moore, District I Mr. Kenneth E. Johns, Jr., District II
Mr. 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 Friday, December 12, 2003 at 11:30 AM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members except Mr. Lyles present. Mr. Norton, County Attorney was also present.

Press:

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

Other Organizations Notified:

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

Called to Order:

Mr. Hamilton, Interim Supervisor/Chair called the meeting to order.

Invocation:

The invocation was given by Mr. Rinehart.

SWAG Agreement:

Mr. Norton, County Attorney, noted some of the highlights of the attached SWAG Intergovernmental Agreement as follows:

Section 7 (a) of the Agreement states the intent of the agreement is to facilitate the working together of the County and Cities for their mutual benefit and progress through the expansion of sewer systems and water systems.

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SWAG Agreement Continued:

Section 20 (a) states a "Connection Fee" or "Tap Fee" is a fee charged to the user for the cost of physically connecting to the sewer system which shall be set by the Oconee County Sewer Commission or the City (depending on the entity that owns the sewer main to which the connection is being made) based on the actual cost to the utility for connecting to the sewer system. The City's Connection Fee or Tap Fee shall be uniform throughout the City's sewer system outside of the City's city limits.

Section 20 (b) states a "Treatment Impact Fee" is a fee charged for the user's allocation of treatment capacity in the treatment plan. This fee shall be based on a uniform formula throughout the Commission and City system. This fee shall be set by the Oconee County Sewer Commission in accordance with Oconee County Ordinance 89-6 which references DHEC contributory guidelines.

This agreement will have to be approved by DHEC and also the Council Members would like to see the standards that will be adopted by the municipalities before voting to accept the agreement.

Truck for Rock Quarry:

Upon recommendation of Ms. Marianne Dillard, Procurement Director & Mr. Tommy Crumpton, Rock Quarry Director, Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 4 – 0 that the bid for a rock truck for the quarry be awarded to Interstate Equipment Company who was low bid at \$296,715. (See attached bid sheet)

Red Cross Request:

Mrs. Phyllis Lombard, Finance Director, informed Council she had received a request from Red Cross for \$10,000. It was the consensus of Council that Mr. Norton prepare a contract between Oconee County and Red Cross for consideration.

Recommendations of the Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee:

Upon recommendation of the Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee, Council voted unanimously to approve the job description and funding in the Amended Budget for a Construction Projects Engineer and the elimination of a Secretary II position in the Roads Department with the Secretary III in the Roads Department being moved to the Council Office changing the pay grade from a 9G to a 9I (an increase of \$1,608) with that person continuing to take work orders for the Road Department, balancing the books for the Road Department and Public Buildings and assisting the Council Clerk as necessary.

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Adjourn:

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Respectfully Submitted

Opal O. Green, Clerk to Council