

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, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Oconee County Council met Tuesday, March 16, 2004 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members except Mr. Lyles present. 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: 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. Rinehart gave the invocation.

Minutes:

By consensus, Council adopted the minutes of the regular meeting held March 2, 2004 as printed.

Law Enforcement Center (Contingency):

Upon request of Major Steve Pruitt, Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 4 – 0 that a total of \$10,212 be taken from contingency and placed in the following accounts: \$446 – gas and fuel oil; \$8,805 – electricity and \$961 – water/sewage/garbage for LEC.

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Rock Quarry:

Upon request of Mr. Tommy Crumpton, Rock Quarry Director, Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 4 – 0 that the attached transfer in the amount of \$11,000 from line item 017 719 50841 into line item 017 719 30037 for the purpose of renting two trucks with operators to strip dirt from rock in the expansion area of the quarry be adopted.

Aeronautics:

After presentation by Mr. Robert Banks, Airport Director, Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 4 – 0 that Upstate Aviation, LLC be granted permission to construct a corporate hangar at the airport similar to the existing corporate hangar there and, also Upstate enter into a lease with the same terms and conditions as the present lessor.

Vehicles/Equipment:

Interim Supervisor Hamilton informed Council bids would be placed for the following equipment and brought back to Council for their review and award:

Compactor for Solid Waste
Truck for Solid Waste
Motor Grader for Road Department
Loader for Road Department

Rural Fire:

Upon recommendation of Mr. Ronald Butts, Rural Fire Chief and Ms. Marianne Dillard, Procurement Director, Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 4 – 0 that bids for firefighting equipment be awarded on low bid per item basis as follows (see attached bid sheet):

Anderson Fire & Safety Equipment	\$ 7,429.80
Armsco	\$ 293.90
Charlotte Equipment Sales	\$ 5,147.10
Powell & Associates	\$12,562.01
Slagle Fire Equipment	\$21,035.73
TOTAL:	\$46,468.54

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Timber at DAVCO Site:

Upon recommendation of Ms. Dillard, Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 4 – 0 that the bid for the timber at the DAVCO site be awarded to Clendenin Lumber Company who was high bid at \$26,375. (See attached bid sheet)

Law Enforcement Center:

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 3 – 1 (Mr. Moore voting against) that the attached change order in the amount of \$108,860 for the Law Enforcement Center be adopted. The changes include the following:

Revise Contact Visitation areas:	\$81,310
Modifications for roll up fire doors:	\$ 2,000 (est)
Add room E109A (EMA):	\$ 2,386
Changes to 911 Suite:	\$ 1,938
Add two fire dampers:	\$ 1,000 (est)
Misc. Steel framing for mechanical rooftop units:	\$ 3,000
Revised Enclosed mechanical spaces:	\$ 5,000
Caseworker revisions:	\$ (3,174)
Transfer duct revisions	\$ -0-
Security revisions:	\$ 4,000 (est)
Electrical revisions:	\$ 2,000
Add fan to narcotics room:	\$ 2,600 (est)
Add CCTV monitor & intercom:	\$ 6,800
Total:	\$108,860

Proclamation:

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 4 – 0 that the attached Proclamation declaring April 2004 as "OCONEE COUNTY CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH, SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH AND VICTIMS' RIGHTS MONTH" be adopted on first and final reading.

Resolution 2004-01:

There was no motion by Council to adopt Resolution 2004-01, "A RESOLUTION TO ANNEX THE COUNTY HOSPITAL PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF SENECA".

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Ordinance 2004-02:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 4 – 0 that Ordinance 2004-02, "AN ORDINANCE REORGANIZING THE OCONEE COUNTY RURAL FIRE COMMISSION AND REPLACING ORDINANCE 2001-02" be adopted on third and final reading as amended.

Ordinance 2004-05:

Ordinance 2004-05, "AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE FALSE FIRE ALARMS TO WHICH OCONEE COUNTY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPOND" was not ready for third and final reading.

Ordinance 2004-07:

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 2 – 1 (Mr. Rinehart out of room, Mr. Ables voting against) that Ordinance 2004-07, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 97-14, THE OCONEE COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL, SPECIFICALLY POLICY 4-6, INCLEMENT WEATHER" be adopted on second reading.

Ordinance 2004-08:

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 3 – 0 (Mr. Rinehart out of room) that Ordinance 2004-08, AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE COUNTY COMPUTER/INTERNET/E-MAIL POLICY" be adopted on second reading.

Ordinance 2004-09& 2004-10:

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 3 – 0 (Mr. Rinehart out of room) that Ordinance 2004-09, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2000-06, THE OCONEE COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL ORDINANCE" and Ordinance 2004-10, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 97-14, AS AMENDED, THE OCONEE COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL" be adopted on first reading in title only.

Memorandum of Understanding:

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 3 – 1 (Mr. Moore voting against) that the attached Memorandum of Understanding Between Oconee County & Pioneer Water be adopted.

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Tax Collections:

Mrs. Lombard, Finance Director, updated Council on efforts being made to collect delinquent taxes.

Finance Office (Contingency):

Upon request of Mrs. Lombard, Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 4 – 0 that \$7,200 be taken from contingency for sales tax on products and/or services as delineated on attachment.

City of Westminster Request:

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 4 – 0 that sand and gravel requested by the City of Westminster be approved from their allotted 1,000 tons per year.

Courthouse Flag Pole:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 4 – 0 that the POW & MIA Flag be flown at the courthouse for the next thirty days, then the Veterans Flag be flown for thirty days and each service flag be flown four month each in alphabetical order.

Public Comment Session:

Ms. Susie Cornelius addressed Council regarding department heads attending meetings to answer any questions Council might have, the SWAG Agreement, etc.

Mr. Eddie Martin addressed Council regarding demolition of the old courthouse.

Mr. B. J. Littleton addressed Council regarding LEC visitation, the Rural Fire Commission, Ordinance 2004-05, etc.

Executive Session:

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 4 – 0 that Council go into executive session to discuss a legal matter.

Open Session:

There was no action when open session resumed.

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Adjourn:

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Respectfully Submitted:

Opal O. Green, Clerk to Council