

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
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MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Oconee County Council held a special meeting Tuesday, June 28, 2005 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers with all Council Members, Mr. Rabun, County Administrator. Mr. Norton, County Attorney and the Clerk to Council present.

Press:

- Members of the press notified (via mail): Daily Journal, Keowee Courier, Westminster News, Anderson Independent, Greenville News, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, WIRX 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 Democratic Party, the Oconee County Tax Payers Association and the Citizens for Recreation Center.

Call to Order:

- Chairman Ables called the meeting to order.

Invocation:

- Mr. Rinehart gave the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance:

- Mr. Norton led the pledge of allegiance to the US Flag.

Public Hearing RE: Ordinance 2005-09, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY TO OCONEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, INC.”:

- Dr. Marion McMillan spoke against the approval of Ordinance 2005-09 stating that he and some partners had formed Jericho Capital Partners, Inc. who would purchase the hospital property and buildings for \$20,000,000.00 and take bid to construct patient towers and take over hospital operations. Dr. McMillan further stated Jericho was made up of himself, Pickens Patterson & Deborah Moody.

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Public Hearing Continued:

- Mr. David Ball, Attorney for Jericho Capital Partners, Inc. spoke in favor of his clients stating the interlocal agreement cannot be a binding document unless and until there has been a full hearing which is the purpose of tonight’s meeting as per §4-9-130 SC Code of Laws.

Ms. Becky Ballenger stated Council needed to think about “the walls of Jericho came tumbling down”.

Ms. Susie Cornelius spoke against the adoption of Ordinance 2005-09 (See attached comments).

Dr. Conrad Shuler spoke in favor of adopting Ordinance 2005-09.

Ms. Jeanne Ward, CEO, Oconee Memorial Hospital, spoke in favor of adopting Ordinance 2005-09.

Dr. Juan Cabanero spoke in favor of adopting Ordinance 2005-09.

Ms. Sharon Stricker, Oconee Mental Health spoke in favor of adopting Ordinance 2005-09.

Mr. Don Rowe spoke in favor of adopting Ordinance 2005-09.

Ms. Wanda Duncan spoke against adoption of Ordinance 2005-09.

Mr. B. J. Littleton addressed Lakeview Rest Home and the need for more places like it.

Adjourn:

- Adjourn: 6:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Opal O. Green
Clerk to Council