

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 1978

The County Council meeting was opened by Chairman Phinney with the opening prayer by Mr. Cox. All Council Members were present.

Minutes of the October 17th meeting were approved as furnished. Motion by Mr. Cox seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Crain moved, Mr. Thomas seconded to waive reading and adopt on Second Reading Ordinance 78-9 "To Authorize the sale of Oconee County General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes". Motion carried - voting For 8 and 0 Against. It was agreed to meet November 21st for Third Reading.

Motion by Mr. Bailes seconded by Mr. Ables to adopt on First Reading Ordinance 78-10 "Oconee Affirmative Action Plan and Program" It was agreed if any revisions are necessary it can be done on Second or Third Reading. Motion passed unanimously.

County Treasurer, Henry Cater, briefed Council on the activities of his Office and expressed his thanks to Council for their assistance in co-hosting with Pickens County the annual County Treasurers and Auditors Convention last week. As President of this association this year, Mr. Cater has been invited to sit in on the Legislative Committee meeting in Charleston on December 1st and he requested Council approve his expense for this trip. Mr. Cox moved to fund up to \$250, Mr. Thomas seconded and motion was carried.

In new business, Mr. Cox moved to up-grade the position of Map Technician in the Tax Assessors Office from Grade 5 to Grade 6 (\$5,840 to \$6,132) and to approve an additional Appraiser at a salary of \$9,060. This would not result in any increase in the Tax Assessor's budget as there has been a lapse in personnel leaving a balance in the budget for salary in this department. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Dr. Earle moved to pay the CCS employees (at their regular rate) for working on November 24 and 25th in order to keep the landfill open and green boxes emptied over the Thanksgiving Holidays. No additional funds will be required. Mr. Thomas seconded and motion was carried.

Mr. Frady announced bids by his Committee were received on six new patrol cars for the Sheriffs Department. Two bids were received, Roper Auto Sales, \$5,897 each and Edwards Auto Sales \$5,847 each. He moved to accept the low bid of Edwards Auto for six LTD-2 Fords - Mr. Crain seconded and motion was carried.

Mr. Thomas moved, Mr. Herring seconded and it was carried to front \$20,258 from the contingency account to pay for the new ambulance for the Civil Defense Agency - \$16,268 of this amount will be reimbursed.

Law Enforcement Director, Bill Yarborough and the Law Enforcement Committee's prisoner cost study revealed a cost of \$10.00 per day to keep city prisoners. Mr. Cox moved, Mr. Thomas seconded, to charge the cities one half of this or \$5.00 per day for their prisoners. Mr. Crain moved to amend the motion to state "all city prisoners awaiting trial by the city recorders" - Mr. Frady seconded the amendment which was carried. Mr. Cox's motion was then passed. It was agreed to write a letter to this effect to city mayors.

Mr. Ables announced he would have a report on the South Cove Park residence at the December meeting.

Council agreed to install an additional telephone in the Probation Office at a cost of \$292.80 (see letter dated November 4, 1978 from Mr. Irvin for details) Motion by Mr. Ables seconded by Mr. Herring and carried. Also, it was agreed to have Smith Data to computerize the delinquent tax notices for the period 1968-1977 (approximately 9200). Estimated cost to enter the data into the computer and get a print out was \$3,036 (to be paid from the contingency account).

Mr. Ables moved, Mr. Cox seconded and it was agreed to go into executive session.

After executive session the Council meeting was reopened and the following decisions were ratified:

Resolution 78-10, pertaining to the collecting of past due and delinquent taxes by the Tax Collector was passed. Motion by Mr. Bailes seconded by Mr. Ables and passed by a vote of 7 Yes and 0 No with one abstaining vote (Mr. Thomas abstained because of his relation to the Tax Collector).

Recent charges that tires were purchased from a firm that was not the low bidder was discussed after which Mr. Herring moved to give Supervisor Phinney a vote of confidence as it pertained to a manner in which tires were purchased from Dickson's 76 and Tire Service and Super Service. The vote was 6 to 2. Voting for: Bailes, Cox, Crain, Herring, Thomas and Ables. Voting against: Earle and Frady.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M.