

MINUTES

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY MARCH 25, 1980

The regular meeting of County Council was opened by Chairman Phinney with the invocation by Mr. Crain. All Council Members were present.

Minutes of the March 4th meeting were approved as furnished - Motion by Mr. Crain, second by Dr. Earle.

Mr. Wallace, representing the Forest Service briefed Council on the Land Management Planning for the Sumter National Forest. Mr. Wallace stated the move was toward long range planning and the Forest Service will be asking for citizen input, both from people who live and own land adjoining forest land and all others. He stated he felt citizen participation in the planning will be of great help. They plan to meet with Civic groups etc, to discuss this matter. Mr. Wallace assured Council that they would be kept informed of the planning progress. He said news releases would be in the local news media within several weeks. Council Members thanked Mr. Wallace for bringing his services to the people.

Sheriff Myron Green requested additional funds for his Department. He estimated he will need an additional \$7,500 per month for gasoline through June 30th. He also said several other accounts in his department are out of funds. Mr. Ables suggested these bills be presented on a month by month basis. Council suggested Mr. Green get an estimate of funds needed and present them back to Council at their budget meeting Thursday March 27th.

Mr. Lee Snider of the CCS Commission, too, asked for additional funds for his department for the balance of this fiscal year due to equipment breakdowns, fuel costs, etc. Mrs. Jennings recommended his request be accepted as information and bills be approved on a monthly basis with any major expenditure being approved before the purchase is made.

Mr. Busch, Director of the Law Enforcement Center requested some \$44,719 additional funds for his department through June 30th. Of this amount some \$24,719 is for medical bills. One prisoner was injured and another suffered a heart attack and required a pacemaker. Mr. Busch advised Council he is looking into the possibility of getting workmen's compensation insurance for prisoners through the S.C. Industrial Commission. It was agreed by Council for Mr. Busch to get up to date figures and present them at Thursday night's budget meeting.

Mr. Crain moved to approve Public Defender Sire's request for additional funds in the amount of \$300.73 from the contingency account (\$238.33 for travel and \$62.40 for dues) Dr. Earle seconded and all votes were in favor.

Dr. Earle moved for the adoption on Second Reading of Ordinance 80-2 "Personnel Policies and Procedures", Mr. Crain seconded the motion subject to comments from the Department Heads. Several of the Department Heads spoke their disapproval of the policies as they have been rewritten. Most all objected to the 40 hr. work week. Some said they had not received a copy and were not familiar with the revisions. Mr. Crain then moved to table the motion until copies are made available to all Department Heads - Mr. Frady seconded - voting to table the motion was unanimous. Dr. Earle then requested the Elected and appointed Officials set a time to meet and discuss this matter (the meeting was set for 9 A. M. April 2nd in the courtroom).

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Dr. Earle announced that Second Reading of Ordinance 80-3, "Concerning the Consumption and Transportation of Alcoholic Beverages in Vehicles and Public Places in Oconee County," would have to be postponed as it is not in completed form yet.

Dr. Earle moved for the adoption on Second Reading of Ordinance 80-4, "Pertaining to Making the Tax Collector's Position Appointed Rather than Elected", after which he read the Ordinance in its entirety. The motion then died for lack of a second. Mr. Frady recommended that this Ordinance be reviewed again as there are some good points in it for the efficient operation of the office. Tax Collector, John Fowler, gave a briefing and update of his delinquent tax collections.

Mrs. Jennings moved for the adoption on First Reading of Ordinance 80-5, "Defining the Use of Non-conforming Ambulances," second by Mr. Ables - all votes were in favor. According to State Statute, Oconee's five non-conforming ambulances can be used - operating ONLY within the county.

Ordinance 80-6, "Supplemental Budget Ordinance", was adopted on First Reading - motion by Mr. Ables second by Mr. Frady - Voting For 5 and Against 0.

Mrs. Jennings moved to allow Morris Communications to place their antenna on the Sheriff's tower at Long Mountain. If allowed to do this, they agree to maintain the Sheriff's equipment at the tower with no charge. Dr. Earle seconded and motion was passed.

Mr. Frady said he had a copy of the floor plan drawings of the DSS building which he would show Members of Council later.

It was announced by Chairman Phinney that the next regular meeting of Council will be April 8th at 7 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.