

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 20, 1980

The regular meeting of County Council was opened by Vice-Chairman Hugh Ables with the invocation by Mr. Frady. Supervisor Phinney and Council Member Jennings were absent.

Motion by Dr. Earle, second by Mr. Frady and carried to adopt minutes of the May 6th meeting as furnished.

A briefing/update on the tax reassessment program was given by Mr. Medford, Tax Assessor (a copy of his presentation is attached). He stated the program is progressing on schedule.

~~Mr. Louie Keys addressed Council Members with regard to personnel~~ discrimination of county employees. Several instances were discussed by Mr. Keys (a tape of his presentation is on file). Dr. Earle told Mr. Keys the County has requested COG to conduct an analysis of all county employees/jobs/ pay scales, etc. As a result of the merit raise system three years ago, some of the salaries are unequal for the same jobs. Dr. Earle stated that, hopefully after this study is made, salaries will be equalized. Funds are included in the 1980-81 budget for salary adjustments.

Mr. Crain announced that a letter has been received from the School Department approving an alternate route for the new Middle School Road and that he will be meeting with the school officials soon to look at the proposed location of the road.

ECAP funds totaling \$144,391 have been received to date, according to Mr. Crain. He further stated that 770 households have received fuel assistance. It is now projected for the next year Oconee County will receive some \$385,000 for this program.

Mr. Frady moved to approve from the contingency account \$6,403.67 for bills for the CCS Commission. Mr. Crain seconded and motion was carried.

Mr. Ables announced the next regular meeting of County Council will be at 7:00 P.M. Thursday June 5th at which time the budget will receive First Reading. Second Reading of the budget is scheduled for 9:00 A.M. June 12th. The second regular County Council meeting will be June 19th at 3:00 P.M. - at which time Third and Final Reading will be given the new budget.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

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FOR INFORMATION THIS OFFICE HAS HAD ITS EFFORTS DIRECTED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS SINCE JANUARY 1980 WHEN THE HIRING OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL BEGAN TO ASSIST IN THE REASSESSMENT OF PROPERTIES OF OCONEE COUNTY:

- A. PREPARING UPDATES ON REAL PROPERTY FOR THE 1980 TAX DIGEST.
- B. PARCEL ANALYSIS AND LISTING OF ALL PROPERTY NOT FOUND ON THE CURRENT RECORDS OF THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. THE WESTERN PORTION OF OCONEE COUNTY WAS THE AREA OF CONCENTRATION SINCE THIS WOULD BE THE AREA TAKING MORE TIME TO COMPLETE DUE TO TRAVEL TIME AND TERRAIN.
- C. RESIDENTIAL SALES STUDY OF ALL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY PURCHASED DURING THE CALENDAR YEARS 1978 AND 1979.
- D. COMMERCIAL SALES STUDY OF ALL COMMERCIAL PROPERTY PURCHASED DURING THE CALENDAR YEARS 1978 AND 1979.
- E. DESIGNING AND PREPARING A COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTIAL COSTS ASSESSMENT CRITERIA BASED ON THE INFORMATION BASED ON THE PARCEL ANALYSIS.

CURRENT STATUS OF THE ABOVE AREAS OF CONCENTRATION:

- A. THE REAL PROPERTY BOOKS MAINTAINED BY THE ASSESSORS OFFICE WITH THE UPDATE INFORMATION WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS WEEK AND NEW RECORDS PREPARED TO ADD NEW PARCELS FOR ADDITION TO THE ROLLS WERE COMPLETED LAST WEEK. AS SOON AS THE MACHINE TAPES ARE PREPARED IN EACH OF THE CATEGORIES, RESIDENTIAL, FARM AND OTHER, THE BOOKS WILL BE SENT TO SMITH DATA PROCESSING TO PREPARE THE 1980 TAX ROLLS. AS SOON AS THIS TASK IS COMPLETED MORE EFFORT BY THE OFFICE STAFF CAN BE DIRECTED TOWARDS REASSESSMENT AS WELL AS MAINTAINING CURRENT WORK LOADS.
- B. PARCEL ANALYSIS INCLUDES THE WESTERN AREA OF OCONEE COUNTY AS SHOWN HERE: (POINT OUT ON COUNTY MAP). THIS MAY NOT SEEM TO BE MUCH AREA BUT SINCE THE TRAINING PROGRAM OF THE PROPERTY LISTERS BEGAN IN LATE JANUARY 1980 AND THE AMOUNT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER WE HAD IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE ENCOURAGING IF PERSONNEL LOSSES DO NOT EFFECT US TOO MUCH. THIS OFFICE HAS LOST TWO TRAINED PERSONS SINCE JANUARY, ONE APPRAISER AND ONE PART-TIME EMPLOYEE.
- C. RESIDENTIAL SALES STUDIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR SENECA AND WALHALLA WHERE MOST OF THE SALES OCCURRED. THE FEW REMAINING WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK.
- D. COMMERCIAL SALES STUDY HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR OCONEE COUNTY AND THE WORK IN PREPARING THE APPRAISAL CARDS FOR REASSESSMENT HAS BEGUN.
- E. THE COMPUTER PROGRAM FORMAT AND CHARACTER COUNT HAS BEEN PREPARED AND THE TRANSFER OF DATA FROM THE REAL PROPERTY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY SMITH DATA PROCESSING (MAP NUMBERS-PROPERTY OWNERS- ADDRESS) TO MAKE UP THE REASSESSMENT PARCEL HEADINGS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE WEEK. TRAINING PERIODS THEN CAN COMMENCE TRANSFERRING DATA FROM THE FIELD SHEETS TO THE COMPUTER. APPROXIMATELY 400 RESIDENTIAL PARCEL WILL BE COMPLETED, TRANSFERRED TO A MAG TAPE AND MAILED TO MARSHALL AND SWIFT PUBLICATION COMPANY IN CALIFORNIA. THE NUMBER 400 IS THE CUTOFF POINT FOR THE COST MINIMUMS.