

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 19, 1980

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

Motion by Dr. Earle, second by Mr. Ables and carried to approve minutes of the August 5th meeting as furnished.

Ordinance 80-11, "An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and sale of \$4,412,500 Sewer System Revenue Bonds for Oconee County" was adopted on Third and Final Reading - Motion by Mr. Ables second Mrs. Jennings - The vote 5-0.

Since State Grant Funds for landfill equipment are not available, Mrs. Jennings recommended that bids already received be accepted and purchase authorized for the packer and truck for the CCS Dept. (funds approved in the 1980-81 budget)

State funds for the operation of the Children's Home are possible if the Home can be designated as the Oconee Children's Home Association with the present commission serving as trustees. If these funds are received, they would be handled by the Association. Council agreed for the County Attorney to do what is necessary to get this done.

A request from Supt. of Education, Fred Hamilton for the County to assume the responsibility, or assign to another agency, the Westminster Cannery operation was discussed by Council. The school dept. is closing this facility and Council agreed that since the season for canning is not over, to delay action on this request.

No action was taken on the proposed fee of \$21,250 from Freeman, Wells and Major Architects for the Brown Building renovation.

Mr. Crain announced that site for the Walhalla Middle School has been agreed on and the State Highway Dept. will do the survey for \$1500 to \$2,000. The County will construct the road according to State Highway Department plans, then the Highway Dept. will accept bids for the paving. As a result the County's share for construction will be reduced from 34% to 20% (balance for funds to come from ARC funds). The County will have to pay for culverts, etc.

Civil Defense Preparedness Director, Mr. Walter Purcell and Mr. Jim Forest from the State Office briefed Council on the progress being made in the Alert/Evacuation Plans for the county in case of a nuclear emergency. Mr. Purcell requested permission for some of the rescue squad members from Salem and Mountain Rest to attend a seminar in Greenville at a cost of \$50 per person. Council advised Mr. Purcell that \$750 was in his budget for schools/training and can be used as he sees fit. Mr. Purcell stated the encoder from the Oconee Hospital will be moved soon to the Communications Center.

Council agreed for Mr. Snider to determine the cheapest way to place a well at Lakeview Landfill (required by DEHEC) and to charge to budget code 49-9903R.

Mrs. Jennings announced a meeting of the Law Enforcement Committee on August 26th at 7:30 P.M.

At the request of Mr. Ken Williams, County Auditor, Council agreed to set the tax millage for this year at 135 mills - Motion by Mr. Ables, second by Mr. Crain - The vote 5-0.

Mr. Ables announced that in executive session on August 19th Council agreed to hire the firm of Fields & McCall to conduct the 1980-81 audit for a fee of \$21,000. He moved to ratify this agreement, second by Mrs. Jennings - The vote 4 For and 1 (Crain) abstained.

Mr. Ables moved to borrow \$750,000 Tax Anticipation Notes from Southern Bank and Trust at 5 1/2% interest payable on or before January 20, 1981. Mr. Frady seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous vote. Council directed the County Attorney to prepare the necessary paperwork.

Mr. Crain discussed the County's agreement to close the existing sewer lagoons for the three cities citing two choices as to how this could be done. (1) The supervisor's crew's do the work which would stop work/construction of county roads; (2) to contract - but no funds are available. Mr. Crain requested Mr. Phinney to appoint a Committee to study and make recommendations at the next meeting. He pointed out the deadline for completion was originally September 1st however an extension has been granted until December 1st. Mr. Phinney appointed the Road Committee to study and make recommendations. Council discussed possible use of Revenue Sharing Funds for this project.

As a matter of information, Dr. Earle furnished Council Members a copy of a proposed Resolution concerning deferred compensation plan for county employees, he further stated that Mrs. Wolfe, President Plan Administrator will be invited to the next meeting to explain this to Council.

Mr. Phinney announced that Mr. Snider has resigned as CCS Supt. effective August 31st and that he has transferred Charles Winchester as his replacement.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.