

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 2, 1980

Before the regular County Council meeting a public hearing was held at 6:45 P.M. to get citizen input regarding the disposition of the old jail building. Several citizens including Members of the Oconee Arts and Historical Commission were present. Council agreed to give the Arts and Historical Commission one year to develop a plan to determine whether or not the old jail could be restored and used for some useful county purpose.

The regular meeting of County Council was opened by Chairman Phinney with the invocation by Mr. Robert Gaillard.

Minutes of the August 19th meeting were approved - Motion by Mr. Ables second by Mr. Crain and carried.

~~An update on the progress of the Planning Commission's efforts in securing new industry was given by Mr. Bob Gaillard. He reported that the Golden Corner Industry Committee held a meeting recently and revealed that one industry is planning to locate in Oconee County which will result in a sizeable investment. Others, Mr. Gaillard said, are making inquiries (7 or 8 in various stages). A \$15,000 grant has been received for a feasibility study of the construction of a county wide water treatment and distribution system.~~

An explanation of the State Deferred Compensation Plan was given Council Members by Mr. Don Reid. He stated he hopes to meet soon with the Department Heads to go over this plan with them.

Dr. Earle read Resolution 80-6, "Deferred Compensation Plan for Oconee County Employees", and moved for its adoption to become effective January 1, 1981 - Mr. Crain seconded and motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Jennings moved to adopt Ordinance 80-12 in Title only on First Reading, second by Mr. Ables - The vote 4-0. This Ordinance is an amendment to CCS Commission Ordinance #1.

Dr. Earle read Resolution 80-7, "Pertaining to Grant for Airport Improvements", after which he moved for its adoption, second by Mrs. Jennings and carried 4-0. He also commended the Aeronautics Commission Members for the fine work they are doing to improve the airport.

Mr. Crain moved to allow Chairman Phinney to execute a contract with the State Highway Department for erecting signs for all railroad crossings on county roads where needed. Dr. Earle seconded and motion was carried 4-0. The estimated cost for the 30 signs needed is \$2,697. Of this amount the State will pay 90% and the County 10% (in kind). Funds will be fronted from the contingency account.

Mr. Crain reported the Road Committee's recommendation for the city lagoon work is to accept bids from contractors for the projects with the funds to come from revenue sharing. He made a motion to this effect, second by Mr. Ables who suggested the Sewer Commission oversee the work - the vote 4-0.

Dr. Earle appointed Ray Wigington, Salem, S.C. to the Civil Preparedness Commission from District #1.

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Mrs. Jennings moved to sell or lease the Discount Mart Building (adjacent to the Brown Building) to the school department for \$1.00 (any repairs to be the responsibility of the school department) Mr. Ables seconded - the vote 4-0.

Dr. Earle referred to a Memo from the Director of the Motor Pool last year which gives the Motor Pool Supervisors the authority to make decisions regarding the repair to county owned vehicles. The Memo also stated the Motor Pool Authorities would suggest a vehicle replacement schedule. Council agreed that the portion of the Memo referring to the replacement schedule be handled another way. Dr. Earle then moved to put into effect the portion of the Memo regarding decisions on vehicle repair and maintenance being handled by Motor Pool Supervisors/ Mechanics. Mr. Crain seconded and motion carried 4-0. A copy of this Memo will be available to all departments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.