

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING, JUNE 2, 1981

The regular Oconee County Council Meeting was held June 2, 1981 with all members present.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Chairman Crain who welcomed the guests and media.

The invocation was given by Dr. Earle.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to approve the minutes of the May 26, 1981 meeting.

Mr. Gaillard of the Planning Commission introduced Mr. Chuck Joy of Russell & Axon who did a water feasibility study in Oconee County.

In his presentation, Mr. Joy stated the purpose of the study was to assess the present drinking water in Oconee County and the system serving Oconee County, evaluate the existing water needs and the future water needs in the county and the role Oconee County can play in satisfying the future needs in the county.

Their recommendations to the County are: Oconee County should provide planning for future needs by applying for assistance and grants and Oconee County should work jointly with the city systems of Walhalla, Westminster & Seneca and with the Pioneer Water District.

Ms. Suzanne Huber of the Humane Society came before Council to request the Shelter Manager be put back in the budget. In her presentation she stated it only cost the county five cents per day for food for each animal and the total increase over the 1975 budget is only \$900.00

Mr. Bob Hughes of the American Legion came before Council to request the secretary for Veteran's Affairs be put back into the budget as a full time employee instead of half-time.

Mr. Butts & Dr. Earle assured the American Legion that Council had not and would not forget the Veterans in the county and they would not receive any less service than they were receiving now.

Mr. Crain assured the American Legion that his office will assist Mr. Orr in the next twelve months in any way needed. He also stated there were two offices in the Public Service Building that could be used for Veteran's Affairs if necessary.

Mr. Duckworth of the Solicitor's Office came before Council to re-emphasize the necessity of a deputy solicitor, he said the staff had been cut in half but the case load had doubled and now the state required a new Pre-Trial Intervention Program. The state provides no money for this program.

Mr. Fedder, County Attorney, suggested 81-8 be amended adding Section 2⁸ which would combine 81-8 & 81-9.

Mr. Williams presented 81-8 including Section 28, an 8% adjustment for entry level for county employees with a \$1200 limit, also to cut the Charity Medical Secretary to half-time and transfer \$450 to Soil & Water for the maintenance of water sheds. He then made this into the form of a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts. The amendments were approved 5 - 0. The votes on the budget were Mr. Brandt - no, Mr. Butts - yes, Dr. Earle - yes, Mr. Williams - yes, Mr. Harper abstained from voting.

Mr. Butts stated that all Council Members had seen the bids for the road work to be done and he made a motion that Gus Carpenter, Inc. be awarded the bid for black topping the roads, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0.

Mr. Butts made a motion that Gus Carpenter, Inc. be awarded the bid for resealing the roads, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0.

Dr. Earle read a letter of resignation from Mrs. Ann Moxley of the Library Board, he then made a motion her resignation be accepted and a letter of appreciation be sent to Mrs. Moxley and Mrs. Bonnie Fischer be appointed to fill her unexpired term which ends June 30, 1983. This motion was seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0.

Dr. Earle made a motion that the Oconee Library be allowed to request a grant from NRC in the amount of \$3,000 for a local document room and that money for this be taken from contingency to be replaced when the library receives the grant, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0.

Dr. Earle read a letter of resignation of Mr. Kilroy of the Oconee County Library, he made a motion the resignation be accepted and a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Kilroy, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0.

Mr. Harper made a motion that Council accept Gulf Oil Chemical's bid for blasting at the Rock Crusher, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0.

Mr. Harper made a motion that Council accept Lindsay Oil Co.'s bid for gas & oil, this motion was seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0.

Mr. Crain stated the bids will be taken on monthly basis. He also stated the seisel tank was installed today and the gas tank will be installed tomorrow.

Mr. Crain stated the cattle that were sold last month brought \$3011 to replace the \$3000 taken from contingency earlier to buy seed, fertilizer, etc.

Adjourn: 8:05


Norman D. Crain, Supervisor