

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING, AUGUST 18, 1981

The regular Oconee County Council Meeting was held, Tuesday, August 18, 1981 at 3:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers. All members of Council were present.

Members of the press present were: Jim Lucas - The Seneca Journal, Dick Mangrum - WSNW Radio, George Allgood - WGOG Radio & Ashton Hester - Keowee Courier.

The invocation was given by Mr. Williams.

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

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 to approve the minutes of the August 4, 1981 meeting.

Dr. Don Garrison of Tri County Tec came before Council and asked them to sign a letter of intent tentatively committing local funding at a maximum of \$193,750 in the next two to three years to build a Learning Resources Center at Tri County Tec. Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to approve Dr. Garrison's request. (Copy of letter attached)

Mr. Williams presented Ordinance 81-10, Industrial Revenue Bonds for Steel Heddle Mfg. Co. and made a motion it be adopted on third and final reading. This motion was seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0.

Mr. Fedder announced General Obligation Bonds will be sold September 1 at 12:00 P.M. Delivery is expected around September 15.

John Earle & Ron Maddox made a presentation to the Council on restoring the old jail as a museum. Mr. Maddox stated it would be suitable as a museum because it is: located near the center of county government, durable and it would cost quite a bit to rebuild. The council deferred action until a time frame and cost of the restoration could be scheduled.

The Arts Commission is to get with Mr. Fedder and draw up a resolution concerning the time and cost.

Mr. Robert Gaillard, Director of the Planning Commission asked Council if they wanted to apply for grants with ARC for water lines and sewer lines along Hwy. 123. The estimated cost of these projects is \$960,000 and the grants are 50% grants. Applications must be in by September 1, 1981. Council agreed Oconee County should apply for these grants due to the fact we are going to have to extend both the sewer lines and water lines in Oconee County.

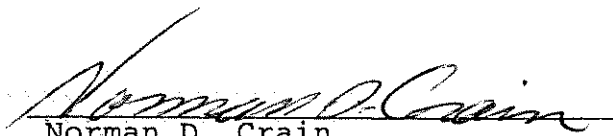
D. E. Medford, Assessor gave a presentation on the Reassessment Program. In his presentation he stated the South Carolina Tax Commission had made a study of the reassessment in July to advise as to what should be done to complete the reassessment by deadline. Mr. Medford stated there were 13,000 parcels completed and ready to be put on the computer. He also stated the South Carolina Tax Commission was concerned about the appraisals on the agricultural properties. Mr. Medford & Mr. Thom are working on residential properties and Mr. Williams is working on commercial properties.

He also stated that Act 208 had to be implemented by 1982 and the value now placed on these parcels are falling behind the 1981 sale values. (Results of the study of the SCTC not received as of this date)

Mr. Butts made a motion that Council on Aging be allowed to use the gas tanks at Motor Pool and reimburse the County at the end of each month, this motion was seconded by Mr. Brandt, approved 5 - 0.

Mr. Crain stated the County had received the check in the amount of \$14,100 for the sewer line for Steel Heddle Mfg. Co.

Adjourn 4:15 P.M.

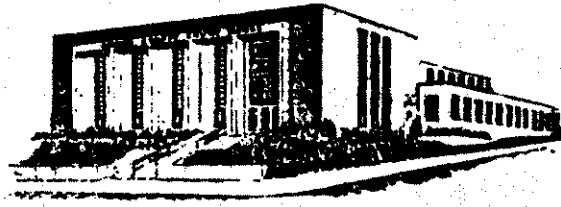

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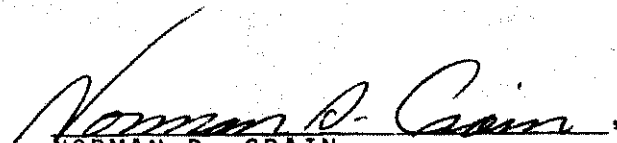
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We, the undersigned, members of the Oconee County Council, have reviewed the justification and the plan for funding the proposed Learning Resource Center/Administration Building on the Campus at Tri-County Technical College. We fully support the need for such construction, as presented by the College administration and as recognized by their governing board and by the Commission on Higher Education.

In furtherance of this project, following our past practice of indicating our intent to commit financial support for future construction, we do hereby declare our intent to concur with Tri-County Technical College's request for funds for the purpose of meeting Oconee County's share (\$193,750) of the 20% match required by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education.


NORMAN D. CRAIN
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