

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 2, 1982

The regular Oconee County Council Meeting was held March 2, 1982 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers with all members present.

Members of the press present: John Gouch - Anderson Independent, Cobb Oxford - Seneca Journal & Ashton Hester - Keowee Courier.

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

The minutes of the February 16, 1982 meeting were adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Charles Barrett addressed Council on the possibility of reopening a road in the Toxoway-Hopewell area which has been closed for approximately fifteen years. The road has not been maintained by the county for the past several years and does not appear on the map as a county road.

To reopen the road would require that three bridges be built and the road be scraped and graveled at an estimated cost of \$97,880.

After considerable discussion Mr. Crain referred this request to the Roads & Transportation Committee and asked them to make a recommendation at the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Brandt presented Ordinance 82-1 "Cable TV" and made a motion that it be adopted by title only on the first reading. This motion was seconded by Dr. Earle and approved 5 - 0.

Ms. Sue Pratt of the Humane Society addressed Council on the possibility of position and salary changes as attached. Mr. Crain referred the request to the Personnel Committee and asked them to make a recommendation at the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Andrew Goodson & Ms. Kathy Pickens of the Governor's Office addressed Council on Oconee County receiving reimbursement on child support checks collected by the County. Under the agreement between the state and the county the money collected (approximately \$2.16 per check) would have to be put back into the support section of Family Court.

After discussion Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that the county enter into this agreement after the forms be approved by the county attorney.

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Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle that Oconee County enter into a lease agreement with Walter Collins at \$75.00 per month for the "Old Nuchols Shoe Store" as an office for the Magistrates Office in Westminster. Mr. Brandt asked that the motion be amended to read that the County would be pay this one year in advance, this motion was seconded by Mr. Williams. Both motions were approved 5 - 0.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams that Oconee County put gravel on two private roads where the individuals let the Long Creek Fire Department use the roads to get water when needed. This motion was approved 3 - 2 with Mr. Butts, Dr. Earle & Mr. Williams voting for it and Mr. Brandt & Mr. Harper voting against it.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Oconee County buy a motor grader from Clemson University at a total cost of \$780.00. The motor grader has \$2,000 worth of tires on it and a pony engine that can be transferred to the motor grader already owned by the county. This money is to come from contingency.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt, approved 5 - 0 that County Council send a letter of support for the separation of Oconee & Pickens from Anderson Mental Health and that Council appoint the members from Oconee to serve on this Board.

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that William Randall Bryant, Route 6, Seneca, S. C. be appointed to the Human Resources Commission. Mr. Bryant's term will expire December 31, 1985.

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Oconee County Council go on record as opposing Senate Bill 35-52, Gasoline Tax, and a copy of the letter be sent to the Delegation and the Ways & Means Committee.

Ms. Lucy Murr of the Probation Office addressed Council on the possibility of their office remaining in its present location due to the fact that most of their work is done in the Courthouse. They would also need a deputy to take the offenders back and forth to the courthouse and they would like to have one large office and three smaller offices, preferably soud proof.

Mr. Harper, Building & Grounds Committee Chairman assured Ms. Murr some work would be done on the offices in the Rock Building before they moved into it.

Mr. Harper then presented the office changes per attached copy as recommended by the Building & Grounds Committee.

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Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt, approved 5 - 0 that the changes of office locations be accepted as recommended by the Building & Grounds Committee.

Mr. Crain informed Council that the owner of the Seneca Marina had requested the road easement into the Marina be transferred to him. He referred this to the Roads & Transportation Committee and asked them to make a recommendation at the next Council Meeting.

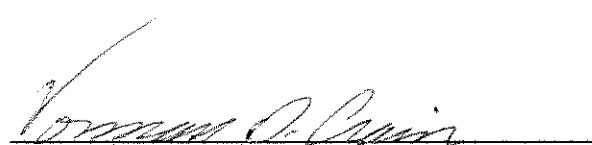
Mr. Crain asked the news media to help Emergency Preparedness locate handicapped persons in the county who would need assistance if an evacuation of the area were necessary.

A file of these citizens will be prepared and kept in the Emergency Preparedness Office.

Mr. Crain informed Council that the final clarifiers at the Coneross Creek Wastewater Treatment has settled unevenly. One effect of this uneven settlement is that the efficiency of operation of the clarifiers has been impaired. At this time there is no danger to animals or persons downstream, but the situation does need to be corrected. The Corps of Engineers at the request of the Sewer Commission has investigated the matter. They suggested the Sewer Commission hire an independent geotechnical engineering consultant to determine the cause of the problem and what needs to be done to correct the problem.

The Sewer Commission is currently negotiating a contract with Golder Associates, Atlanta and it is hoped that the study will be completed in three months and the correction made by this time next year. However, red tape will cause a delay in the completion of the correction.

Adjourn: 8:25 P.M.



Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County

OFFICE SPACE

Voter Registration	First floor of Rock Building (right office)
Probation	Rock Building
Juvenile & Aftercare	Present Voter Registration Office
CCS	First floor of DSS Bldg. (back right office)
Election Commission	First floor of DSS Bldg. (front right office)
Council on Aging	First floor of DSS Bldg. (left front office)
Rehabilitation	First floor of DSS Bldg. (left back office)
Sheriff	Old holding tank
Probate Judge	Additional two offices behind present offices
Public Defender	Present Juvenile & Aftercare
Clerk of Court	Old Food Stamp Office
Judge's Chambers	P/O Present Family Court
Family Court Secretary	P/O Present Family Court
Court Room	Present Court Room
Public Buildings	Food Service Building
Health Department	Food Service Building



Oconee County Sewer Commission

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STUDY REQUIRED AT COUNTY WASTEWATER FACILITIES

The final clarifiers at the Coneross Creek Wastewater Treatment Facilities have settled unevenly. One effect of this uneven settlement is that the efficiency of operation of the clarifiers has been impaired. Although the efficiencies required by the plant's discharge permit are generally being met, and there is no danger to animals or persons downstream, this situation must be corrected. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, acting as the representative of the Environmental Protection Agency has, at the request of the Oconee County Sewer Commission, investigated the problem.

The Corps' recommendation was that the Sewer Commission hire an independent geotechnical engineering consultant to determine the causes of the problem and to design a project to effect the needed corrections. The Sewer Commission is currently negotiating a contract with the Atlanta office of Golder Associates to do this study. It is hoped that the study may be completed in three months and any necessary corrective action may be completed by this time next year. Although the work itself is not considered to be particularly complicated, governmental procurement requirements (or so-called red tape) will cause a delay in the completion date.

Stephen V. Geddes
General Superintendent

March 2, 1982

Thank you Chairman and Gentlemen of the Council for giving me time tonight. I am Nancy S. Pratt and I am representing some of the Board of Directors and Members of the Oconee County Humane Society.

The matter I would like to bring up tonight concerns the transfer of salary, left in the budget, from Animal Control Officer #II (Humane Office & Rabies Control Officer) to the Shelter Manager #I and vice versa.

A Budget Transfer Form has been filled out and presented to you tonight.

The balance are as follows:

Animal Control Officer #2-Computer
Code # 1-00-1 is \$ 3,922.00
Animal Control Officer #1-Computer
Code # 11-01-1 is \$ 3,021.64.

We feel because of the resignation of Officer # II (Rabies Control-Humane Officer) and before that position is again filled, now is the time for the salary change and minor changes of the job descriptions.

I have here the changes which we request the personnel committee review and act upon as quickly as possible.

C.O.B. Definition Functions:

CHANGES

Officer # I- Animal Shelter Manager, supervises operation of county animal shelter .

Supervises duties of Animal Control Officer # II (Humane & Rabies Control Officer).

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

ADD: Ability to supervise work of others.

ACCEPTABLE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

ADD: Considerable Experience in care, etc.
(add at beginning)

CHANGES

Officer # II- Rabies & Humane Officer

Delete all of first sentence (i.e, supervises the operation of county animal, etc.)

Under Function Delete third line under Examples of work.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

DELETE: The portion of third line reading "ability to supervise the work of others."

CLASS TITLE	HUMANIE OFFICER RABIES CONTROL OFFICER	CLASS CODE
Animal Control Officer II		

Function:

X Supervises the operation of the County Animal Shelter and impounds stray animals; does related work as required.

The work in this class involves supervising and enforcing animal control regulations. The employee has responsibility for catching and confining stray, diseased, unlicensed and apparently dangerous animals, including dogs, cats, bats or other animals. Duties require the exercise of independent judgement in public contact and enforcement problems, and frequently necessitates the use of tact in action taken.

Examples of Work: (Illustrative Only)

Ascertain that equipment and facilities are properly used and maintained;

Administers animal control ordinances;

X Supervises the operation of the County Animal Shelter;

Answers calls to investigate vicious, diseased or stray animals;

Captures animals running at large or kept in violation of the County ordinances;

Transports captured animals to County Animal Shelter;

Keeps records of locations where animals were picked up;

Inform proper authorities regarding persons who refused to comply with animal control ordinances;

Investigates dog bites and/or other animal bites and attacks;

Obtains warrants for owners in violation of the animal control ordinances.

Required Knowledges, Skills and Abilities:

Considerable knowledge of animals and experience in handling them; some knowledge of laws, regulations, and ordinances governing the control of animals; ~~ability to supervise the work of others~~; good knowledge of the geography of the County or the ability to readily acquire such knowledge; ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing; ability to be courteous and firm in dealing with the public; good physical condition.

Acceptable Experience and Training:

Considerable experience in the care and treatment of animals, and completion of a standard high school course; or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the required knowledges, skills and abilities.

CLASS TITLE <i>SHELTER MANAGER</i> Animal Control Officer I	CLASS CODE
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Function:

SUPERVISES DUTIES OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER #1

Maintains the County Animal Shelter; does related work as required.

The work in this class involves assisting in enforcing animal control regulations and maintaining the County Animal Shelter. The employee has responsibility for caring for animals confined in the shelter. Duties require the exercise of sound judgement in public contact and enforcement problems, and frequently necessitates the use of tact in action taken. The employee in this class receives supervision from the Animal Control Officer II.

Examples of Work: (Illustrative Only)

- Cares for animals in the County Animal Shelter;
- Answers calls to investigate vicious, diseased or stray animals;
- Maintains the shelter as to cleanliness;
- Performs limited clerical work;
- Administers first aid to confined animals;
- Keeps records of locations where animals were picked up;
- Maintains record of all confined and adopted animals;

Required Knowledges, Skills and Abilities:

Some knowledge of animals and experience in handling them; some knowledge of laws, regulations, and ordinances governing the control of animals; good knowledge of the geography of the County or the ability to readily acquire such knowledge; ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing, and to keep records; ability to be courteous and firm in dealing with the public; good physical condition.

ABILITY TO SUPERVISE WORK OF OTHERS.

Acceptable Experience and Training:

CONSIDERABLE

~~Some~~ experience in the care and treatment of animals, and completion of a standard high school course; or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the required knowledges, skills and abilities.

Additional Requirements:

Possession of a valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by the State of South Carolina.