

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mrs. M. Fran Burrell, District I Mr. C. Samuel Donald, District II
Mr. Michael E. Harper, District III Mr. Roy B. Strickland, District IV
Mr. Johnny D. Stone, District V

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, July 21, 1992 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers with all Council Members except Mr. Harper present. Mr. Timothy M. Cain, Attorney, of Brandt, Fedder, Graham & Cain was present as acting attorney.

Members of the press notified (by mail):
Journal/Tribune, Keowee Courier, Westminster News, Anderson Independent, Greenville News, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, WCCP Radio, WZLI/WLET Radio, WYFF TV, WLOS TV & WSPA TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio, Ron Barnett - Greenville News, Robin Boyle - Journal/Tribune, Ron Barnett - Greenville News & Maxie Duke - Keowee Courier.

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

Call to Order

The invocation was given by Mrs. Burrell.

Invocation

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 3 - 0 (Mr. Harper absent, Mr. Donald abstained due to the fact that he was absent from the July 7 meeting) that the minutes of the July 7, 1992 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper absent) that the attached contract between Oconee County and Smith Data for the printing of tax notices, tax digests, etc. be adopted.

Tax Center Contract

Mr. Cain, Acting Attorney, informed Council he felt there was a conflict between the wording of Oconee County Ordinance 84-2 and the proposed Oconee County Ordinance 92-3. It was the consensus of Council that second reading of Ordinance 92-3, **"An Ordinance to Define & Regulate the use of all Oconee County Public Parks Designated for the Benefit of the Citizens of Oconee County"** be postponed until the language in the ordinance is clarified.

PRT

Mr. Donald made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper absent) that the contract between Oconee County & Morris Communications for radio maintenance be extended for another year at the same unit cost as the current year.

Radio Maintenance

Mrs. Dillard, Purchasing Director recommended that the bid for auditing of the 1992-93 budget records, with the option to renew the contract for the another two (2) years, if both parties are satisfied be awarded to Brigman, Holcombe, Weeks & Company. The cost is \$17,800 for this year and \$56,600 for three (3) years as per attached bid.

Audit Bid

Mr. Norman Trotter of the Kirk S. Messick Firm addressed Council regarding the bid, he stated that he felt their fees were reasonable and they had done a good job for the county for the past three years.

Mr. Garrell H. Freeman, Jr. of Brigman, Holcomb, Weeks & Company informed Council that their firm had been in business in Greenville for twenty (20) years and in Oconee County for seventeen (17) years. He further stated that he realized that the county employees could not be expected to do a lot of the work for them.

After discussion, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper absent) that the low bid of Brigman, Holcomb, Weeks & Company be adopted.

Mr. Ronald A. Hughes, of Hughes Equipment & Rental, addressed Council regarding the bid for a front mount mower being awarded to Powell Brothers who was not low bid. Mr. Hughes informed Council that there was one (1) John Deere machine at South Cove & one (1) at High Falls Park and he felt they had good life experience with these machines.

PRT

Mr. Alex James, PRT Director, informed Council there had been some problems with the drive shafts with the two (2) John Deere machines.

Mr. Lee Davis, Motor Pool Foreman, informed Council that from July 3, 1990 until June 27, 1992 approximately \$2,500 had been spent on the machine at High Falls and from July 24, 1990 until July 7, 1992 approximately \$4,500 had been spent on the machine at South Cove for maintenance. Also there had been some delay in getting parts.

After considerable discussion in which some of the Council Members said they had to rely on the recommendation of the department head and some of the Council Members said they felt the extra horse power was needed, Mr. Strickland made a motion that the previous motion be rescinded and the bid be awarded to the low bidder which was Hughes Equipment and Rental, Inc. This motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Barry Nicholson addressed Council regarding the roadways in West Park Subdivision. He stated that the right-of-ways for these roadways were given to the county in 1966 and he felt it was time something was done.

Roads

To Mr. Strickland's inquiry regarding the Junk Car Ordinance, Mr. Crain informed Council that the County Attorney was going to be engaged in a lengthy trial and it would be after that before the ordinance could be completed.

Junk Car

Mr. Donald requested that when Mr. Harper returned that a work session between County Council and the Hospital Board be scheduled.

Hospital

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper absent) that the bid for food at the Law Enforcement Center be awarded on a low bid per item to Bell Sysco & Fleming Food. (See attached bid)

LEC
(Food)

Mr. Donald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper absent) that \$3,832 be taken from contingency and placed in line item 10 004 00150 00840 for equipment for the DARE Officer.

Sheriff
(Cont.)

Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper absent) that Council go into executive session to discuss a legal matter.


Executive
Session

When open session resumed Mr. Cain, Acting Attorney, recommended that Butler, Means, Evins & Browne Law Firm be retained to assist the county in the current matter pending before the SC Aeronautics Commission regarding the unlawful and unapproved development of Hidden Glenn Airstrip which is in very close proximity to the Oconee County Airport and that this firm in conjunction with Mr. Cain's office be authorized to prepare and submit appropriate documents to the SC Aeronautics Commission in an effort to protect the safety of the air traffic in our area and also to protect the county's interest.

Open
Session

Mr. Donald made this recommendation into the form of a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper absent).

Adjourn: 5:30 PM


Norman D. Crain
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council