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OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 1977

The meeting of the Supervisor and County Council was opened by Supervisor Phinney. Invocation by Rev. James P. Stokes. Present for the meeting: Supervisor Phinney, Councilmen; Cox, Crain, Moore, Thomas and Ables. Absent: Councilmen Bailes, Herring and Frady.

Mr. Ables moved, Mr. Thomas seconded and it was carried, to approved minutes of the February 1st meeting as printed.

Mr. Calcina of the Calcina Insurance Agency of Columbia described the life insurance plan his company is requesting permission to offer the county employees. Mr. Cox moved, Mr. Ables seconded and it was carried, to allow Mr. Calcina to contact county employees to see if they are interested.

Richard Lay, Director of Budget and Planning reviewed the new rules and regulations regarding Revenue Sharing and Anti Recession funds.

Mr. Cox entered a motion to see if Council could make settlement of the claim for work done by McKee Construction Company at the Law Enforcement Center. Council discussed this and agreed that the County Attorney should first be consulted. Mr. Cox then withdrew his motion.

Mr. Thomas announced that the deadline for mobile home registration is February 28, 1977.

Mr. Phinney presented Council Members a copy of his road policy of which a copy is attached.

Councilman Crain presented, as information, a petition bearing 360 names pertaining to the Salem Magistrate appointment.

Mr. Phinney announced that a County Engineer would be hired by March 15th.

Mr. E. C. Burkett, spokesman for a group of Morningside Heights residents, explained to Council a problem that exists near their homes from a sludge treatment plant owned by J. P. Stevens Company. Council agreed to check with the County Attorney to see if there is anything Council can do to assist in this matter.

Mr. Crain moved, Mr. Cox seconded, and it was carried to adjourn at 9:00 P.M.

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MARCH 1, 1977

The County Council meeting was opened by Chairman Phinney with the opening prayer by Mr. Crain. Present for the meeting: Councilmen Frady, Thomas, Ables, Bailes, Herring, Cox and Crain. Mr. Moore was absent.

Mr. Thomas moved, Mr. Cox seconded and it was carried, to approve minutes of the February 15th meeting as printed.

The use of the Anti Recession funds was discussed at length by County Planner Richard Lay with interested citizens in the audience. This constitutes the public hearing that is required by law with regard to these funds.

Mr. Herring discussed the problem with the roof leaking in the Courthouse and announced that Billy Richardson of the Department of Education Staff is assisting Purchasing Director Gaillard with specifications for the repair. The replacement or repair to the steam boiler was also discussed but no action was taken at this time.

Mr. Ables entered a motion to request the Council of Governments to conduct a study for the re-districting of the County Council Districts. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailes and amended to state that the Council would authorize up to \$2,000.00 for this study. All votes were in favor.

Mr. Ables announced that the Pendleton District Historical Commission is short some \$12,000.00 in the construction costs for the new museum across from Tri County Tec and has requested \$3,000.00 (a one time funding) from Oconee County. Anderson and Pickens Counties have both tentatively approved \$6,000 and \$3,000 respectively as their share of the \$2,000 needed. Mr. Ables moved to fund this request in the 1977-78 budget, Mr. Herring seconded and it was passed unaminiously.

Mr. Ables urged the Council to go on record in support of Governor Edwards "Clean up South Carolina Program" in April. Mr. Thomas suggested the use of prisoners serving on week-ends under the supervision of the Litter Officer. This was discussed and it was agreed to start immediately. Mr. Bailes entered a motion to furnish, when available, county equipment to organizations participating in this program. Mr. Thomas seconded Mr. Bailes motion and all Council Members agreed. It was then agreed for Mr. Lay to be the point of contact on this project.

Mr. Thomas moved, Mr. Herring seconded and it was carried to approve funds for a clerk for the Westminister Magistrate for 15 hours per week at \$2.60 per hour. It has been determined that the Clerk presently working for both the Westminister and Walhalla Magistrates is needed full time in the Walhalla Office.

Mr. Crain cited the need for a public telephone in the Court-house and Mr. Phinney agreed to check into the matter.

Mr. Bailes moved to adjourn, Mr. Thomas seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.