

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 1977

The Council meeting was called to order by Chairman Phinney with the opening prayer by Cecil Cox. Councilman Frady was absent.

Minutes of the August meeting were adopted as printed upon a motion by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Ables and carried.

Mr. Jim Keasler of the Appalachian Health Council briefed Council on the service of the agency in helping with health grant applications, etc. Mr. Thomas moved, Mr. Herring seconded, it was carried to accept Mr. Keasler's remarks as information and make recommendations for the County's needs in these areas at the next County Council meeting.

Mr. Dillard Medford, Tax Assessor, briefed Council on the activities of his department.

Flood Ordinance 77-8 was adopted on third reading upon a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Cox and unanimously carried by Council.

County Attorney Fedder gave an update on the status of funding for the Hospital addition. It was first thought the monies would be borrowed through FHA, however it is now determined that bids will be received for General Obligation Bonds, which, as the market now stands, will be cheaper. He pointed out this should be done before November 30, 1977 so it would not effect the bond limit effective December 1, 1977.

At the August 2nd meeting Council approved the application for BOR funds for project 1 thru 4 of the PRT project priority list. Mr. Ables moved to give approval for the PRT Commission to proceed with the applications of funds for projects 5 thru 12. The motion specifies that this is for planning purposes only, and before a commitment for funds is made it will have to be approved by the Finance Committee. Mr. Cox seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried.

It was reported by Mr. Crain that the Resolution requesting completion of four laning of 123 has been signed by Council, cities of Westminster and Seneca and turned over to the Delegation. It is hoped it will be acted on favorably.

Mr. Crain also stated that his position was for the Superintendent of Education be elected rather than appointed.

Salem Mayor Jerry Wigington told Council of Salem's plans for a municipal building and requested Council fund \$18,000 for a wing to house the Salem Branch Library. Mr. Thomas moved to fund this from the \$500,000 Revenue Sharing funds set aside for Library Construction and pointed out it would be necessary for purchases to be handled by the Purchasing Director. Mr. Moore seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

A request from the County Librarian for \$77.61 to enable a bill for a generator on the bookmobile to be paid was approved upon a motion by Mr. Thomas along with an additional \$100 for the maintenance account for balance of year. Mr. Herring seconded and it was passed.

Resolution 77-6 requesting S. C. General Assembly to unfreeze state shared revenues to their 1974 level was passed upon a motion by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Ables; all votes were favorable.

Resolution 77-7 requesting the S. C. Insurance Commission enforce the existing Statutory Law of the State of S. C. to provide that each Fire Insurance Policy issued by any company authorized under this State to sell fire insurance to contain the Municipal and County "code" designation authorizing tax rebate. This was passed upon a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

Appointed to the PRT Commission by Mr. Ables, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried were: Ray Stevens, Walhalla; Rhett Evatt, Seneca; Joel Harris, Seneca, each for a four year term.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.