

MEETING OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL APRIL 18, 1978

The regular meeting of County Council was opened by Chairman Phinney with the invocation by Mr. Cox. All members were present.

A motion by Mr. Cox seconded by Mr. Herring to accept minutes of the April 4th meeting was unanimously passed.

Mr. Bob Brooks of the S.C. Appalachian Health Council gave an update on the Regional Emergency Medical Services Program. He advised Council of the 50% available funding for the training of Paramedics and it was the consensus of Council Members that qualified persons in this line of duty be encouraged to participate in this program.

Mr. Bailes made a motion to send a letter (with a copy to our Representatives) to DEHEC requesting a public hearing on the classification and reclassification of streams be held at the Oconee County Courthouse. Already one hearing has been held at Clemson University but due to the lack of publicity it was not attended by many Oconee Citizens. Mr. Crain seconded and motion was approved.

Mr. Bailes gave a breakdown of expenditures (copy of breakdown attached) by both School and County reflecting the percentage of increase over the last five years. The expenditures were broken down in four categories: County operating, school operating, bonded indebtedness and capital improvements. Income was derived from 3 sources Revenue sharing, Ad valorem taxes and State Funds, however, state funds have been frozen for the last 3 years. County Council made the decision to use local surplus tax money to construct the New Law Enforcement Center and to spend one million dollars for repair to schools.

Last month Council agreed to build a road leading from N. Church St. to the new High and Middle Schools. Mr. Crain stated he had contacted the County road construction foreman, Mr. Clyde Smith and his estimate of the cost of this construction was \$29,168 (5 pipes \$6,800 Heavy Equipment costs for the approximate 3 week \$18,600 gravel \$4,000) plus other costs such as moving sewer lines, possibility of hitting rock, moving stumps, etc. In view of the high cost and the fact that the School Dept. has not officially requested that the road be constructed, Mr. Crain moved to rescind Council's action. Mr. Thomas seconded and motion was carried the vote 6 Yes and 1 No (Mr. Bailes).

Mr. Herring stated his Committee, in their study of the space needs for the Probate Judge, have decided to renovate existing space rather than build an addition, and recommended an Architect be employed to draw plans for the renovation and use County personnel for the work. Mr. Herring also moved to continue to rent Judge Howard Ballenger private office for the Circuit Judge's Office until a later date when the DDS will move into a new building. When this happens it hoped to move the food stamp office to DDS Building, Probation Office to the Food Stamp Office and Judge Howard Ballengers Office to the Probation Office. It was also pointed out that in order to meet State Standards a new DDS Office would have to be built and ready for occupancy by July 1980 and existing buildings would have to meet compliance standards by January 1981. These State Standards have to

be met to receive State and Federal funds. After discussion, Mr. Frady moved for Council to negotiate with an Architect Firm to conduct a study of existing buildings, what would have to be done for them to meet State specifications, a time schedule for completion, and cost. Mr. Crain seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Mr. Frady suggested the scale model of the new library be displayed some where so it could be seen rather than be left in the Council Chambers. He also requested Council support a contest to find a suitable slogan and shield for the County. Mr. Frady stated his statements recently with regard to the Purchasing and Procurement Policies were based on facts.

Mr. Ables moved, Mr. Thomas seconded and it was carried to approve the 5 year lease agreement between the Oconee Aeronautics Commission and Allen Loudermilk, Fixed Base Operator. Council also agreed that the airport was only large enough to support one base operator.

Mr. Ables moved, Mr. Thomas seconded and it was carried to write a letter to Congressmen opposing the bill which would require social security payments and reports to be made monthly rather than quarterly.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

DATE: May 24, 1978

SUBJECT: Public Hearing, Revenue Sharing Funds

At 5:30 P. M., May 23, 1978 a Public Hearing on the use of Revenue Sharing funds for FY 78-79 was held in the Council Chambers, Public Service Building, Walhalla, South Carolina.

Notice of hearing was published in the local newspapers on May 3, 1978 announcing time, place, etc. No citizens of Oconee County were present for the hearing. Mr. James M. Phinney, Supervisor-Chairman, Oconee County Council; Mr. Richard Lay, Director Budget and Planning, Oconee County; and Mrs. Ann Orr, Clerk, Oconee County Council were present to conduct hearing. Mr. Dick Mangrem, radio station WSNW, Seneca, South Carolina was present to record/report hearings.

There being no citizens present at 5:35 P.M., the meeting was adjourned.



Ann Orr, Recorder