

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 7, 1980

The regular County Council meeting was opened by Chairman Phinney with the invocation by Mr. Crain. Mr. Frady was the only Member absent.

Dr. Earle moved, Mr. Ables seconded to adopt minutes of the September 16th meeting. Mrs. Jennings requested the word "combustable" in paragraph 7 line 6 be changed to "Putrusible" - Minutes then approved by a 4-0 vote.

Resolution 80-8 "Pertaining to the transfer of the Salem Elementary Sinking Fund Account to the Oconee County School Department was introduced by Mr. Ables. This Resolution transferred all of the remaining funds in this account (\$508,326.06), to the Oconee County School Department to be used for the renovation of the Salem Elementary School. This action was due to a request from Mr. Fred Hamilton by letter dated September 9, 1980 in which he requested the County Council to authorize \$200,000 from this fund to renovate the Salem Elementary School. Mr. Ables motion was seconded by Dr. Earle and carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mrs. Jennings introduced Ordinance 80-12 for Second Reading, Dr. Earle seconded. This Ordinance pertains to rules and Regulations Governing the use of Landfill Sites of Oconee County. Prior to Home Rule an Ordinance pertaining to the use of landfills had been passed by the CCS Commission Ordinance 80-12 was rewritten to comply with Home Rule and to incorporate additional policies pertaining primarily to rules and regulations on types of garbage to be placed in green boxes, pilfering and those actions deemed to violate a law (setting fire to containers, overturning and damaging containers etc.) Mr. Crain requested the County Attorney and Mrs Jennings to clarify the wording and meaning of certain parts of the Ordinance. After a general discussion by all Members of Council the Ordinance was passed by a vote of 3-1 (Mr. Crain voted no).

Mrs. Jennings introduced and Mr. Ables seconded, Ordinance 80-13 for First Reading (Title Only). This Ordinance will cover all types of disasters, rules and regulations governing the Emergency Preparedness Agency of Oconee County. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

Mrs. Jennings stated that the contract to renovate the Law Enforcement Center has been awarded to Vector, Corp. at a cost of \$39,790. She pointed out that Oconee County labor would do approximately \$1,000 demolition work (original bid was \$40,790).

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crain that \$1,212.30 be approved from the contingency fund to cover the additional insurance coverage on all Oconee County buildings and equipment. The increase of insurance coverage was mandated by GSA and became effective July 1, 1980. The vote was 4-0.

Mr. Ables explained to Council that the law requiring Mr. Cater to set up a separate bank account in order for PRT to receive a 50/50 match for PRT brochures. He made a motion that a check in the amount of \$500 be issued to Mr. Cater from PRT budget to be placed in this separate bank account and at a later date the \$500 to the State PRT which would represent the County's 50% share - Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Crain moved, Mr. Ables seconded to ratify awarding Thrift Brothers (the low bidder) \$148,000 to cover the cities sewer lagoons. He stated that work has already commenced on this project and approximately 25-30% of the work has been completed and that a Representative from DEHEC will visit Oconee County in the near future to inspect the work being done. The vote 4-0.

Mrs. Jennings advised Council that the Seneca Landfill is having problems in compacting industrial waste. She described the problem as being one in which nylon waste material would become entangled around the seals of the trash compactors thereby causing the seals to leak - to remedy this problem she stated that a special place would be made available for all industrial waste disposal for the present time at the Five Forks Landfill.

Mrs. Jennings said that temporary parents have been hired for the Children's Home pending the hiring of permanent parents. She also stated that a beef has been sent to the children's home and thanked Mr. Phinney for this.

Mrs. Jennings said that Magistrate Hemphill stated that he has been processing more jury cases than in the past due to the increased fine limitations. Since his office is only 400 sq. ft. he needed more space for his jury trials. She stated arrangements have been made with the City of Seneca to utilize the City Council Chambers for jury trials at no cost to the county.

Council approved Mr. Bob Busch to attend a one week seminar at the National Institution of Corrections in Boulder, Colorado, October 12th through 18th. All expenses will be paid by the University of Colorado. Mr. Busch was one of two Law Enforcement Directors selected by the State to attend.

Mr. Ables advised Council that the Clerk of Court had a \$100 drug fine which ^{was} inadvertently placed in the county general fund. This money should have been sent to the State Treasurer. Mr. Ables moved that the \$100 be paid from the contingency fund since the transaction would be a "wash out". Motion seconded by Mr. Crain and passed by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Crain moved, Mrs. Jennings seconded to relay our feelings either by letter or personal visit to State Officials requesting we handle the ECAP Program this year in the same manner as last year. This passed by a 4-0 vote. Council's concern of the current proposal by the State was that a coupon system would be implemented whereby the recipient would have coupons in denominations of \$50 and \$10 to pay the supplier and the supplier, in turn, would have to send the coupon to the State in order to get paid for the delivery of the fuel.

Dr. Earle moved, Mr. Ables seconded to appoint Mr. Lex Burton, Star Route, Westminster and Mr. Bob Robins, Route 1, Mountain Rest to the Tax Appeals Board. This passed by a 4-0 vote.

Mr. Phinney stated that he has received a letter from Mr. Lee, Director of Youth Services Bureau that he would not need an office in Oconee County as previously requested since his budget has been reduced by the Governor by 7%.

Mr. Crain stated that there is a problem of surface water at the Children's Home during heavy rain falls, it appears that the water drains toward the building rather than away. Mr. Phinney indicated this problem has been there for a long time and steps will be taken to correct it.

Mr. Lay advised Council that a grant for two packer trucks in the amount of \$150,000 has been submitted to COG and further that he was exploring the possibility of obtaining Farmers Home and ARC funds to assist in the construction of sewer lines to an industrial site. If only ARC funds can be obtained the match would be only 50/50 however, if additional Farmers Home funds can be obtained in sufficient amounts the county's share could result in being only 20%.

Mr. Fedder stated he has been approached by several industrial firms ~~reference to the issuance of industrial revenue sharing bonds. Specifically they~~ wanted to know if County Council would be acceptable of such bonds whereupon the Council seemed to be in favor if the industry was reputable and had a sound financial standing. Mr. Fedder indicated he would prepare the paper work for these bonds and present it to County Council at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.