

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING, MAY 26, 1981

The regular Oconee County Council Meeting was held May 26, 1981 with all members present.

The Oath of Office was given by Mr. Roy D. Harden to Mr. Michael E. Harper who has been elected to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Coleman Jennings, District 3.

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

The Invocation was given by Mr. Williams.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 5, 1981.

Mr. Brandt pointed out that an amendment to the minutes of the special meeting held May 13, 1981 should be made as follows: Council voted to transfer from Contingency to the Sheriff's Office \$1,000 to be used in line item 04 25 00L, Professional.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 to approve the minutes of the May 13, 1981 meeting with this amendment.

Mr. Steve Geddes of the Sewer Commission presented their 1981-82 budget to Council. In his presentation he stated the budget is reasonable, there is no increase and they would be able to maintain their present level of services.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to accept the Sewer Commission's Budget.

Mr. Williams presented the 1980-81 Supplemental Appropriation Bill and made a motion that it be adopted on this third and final reading. This motion was seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 4 - 0 with Mr. Harper abstaining.

Mr. Crain presented the 1981-82 proposed County Budget to Council. Some of the major items are:

1. 8% Cost of living raise with a \$1,200 ceiling
2. No raise for the County Supervisor & Council Members
3. The longevity raise to continue through December 1981 only
4. A \$50.00 Christmas bonus for all employees except elected officials.
5. The termination of funding for Soil & Water
6. The termination of funding for Anderson, Oconee & Pickens Mental Health

7. The termination of funding for the National Guard
8. The lease of: 1 fire truck, 1 front end loader, 7 Sheriff's cars, 2 truck chassis, 1 roller
9. Issuance of \$1,000,000 bond to be paid with existing millage
Bond items include: Building program for Tri County Tec,
Brown Building Expense, Rock Crusher Note & 1 fire truck
10. \$500,000 Additional Revenue for the School Department

The Council feels the 1981-82 budget can be met with the current 135 millage. Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle the budget be approved on first reading.

Mr. Brandt said he wanted to go on record as saying the budget is unrealistic and spread too thin and he intended to vote no.

The Budget was accepted on first reading 4 - 1, the votes were:
Mr. Brandt - no, Mr. Butts - yes, Dr. Earle - yes, Mr. Williams - yes,
Mr. Harper - yes.


Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 to adopt Ordinance 81-9 in which the School Department is going to sell bonds in the amount of \$7,775,000.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to take \$3,000 from Contingency and place it in the Sheriff's line item 04 25 00L, Professional.

Mr. Crain stated there would be a Public Hearing June 16, 1981 at 2:00 P.M. for the purpose of selling County Bonds in the amount of \$1,000,000.

He then stated there would be a Public Hearing June 16, 1981 at 2:30 P.M. for the purpose of selling School Bonds in the amount of \$7,775,000.

Adjourn: 3:25


Norman D. Crain, Supervisor-Chairman