

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held December 7, 1982 at 7:00 P.M. with all members present. The meeting was held in Council Chambers.

Members of the press present: Glen Gannaway - Seneca Journal & Sharon Lucas - Anderson Independent.

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

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 to adopt the minutes of the November 16, 1982 meeting as printed.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to ratify the penalty dates for taxes for 1982-83 according to state guidelines with the penalty date being February 15, 1983 and execution date March 15, 1983.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 to adopt on second reading Ordinance 82-13, "Industrial Revenue Bonds for Duke Power Co." in the amount of \$130,000,000.

This was scheduled to be the third reading but Mr. Fedder requested it be second reading due to the fact that the IRS has not yet approved the sale of the bonds and we need to have a public hearing prior to third reading.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 to adopt on second reading Ordinance 82-14, "Acceptance of Roads in Subdivisions & Repealing Ordinance 82-6".

Mr. Butts also requested a public hearing be held prior to third reading of this ordinance.

It was decided there would be a public hearing on the Duke Bonds December 16, 1982 at 6:00 P.M. and a public hearing on Ordinance 82-14 December 16, 1982 at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Williams announced that his committee thought it would be unwise for the county to take over the Westminster cannery at this time as we do not have the financial means nor the expertise for this operation.

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Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that \$1000 be taken from contingency and placed into the Sheriff's Budget, line item 04 62 00 1 to be used for medical bills only.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Rev. Robert Thompson replace Rev. Eric Faust on the Library Board.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that the following Commission appointments be made:

Mrs. James Dilley - Library Board	(expiration date) June 30, 1983
Bud S. Roach - Health & Sanitation	December 31, 1985
Alfred C. Hunt - Planning Comm.	December 31, 1985
Mrs. Emily Holleman - Library Board	June 30, 1983

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 not to pay NACO an unbudgeted amount of \$514.00 which was requested due to mismanagement of funds. (copy of request attached)

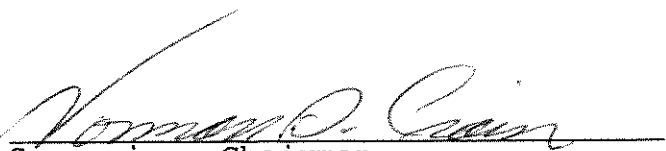
Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that up to \$3,000 be taken from contingency to take care of engineering charges for the TRW Sewer line.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to receive bids for vinyl siding for the Planning Commission Building.

Mr. Crain announced there had been \$144,000 placed in the 1983 federal budget for the Walhalla Fish Hatchery.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 to adopt the attached Farm Census Resolution.

Adjourn 7:35 P.M.


Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council

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November 12, 1982

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chairman of the Boards
NACo Member Counties

FROM: William J. Murphy
President/NACo

William J. Murphy

Enclosed is an invoice for a one-time special service fee that we are asking each of you to process and forward to NACo immediately. My purpose in writing to you today is to explain why this and other steps that the Board of Directors has taken are urgent to the organization's future.

As representative of NACo member counties, there is no question that we are all in the midst of a life-threatening financial crisis. The interim financial statement for the first eight months of 1982 prepared by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., has verified that NACo has a \$2.26 million cash shortfall.

The Executive Committee has spent untold hours, days, even weeks since our initial Labor Day weekend revelation of the problem, working to solve it. We probably now know as much as we will ever know about what caused this crisis. And on November 9, we brought the Board of Directors completely up-to-date on the causes behind the problem, and more importantly, the solutions.

Yes, unauthorized staff decisions were made and excessive monies spent on our new headquarters building. There is no justification, or even adequate explanation of the decisions that were made regarding the completion of the new building.

It is unconscionable that the actions of a few have caused so many to suffer.

I want to take this opportunity to share with you our thoughts on the urgent solutions to these problems.

NACo's Board of Directors took some unpleasant and difficult steps during its Washington meeting. And they did so with the commitment to this organization that has been our greatest strength.

A record number of board members were on hand to review and examine the association's fiscal problems and reaffirm our priorities for the future.

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We are all a family. Some members of the family have caused us problems that threatened to destroy us. But as a family we must -- and with your support, we will -- pull together to solve the problem and to continue our strong voice in Washington, on the Hill, and in the federal agencies.

Because underneath the exterior structure, there still lives a healthy, strong, and vibrant association.

And let me assure you, as I did the Board of Directors, that this organization will return to the priorities on which it was founded -- lobbying and the improvement of county governments throughout the nation.

The decisions made by the board in its extensive day-long session were unquestionably difficult. And they were not something that any of us took lightly. But it was something we did to ensure NACo can continue to meet our goals.

To assist in solving NACo's problems we have had long meetings with a local bank. That bank in turn has required NACo to show immediate financial support from the membership in the form of a dues increase and a special service fee.

The board responded overwhelmingly by passing the following resolutions:

- o Counties will pay increased dues beginning in 1983, amounting to either 15 percent increase of their 1982 dues or a shift to 1980 census, whichever is greater.

It is important to remember that, unlike most all membership organizations, NACo has not raised its membership dues since the early 1970's.

- o Each county will also be asked to immediately support a one-time service fee of 50 percent of the county's 1982 dues to be paid to NACo by December 31, 1982. In return, the board will arrange that this fee offset future dues.
- o NACo will also issue promissory notes at 10 percent interest per annum, due November 1, 1987, to state associations and other state associations willing to advance funds to the organization.

Now, you the membership must make the decision that this organization is what you want. And I am confident that you will. We have important lobbying work to do in 1983. General Revenue Sharing is up for reauthorization in the coming months. As difficult as a dues increase and special service fee are for each of us to bear given current economic realities, that money pales in comparison to the benefits each of our counties reaps from revenue sharing funds. Without a concerted effort by all of us, revenue sharing could have taken a much different form when it was created in 1972, and again in 1976 and 1980, when it was reauthorized. Without our united efforts would this program have continued? I seriously doubt it.

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Consider also the time and effort we have put into our improving our county governments through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Payments-in-Lieu of Taxes (PILT). We must work together again in 1983 to assure the reauthorization of these programs, as well.

Each county cannot do this job alone. But there is little doubt that together we can achieve these goals, and much more -- to improve county government and services to our citizens in each of our 3105 counties throughout the country.

This is why we began 35 years ago -- and this is why it is vital that we continue.

The strength of this organization continues to be the people who are pledged to carry it forward. Your board came to Washington in record numbers last week to take positive steps to put this organization back on sound footing.

And now we are looking to each of you -- also committed to carry NACo forward -- to provide the financial support we must have to do so.

It is our responsibility together to ensure that the association continue and I am convinced, that with your support and commitment, we will make NACo an even stronger, more responsive organization for the future.

Enclosure:

cc: Board of Directors