

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, July 16, 1985 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers with all members present except Mr. Harper.

Members of the press notified (by mail): Seneca Journal, Keowee Courier, Greenville News, Anderson Independent, WGOG Radio & WSNW Radio.

Press

Members of the press present: Mary Heaton - Anderson Independent, Dale Perry - Greenville News, Randall Holcombe - Seneca Journal & Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio.

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

The invocation was given by Mr. Dyar.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper absent) that the minutes of the July 2, 1985 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper absent) that Resolution 85-17, "A Resolution Authorizing Petition to the State Budget & Control Board for Industrial Bonds for Piedmont Quilting in the Amount of \$1,100,000" be approved on first and final reading.

Res. 85-17

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper absent) that Ordinance 85-7, "Piedmont Quilting Bond Ordinance" in the amount of \$1,100,000 be approved in title only on first reading.

Ord. 85-7

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper absent) that the attached DHEC Contract providing dental care for the migrants be approved.

DHEC Contract

At the request of Mrs. Madge Robinson, Delinquent Tax Collector, Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper absent) that up to \$1400 be taken from contingency to advertise for three (3) weeks that the names of those owing back taxes will be published in the paper at the end of the three weeks in an attempt to collect delinquent taxes.

Contingency

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper absent) that Powell Brothers be awarded the bid for a 655AXL back hoe at a cost of \$31,479.00.

Back hoe

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 4 - 0 that SC Tractor Co. be awarded the bid for a Hudson HDT trailer for the road department at a cost of \$5,512.50 including tax.

Trailer

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper absent) that Western Carolina Sales be awarded the bid for a 1986 Mack Road Tractor for the road department at a cost of \$55,743.00 including tax.

Road tractor

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper absent) that Ordinance 85-6, "An Ordinance Authorizing Exchange of Real Property With Clemson University and Lease of Real Property With Clemson University" be adopted on second reading.

Ord. 85-6

Mr. Dillard Medford, County Assessor, addressed Council concerning Oconee County presently not being in compliance with the South Carolina Tax Commission (Act 208).

Assessor

Mr. Medford stated there was no real concern with agricultural property at this time, but there would be a need to concentrate on residential and other type properties.

There are presently 41,000 parcels of land in Oconee County and 3,000 of these need to be checked with 10% to 15% of the property needing to be revisited. He also stated that lake property was as much as 160% off in appraised value.

Mr. Medford stated that he would like to send out assessment notices by July 1987 and there would be approximately 50,000 notices to be sent out. He thought they would need an additional six people (4 clerical, 2 sales study persons) to complete the reassessment.

Mr. Oscar Smith addressed Council on the possibility of turning the former Oconee County Children's Home into a rest home. Mr. Smith had a letter from Recovery Mountain endorsing this plan, he felt the home could be self sufficient.

Possible Rest Home

The Council Members were in agreement that we need to support our senior citizens. Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper absent) that an engineer look at the building and see if he could give the county a cost estimate to make this building into a rest home.

By general consent Council set a limit of \$1,000 for the engineer's fee.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper absent) that Miss Sherry Thrift be sent Resolution 85-18, "A Resolution of Congratulations on Being Named Miss South Carolina 1986".

Res. 85-18

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper absent) that \$2,834.50 be taken from contingency for a well pump and pipe and High Falls Park.

Contingency

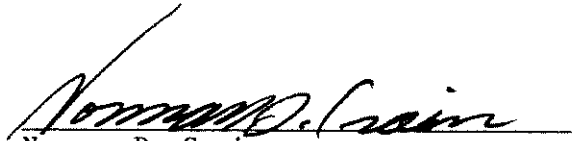
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Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper absent) that \$250 be taken from contingency to pay for having the well pump drawn from the well and checked to see if it could be repaired.

Contingency

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper absent) that \$250 be taken from contingency to pay the deductible amount of the county's insurance where a piece of county equipment hit an employee's car at the landfill.

Contingency



Norman D. Crain
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council