

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, August 6, 1985 at 7:00 PM with all Council Members present. (Dr. Earle was late, came in at 7:30 PM).

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: Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio & Randall Holcombe - Seneca Journal.

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

The invocation was given by Mr. Butts.

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 3 - 0 (Dr. Earle absent, Mr. Harper abstaining) that the minutes of the July 16, 1985 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

First on the agenda was a public hearing concerning industrial revenue bonds for Piedmont Quilting in the amount of \$1,100,000. Mr. Perry Rogers was present to represent Piedmont Quilting, there was no one present with comments or questions concerning these bonds.

Piedmont
Quilting
public hearing

Mr. Jack Mullins of Blue Cross/Blue Shield addressed Council concerning the savings Oconee County and its employees could realize if Oconee County adopted the premium conversion plan whereby the employer and the employee could save on social security, federal and state taxes.

Premium
Conversion

Mr. Mullins also discussed with Council the flexible spending plan which would cost the county \$3.50 per month per employee and could be used for medical expenses not covered by insurance, however, if an employee did not use these funds during the year it would revert back to the employer.

Council did not take any action on the flexible spending plan, it was referred to committee, but Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that the county participate in the premium conversion plan.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 85-6, "An Ordinance Authorizing Exchange of Real Property with Clemson University & Lease of Real Property with Clemson University" be adopted on third and final reading.

Ord. 85-6

Dr. Earle also explained that as per Section V of Ordinance 85-6, Oconee County will advertise for sale the 4.59 acre tract of land conveyed to Oconee County by Clemson University for public sale by bid, with a minimum bid of \$40,000.

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 85-7, "Industrial Revenue Bond Ordinance for Piedmont Quilting" in the amount of \$1,100,000 be adopted on second reading.

Ord. 85-7

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Byerley & Associates be awarded the bid for the audit for fiscal year 1985-86. They were low bid at \$12,950, however after the bids were received the county was notified there would be additional forms to complete for the year. Mr. Byerley will complete these forms for an additional \$500, the total bid being \$13,450. Their company is still low bidder.

Audit

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Troy Melton be allowed to purchase the mobile home at Chau Ram Park that is no longer in use for \$1,001.01. He was high bidder for this mobile home. The funds received for this mobile home are to be used for the improvement of the camp grounds.

Mobile home
at Chau RAM

Mr. Crain pointed out to Council there is the possibility of Oconee County losing as much as \$1,500,000 in the next budget year due to possible cuts in the revenue sharing funds, a cut in timber sales, a cut in ARC funds and the cost of the indigent care bill.

Loss of
Revenue

Mr. Richard Flowe of Texidyne, Inc. & Mr. Oscar Smith addressed Council on the possibility of converting the former Oconee County Children's Home into a rest home. Mr. Flowe had been to look at the building and he estimates it will take \$108,403 to renovate the building to meet DHEC standards. This does not include any maintenance of the building or furnishings for the building. After considerable discussion Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that the building be closed as soon as possible, that Mr. Crain properly dispose of the furnishings in the building, the building be boarded up and Mr. Dupre, School Superintendent, be given the keys to the building.

Possible
rest home

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that up to \$720 be taken from contingency to pay Mr. Flowe to look at Lakeview Rest Home and determine a cost estimate to increase the clients from ten to nineteen.

Contingency

Mr. Flowe will have this estimate by August 13, 1985.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the plaque for the Seneca Branch of the Oconee County Library be like the attached copies.

Library

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that twenty-four (24) new shotguns be purchased for the Sheriff's Department at a cost of \$338.17 each.

Guns for
Sheriff's
Department

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that Oconee County loan Oconee Memorial Hospital an ambulance as needed for emergencies.

Ambulance

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Henry Cater's resignation as a member of the Historical Society (see attached letter) and Mrs. Zora Barnett's resignation from the Emergency Preparedness Commission be accepted and they be sent letters of appreciation for their service to the county.

Commission resignations

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfers be approved. These transfers do not involve any new monies.

Transfers

Council set a meeting Tuesday, August 20, 1985 at 4:30 PM with EMS, Council and the Hospital Board to discuss indigent transport service.

Committee Meetings

Council also set a meeting for Thursday, August 8, 1985 at 9:00 AM to look at offices and discuss needed office space.

Mr. Crain reminded Council of commission vacancies that need to be appointed.

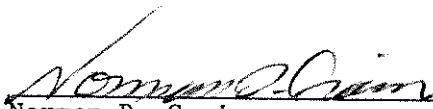
Commission vacancies.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. John Lay be reappointed to the Planning Commission and Mr. Derrill Holcombe be reappointed to the Health & Sanitation Commission.

Commission appointments

After discussion Council was in agreement to take up and replace the carpet at the Seneca Branch of the Oconee County Library. This will be at the cost of the construction company, not Oconee County.

Seneca Libra:
carpet


Norman D. Crain
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council