

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, November 19, 1985 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers with all members present.

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

Press

Members of the press present: Dave Partenheimer - WSNW Radio, Ed Miller - Anderson Independent, Randall Holcombe - Seneca Journal, Dale Perry - Greenville News, Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio & Ashton Hester - Keowee Courier.

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

The invocation was given by Mr. Dyar.

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the November 5, 1985 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

Mr. James DuPre, Superintendent of Education, addressed Council concerning the appointing of a Task Force to study the needs of the Oconee Educational System. Mr. DuPre proposed the Task Force be made up of two (2) County Council Members and one (1) private citizen from each Council District appointed by the Supervisor-Chairman and two (2) School Board Members and one (1) private citizen from each Council District appointed by the Superintendent of Education. His proposal also included the Task Force electing their own chairman.

Task Force

After much discussion Mr. Crain referred this to committee.

Ms. Mary Poore of COG addressed Council on the availability and requirements of CDBG Grants. These are competitive grants and if Oconee County wishes to participate we must have a letter of intent submitted to COG with a copy going to the Governor's Office by December 16, 1985 and an application submitted to COG by February 3, 1986 with a copy going to the Governor's Office. COG will then rate and rank these projects and a submittal of these rankings will be submitted to the Governor's Office April 7, 1986. The Governor's Office will review these rankings and make site visits as necessary during April & May. The Governor's Office will give ratings of projects May, 1986 and final funding decisions from the Governor's Office will be given June 16, 1986.

CDBG Grants

After discussion Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that Oconee County pursue these grants.

Judge Bobby Derrick addressed Council concerning the hours of the Westminster Magistrate's Office. He stated that there just is not the flow of work in Westminster that there is in Seneca and Walhalla and he used the Ministerial Magistrate to do some of the secretarial work. There were some citizens from Westminster present who asked that the hours of that office be expanded. Mr. Derrick was asked to submit a proposal to include the number of secretarial hours needed and the number of extra hours Westminster Magistrate's Office could be opened as Mr. Derrick stated that if he had a part time secretarial assistant it might be possible to open the Westminster Office four one-half days per week.

Westminster
Magistrate's
Office

At the recommendation of Mr. Richard Flowe of Texidyne Engineering and Mr. Bob Winchester of the Oconee County Sewer Commission, Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 to accept the low bid of Rhodes Construction, Inc. to install the Nason Sewer Line. (See attached copy)

Nacan Sewer

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that Oconee County accept the deed for the Millbrook Pump Station & Force Main. (see attached copy)

Millbrook

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the contract between Oconee County & O'Neal Engineering for the design of the Richland Creek Project be accepted. The total cost of the project is \$191,000. (see attached copy)

Richland
Creek

At the recommendation of Mr. Dillard Medford, County Assessor, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that the bid of Kucera & Associates, Inc. at \$28,838.50 for aerial photography to be done in conjunction with the reassessment program be accepted. (see attached copy)

Aerial
Photography

Mr. Medford also presented the attached proposal for the reassessment program to Council. Mr. Crain asked Mr. Medford to compile a schedule of expected expenditures for the reassessment and present it to Council at the next meeting.

Reassessment

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 85-12, "Industrial Revenue Bond Ordinance for Englehard Corporation" in the amount of \$1,000,000 be adopted on second reading.

Ord.85-12

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, that Ordinance 85-14, "Pollution Control Bond Ordinance for Englehard Corporation" in the amount of \$7,000,000 be adopted on second reading.

Ord.85-14

Dr. Earle then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, that Ordinance 85-14 be amended to read "Pollution Control Bond for Englehard in the amount of \$5,500,000".

Ordinance 85-14 as amended was adopted on second reading by a vote of 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper out of room).

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper out of room) that Resolution 85-19, "Petition to State Budget & Control Board Concerning Industrial Revenue Bonds for Englehard Corporation in the Amount of \$,1000,000" be adopted.

Res.85-19

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper out of room) that Resolution 85-20, "Petition to State Budget & Control Board Concerning Pollution Control Bonds in the Amount of \$5,500,000" be adopted.

Res.85-20

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that Oconee Memorial Hospital tentatively be designated as the determining agency to determine eligibility for Medically Indigent Assistance Funds and DSS be the agency that reviews the bills before they are paid.

MIAF

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, 4 - 0 (Mr. Williams abstaining) that the following recommendations be made to the Omni Corporation:

Hospital

- 1) The Omni Corporation enter into a lease with Oconee County to include Oconee Memorial Hospital, Lila Doyle & EMS
- 2) The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) voting members and three (3) Ex-Officio Members
- 3) Oconee County Council will appoint one (1) board member from each Council District, but will appoint only that person who receives a plurality of the votes in that district in an election to be held in conjunction with the general election
- 4) Oconee County shall appoint one (1) voting member from the membership of County Council
- 5) The Omni Corporation shall appoint one (1) voting member from the Omni Corporation
- 6) Three Ex-Officio Members shall be appointed as follows:

The President of the Omni Corporation
The Chief of the Medical Staff
The Chief of the Medical Staff Elect

7) The terms of the members selected from Council Districts shall be staggered as follows:

Terms for board members from District I & III shall commence January 1, 1987 and terms of board members Districts II, IV & V shall commence January 1, 1989.

8) The board is to comply with the "Freedom of Information Act"

9) The terms of the lease shall be sixteen (16) years with renewal by mutual agreement of both parties

10) Item number 5 of the current lease shall be deleted

Mr. W. Jerry Fedder, County Attorney, resigned effective January 15, 1986 by reason of having been appointed by the governor to the South Carolina Industrial Commission.

Resignation of
County Attorne

Dr. Earle, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to uphold the decision of the Grievance Committee concerning the termination of Mr. James M. Hunnicutt as an Oconee County employee.

Personnel

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts that the Board of Registration be granted \$7,500 for additional temporary personnel.

Bd. of Reg.
Request

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that this motion be tabled.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that the Clerk of Court's request for and additional personnel be deferred until Supplemental Appropriation time.

Clerk of
Court request

Dr. Earle informed Council that although Caduceras Corporation has withdrawn their bond offer from hospitals in South Carolina, the offer has been transferred to the J. C. Bradford Co. of Nashville, Tenn. and handled by the McNair Law Firm of Greenville.

Hospital

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to go on record that no additional taxes be mandated by legislation being considered by the General Assembly known as the Local Government Finance Act, except upon approval of the voters in a referendum.

LGFA

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Michael Wright be appointed to the Emergency Preparedness Commission with his term to begin January 1, 1986 and end January 1, 1990. Mr. Wright will be serving from District II, replacing Mr. Bobby Long who resigned from the Commission.

Emergency
Preparedness

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the attached arts contracts be approved.

Arts Contract

Mr. Williams asked that the Building & Grounds Committee meet Tuesday, December 3, 1985 at 6:00 PM just prior to the Council Meeting to discuss the best use of the vacant lot where the old jail used to be.

Committee Meet

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the following persons be appointed to the Oconee County Census Tract Committee with terms to expire June 30, 1986:

Census Tract
Committee

Mr. Frank Wise
P. O. Box 4773
Seneca, S. C. 29679

Mr. George Parsons
Route 1
Mountain Rest, S. C. 29664

Mr. Sammy W. Dickson, Chairman
P. O. Box 286
Westminster, S. C. 29693

Mrs. Juanita Johns
P. O. Box 153
Walhalla, S. C. 29691

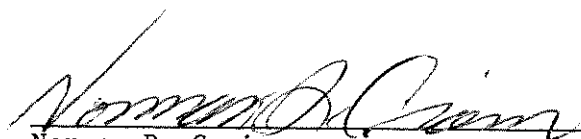
Mr. C. E. Brown
Route 4, Box 495
Seneca, S. C. 29678

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfers be approved.

Transfers

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that buildings the county own that are under insured be insured at replacement value as determined by the State Insurance Reserve Fund (see attached) at a cost of approximately \$8,410.

Insurance


Norman D. Crain
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council