

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, March 1, 1988 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

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

Press

Members of the press present: Sue Nolan - Seneca Journal, Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio, Randall Holcombe - Greenville News & Cindy Landrum - Anderson Independent.

All other persons who have asked to be notified of meetings were also notified by mail.

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

Meeting

The invocation was given by Mr. Harper.

Invocation

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the February 16, 1988 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

First on the agenda was a public hearing concerning abandonment by the county of County Roadway CH 4 which crosses the property of Mr. Blake Griffith, Ms. Kim Reese and Ms. Gladys Reese. There was no one present for the hearing, Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that this roadway be abandoned by the county.

Public Hearing
CH 4

Next there was a public hearing concerning the 1987-88 Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance. There was no one with either written and/or oral comments concerning the ordinance.

Public Hearing
Supplemental
Ordinance

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 88-2, "1987-88 Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance be adopted on second reading.

Ord. 88-2

Council scheduled a work session March 4, 1988 at 9:00 AM in Council Chambers to discuss the supplemental appropriation ordinance in detail.

Dr. Garrison and Mr. Tom Lewis of Tri County Tec addressed Council requesting a commitment of \$200,000 in funding for a proposed Industrial & Business Development Center. Dr. Garrison is to let Mr. Crain know if it would be possible to fund this over a two (2) year fiscal period. Council also scheduled this for discussion on March 4, 1988. Tri County does need a commitment by March 15, 1988 to apply for a federal grant.

Tri County

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Butts out of room) that Resolution 88-3, "A Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Escrow Deposit Agreement by and Among Oconee County Geriatric Center, and Oconee County, South Carolina, and Other Matters Relating Thereto" be adopted on first and final reading.

Res. 88-3

At the request of County Treasurer, Mrs. Peggy Hightower, Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 3 - 2 (Mr. Dyar and Mr. Harper voting against) that Resolution 88-4, "A Resolution Authorizing Oconee County to Participate in the Local Government Investment Pool" be adopted on first and final reading.

Res. 88-4

Mr. Mike Willimon addressed Council concerning Oconee County purchasing the property which adjoins the airport in order to open the airport extension entirely. The Richardson's who own the property have agreed to sell the whole tract of land (fifty-eight (58) acres for \$171,000. Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Council agree in principal to purchase the property and the Building & Grounds Committee, the County Attorney and Mr. Willimon negotiate the details. Council scheduled a committee meeting Friday, March 11, 1988 at 4:00 PM in Council Chambers to discuss this matter.

Airport Count

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 4 - 0 that Resolution 88-5, "A Resolution Designating the Oconee Association for Retarded Citizens as an Entity to Provide Transportation for the Handicapped and/or Elderly" be adopted on first and final reading.

Res. 88-5

Mr. Butts had to leave at 8:00 PM.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Butts absent) to purchase a truck for the CCS Department with 4 wheel drive and a winch from state purchasing at a cost of \$12,696 from line item number 10 049 00150 00870.

CCS Truck

Mr. Dyar informed Council that PIC had selected the Employment Security Commission to administer SDA for the Tri County Area. The Tri County Consortium will receive approximately \$1,300,000, the cost to the three counties for the Employment Security Commission to administer these funds is \$91,000 which is a savings of some \$50,000 if we had remained with the state.

PIC

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Butts absent) the three (3) attached transfers be approved.

Transfers

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Butts absent) that Mr. Frank Broach be reappointed to the Rural Fire Commission and Mr. Gregg Davis be reappointed to the Emergency Preparedness Commission with their terms commencing immediately and expiring December 31, 1991.

Commission
Appointments

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Butts absent) that the attached arts contract be approved.

Arts Contract

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Butts absent) to fund \$145 from contingency to the Animal Shelter for the purpose of purchasing sodium hypochlorite.

Animal Shelter

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Butts absent) that Oconee Beautiful's request for Oconee County to purchase trash bags be approved.

Trash Bags

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Butts absent) that Walhalla Police Department's request to exchange some vehicle seats be approved if the Motor Pool had this equipment available.

Walhalla Police Dept. Request

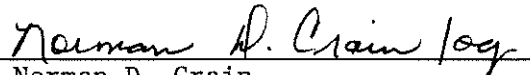
Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 3 - 1 (Mr. Butts absent, Mr. Dyar voting against) to fund from contingency the purchase of a tape duplicator machine for the County Council Office.

Tape Duplicator (Contingency)

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Butts absent) to go into executive session to discuss legal and contractual matters.

Executive Session

Council went into executive session at 8:25 PM and did not resume open session before adjournment.


Norman D. Crain
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council