

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, May 16, 1989 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

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

Press

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio, Randall Holcombe - Greenville News, Tom Johnson - Seneca Journal, Ron Barnett - Anderson Independent & Mr. J. A. Gallimore - WSNW Radio.

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

Other Persons

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

Meeting

The invocation was given by Mr. Stone.

Invocation

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the May 2, 1989 meeting be adopted as presented.

Minutes

Mr. Marvin Gray, Council Member from the City of Seneca addressed Council regarding the issue of auditoriums. He stated he wanted to amplify the message that they were very serious about having an auditorium for the City of Seneca. He said he was speaking for himself and he was of the opinion the offer of the \$500,000 toward the building of the auditorium would not be extended.

Auditoriums

Mr. James M. Brown, Superintendent of Education, and various members of his staff discussed with Council the 1989-90 school budget request.

School Budget

In this discussion, Mr. Brown reiterated the district's need for full funding because after state mandates were funded, only \$500,000 would be left.

Mr. Crain stated he realized the school district had a problem, however, he felt they should also be talking with the members of the local delegation for additional state funds.

Mr. Crain thanked Mr. Brown and his staff for coming to discuss the proposed budget with them and assured them Council would consider it carefully.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the attached lease agreement between the Mountain Rest #4 Fire Department and the South Carolina State Forestry be approved.

Rural Fire

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 89-3, "1989-90 Oconee County Budget Ordinance" be approved on first reading in title only.

Ord. 89-3

Mr. Crain suggested it would be good if the "Friends of the Lunney Museum" could become chartered as an eleemosynary organization and at the point they become chartered, the county enter into a contract with them to administer Lunney Museum which would take it from the Arts & Historical Commission if they are no longer interested in administering it. Mr. Strickland asked that someone from the "Friends of the Lunney Museum" come to the next meeting to discuss this with Council.

Lunney Museum

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that \$8,969.79 be taken from contingency and placed in line item number 10 009 00150 00022, maintenance buildings, for renovation of the Calvitt House near the airport. (See attachment)

Calvitt House

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the block house/store building on the same property be torn down and the landscape improved by the road department.

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 3 - 2 (Mr. Harper & Mr. Dyar voting against) that the aerial platform ladder truck be purchased through Southern National Leasing Company with a three (3) year lease purchase plan. (See attachment)

Lease Purchase For Fire Truck

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Buddy Hawk, Right of Way Technician, live in the Calvitt house during renovation to curb vandalism and Oconee County pay the utilities from contingency.

Calvitt House

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Mrs. Patsy Morgan of Westminster be appointed to the Library Board with her term commencing July 1, 1989 and expiring June 30, 1993.

Library Appointment

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

Transfers

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 to grant the City of Seneca an extension as per the attached letter on their possible acceptance of the aerial platform fire truck and also to assist Seneca with a new drive that will be necessary at the fire station.

Fire Truck

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that \$1,500 be taken from contingency and placed in line item number 10 012 00200 02005, rural fire vehicle maintenance, and \$1,000 be taken from contingency and placed in line item 10 012 00200 02053, emergency preparedness vehicle maintenance, for unexpected expenses that have been incurred for these two departments. (See attached letters)

Motor Pool (Contingency)

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that up to \$2,500 be taken from contingency and placed in line item number 10 012 00150 04871, service bus/equip, to be used to go out and service county vehicles on the job site.

Service Bus

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the attached contract between the Sheriff's Department and the Forest Service be approved.

Forest Service Contract

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Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Council go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Executive
Session

There was no action taken when Council resumed open session and Council adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Open Session

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