

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dr. J. R. Earle, District I Mr. Jerry Dyar, District II
Mr. Michael E. Harper, District III Mr. Roy B. Strickland, District IV
Mr. Johnny D. Stone, District V

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, December 5, 1989 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers with all 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, WSNW Radio, WBES Radio, WZLI/WLET Radio, WYFF TV & WLOS TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Steven Stock - WYFF TV, Ron Barnett - Greenville News, Ashton Hester - Keowee Courier, Tom Johnson - Anderson Independent & Lonnie Adamson - Seneca Journal.

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.

Call to Order

The invocation was given by Mr. Harper.

Invocation

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the November 21, 1989 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

Mr. Crain introduced Mr. Dewitt Mize, the new Rural Fire Marshal to Council. Mr. Mize will begin working January 3, 1990 with the present Fire Marshal, the present Fire Marshal, Mr. Honea will be retiring at the end of January.

Rural Fire

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfer for the Sheriff's Department transferring \$665 from Professional into Capital Expenditures, Equipment be approved for the purchase of a cellular phone.

Transfer
(Sheriff)

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 89-8, "An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 89-4, An Ordinance Granting Franchise to Oconee County Cablevision, Inc. its Successors & Assigns, to Operate and Maintain a Community Television System in the County Setting Forth Conditions Accompanying the Grant of the Franchise: Providing for County Regulations and Use of the Community Antenna System: and Prescribing Penalties for Violation of the Franchise Provisions" be adopted on first reading in title only.

Ord. 89-8

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Resolution 89-10, "A Resolution to Support A Loan Application from Falcon Industries to SC Job Economic Development Authority" be adopted on first and final reading.

Res. 89-10

At the recommendation of Mr. Sam Cargill of COG, Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Metro Engineering Consultants, Inc. be awarded the bid for the sewer line to Falcon Industries.

Falcon Ind.
Sewer Line

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 89-7, "An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 80-2, Oconee County Policies and Procedures as Amended to Include a Drug Free Work Place Policy" be adopted on second reading.

Res. 89-10

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the attached lease agreement between Oconee County and Constance Morgan for .106 acres of land adjacent to Chau Ram Park be adopted for \$100.00 per year. (\$200 to be taken from contingency for 1989 & 1990)

Chau Ram
(Contingency)

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the concept of approval of application for a grant under the Rail & Grade Crossing Protection Program for the Installation of Flashing Light & Gates at Southern Crossings No. 717194S (SE 121) and No. 717205C (SE 111) in the approximate amount of \$155,000 and committing to a 10% local match be referred to the Roads & Transportation Committee.

Grant Applic-
ation

At 7:35 PM Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that Council take a ten minute recess.

Break

When Council resumed, Sheriff Holcombe proposed that the jail and prison portion of the Law Enforcement Center operate under the direction of the Sheriff and operate basically as it is presently operating.

Law Enforcemen
Center

He proposed the County enter into a contract with the Sheriff that could be cancelled with a thirty (30) day notice by either party if the center did not operate smoothly under the direction of the Sheriff and revert back to the present system for the remainder of any given year. His proposal, if adopted, would go into effect January 1, 1990.

After considerable discussion in which Council tried to determine if there was a specific reason the present arrangement was not working well and Mr. Crain stated he would be willing to give Mr. Holcombe the jailed side of the Law Enforcement Center if he was willing to ask Council for funds to operate it, but he would not work the inmates if he was not in charge of them unless the voters in a referendum voted to turn the Law Enforcement Center over to the Sheriff. Mr. Crain requested Council call for a referendum.

At this time, (9:25 PM) Council took a five minute recess.

When the meeting was resumed, Mr. Strickland made a plea to Sheriff Holcombe to reconsider his proposal this year and have a referendum during the November, 1990 election and let the people decide who should be in charge of the Law Enforcement Center.

Sheriff Holcombe agreed to let it go on as it is presently being operated for one more year.

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the referendum be placed on the November, 1990 ballot.

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Charles R. "Bobby" Williams be appointed to the Rural Fire Commission with his term commencing January 1, 1993 and expiring December 31, 1993.

Rural Fire Appointment

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the following commission appointments be made with their terms commencing January 1, 1990 and expiring December 31, 1993:

Commission Appointments

- Mr. Lewis Chastain Planning Commission
- Mr. Alvin Rochester Aeronautics Commission
- Mr. Michael Wright Emergency Preparedness
- Mr. Stan Capiello Arts & Historical
- Mr. C. A. Richardson PRT Commission

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Alfred Hunt be reappointed to the Planning Commission with his term commencing January 1, 1990 and expiring December 31, 1993.

Planning Commission Appt.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that \$100 be taken from contingency for Christmas lights to be used on the trees and shubbery surrounding county buildings.

Christmas Lights (Contingency)

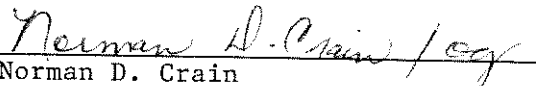
Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 the Council adopt the attached recommendation of the Private Industry Council.

PIC

Mr. Crain informed Council that Mr. Bill Richardson of the School District had agreed to assist in the construction of the Veterans Affairs Office adjoining the Board of Registration.

V/A Office

Adjourn: 10:00 PM


 Norman D. Crain
 Supervisor-Chairman
 Oconee County Council